

## ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2014

**Board Members and Guests Present:** Sally Bergen, Diane Borden, Mary Bulford, Dennis Buscher, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Annaclare and Jim Entrican, Claudia Johnson, Jeanette Lawson, Merry Leverton, Rich Lozano, Brookelea Lutton, Milt Webb.

**Call to order:** Barbara Claire (President): The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Claire.

#### **Public Comment:**

None.

#### **Announcements:**

Thanks to the docents who worked the April opening.

Thanks to Diane for arranging our March general meeting and Jim for finding us the meeting room.

**Approval of Minutes:** March 2014--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Claudia Johnson to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2014 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as submitted. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report/Bills--**Jeanette Lawson (Treasurer):

Report (attached)

Jeanette presented the Treasurer's Report. She noted that the \$3,500 proceeds from the Red Door event is not reflected in the report as yet, but will be placed in the General Restoration account. It was moved by Brookelea Lutton and seconded by Diane Borden to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

#### Bills:

Elk Grove Party Rental \$351.27 for the Tea (for umbrellas w/stands, 4 round tables, 40 white folding chairs). This bill was considered approved with the approval of the budget for the Tea.

Jeanette requested approval to pay the taxes for all sources (FTB, store profits, state taxes, Trust taxes, etc.) for a total of \$620.00. It was moved by Lorraine Croup and seconded by Merry Leverton to approve the expense. Motion carried.

Jeanette requested approval to pay the fee for the Accountant, Jeff McGann's, for a total of \$875.00. It was moved by Lorraine Croup and seconded by Diane Borden to approve the expense. Motion carried.

The insurance premium for the museum is due this week for a total of \$3,672.68 (covers volunteers, personal property that was increased, general liability, Directors). It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Lorraine Croup to approve the expense. Motion carried. Jeanette noted that a rebate of approximately \$600 would be received later.

A bill for \$226.80 for the purchase of 20 aprons for the Red Door event (T-shirts were previously approved last month). It was moved by Lorraine Croup and seconded by Brookelea Lutton to approve the expense. Motion carried.

The taxes and CPA expenses will come out of the Wightman fund. The remainder will be paid out of the General Operating fund.

#### Rhoads School Update--Merry Leverton:

Merry Leverton reported the fences were fixed by the Scouts over the weekend. She requested that Jim Entrican be reimbursed for rental of a wood splitter in the amount of \$185.00, which he paid with his credit card. This is under the \$200 limit that needs Board approval. Also discussed was the ant problem at the school that has worsened. It was suggested that we find out what Bell Pest Control would spray (and then clear it with CSD) and how much it would cost to include additional spraying at the school.

#### CSD Update--Rich Lozano:

Rich reported there will be a Board meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 PM and a report on fire prevention closure if anyone is interested in attending. The Storybook Woods Park near Del Webb at the end of Bruceville was opened at the first of the month and well attended.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Annual Yard Sale—Lorraine Croup & Dennis Buscher:

Dennis picked up a few more donated items and these have been stored. Lorraine will have more information in the upcoming Newsletter.

#### Annual Antique & Craft Show—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea has received five applications to date from vendors and will send out a reminder next month. An ad has also been placed on Craig's List. She passed around the proposed budget (attached) for this event. It was moved by Diane Borden and seconded by Jeanette Lawson to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Bus Trip, April 26, 2014—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine reported it is going slow on sign-ups but hopes to receive more. She has requested that another notice be put in the paper.

By-Laws--Dennis Buscher:

Dennis has met with his committee to review the by-laws and Al Livingston is working on a draft. Some of the proposed changes will need to have Board review and approval.

Docents—Mary Bulford (Sign up Sheet):

A sign-up sheet for the May 3rd<sup>th</sup> opening (and future months) was passed to those present. Annaclare said the Strauss Festival has requested our assistance during the day and for some of the booths at night. If anyone is interested, please let her know and she will inform Jackie. The event is scheduled for July 24-27, 2014.

Haunted Stage Stop—Jeanette Lawson:

Jeanette reported we applied for and received a grant that will be used for advertising and printing. The next meeting of the committee will be scheduled in May.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

We have one new application for membership from Tina Farrell who is President of the Sacramento Genealogy Association. Lorraine will be mailing out notices for dues soon and will send out a current membership list to Board members.

Newsletter—May/June—Brookelea Lutton:

The deadline for articles for the next newsletter is this week (or as soon as possible).

Policy & Procedure Committee--Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea said the committee would meet after the by-laws are amended and approved.

Programs for General Meeting—April 21—Lorraine Croup:

*Meeting location:* Carlton Plaza of Elk Grove, 6915 Elk Grove Blvd. (we should park in the Nugget parking lot).

*Speaker:* Phil Pezzaglia, Lower Sacramento Delta Historian and Author. The story of the establishment of the Delta settlements of Rio Vista, Isleton, Ryde, Walnut Grove, Locke, Courtland, Hood, Clarksburg, Freeport and others. The communities' histories will be interwoven with interesting stories pertaining to the various towns.

May meeting—need volunteer to arrange. Several suggestions for speakers/topics were provided. Lorraine will contact someone who can talk about Galt and its history.

Publicity—Barbara Claire:

The first Robo call will go out this week to advertise the upcoming General Meeting and bus trip in April.

Spring Tea Committee (May 10, 2014)--Sally Bergen:

The Tea is sold out with a waiting list of 12 people. We can accommodate 8-9 more by adding another table. Sally will schedule a committee meeting the end of April. She asked whether we should come up with a Plan B if it should rain and it was agreed she should check on other arrangements.

Whitelock Parkway Interchange Project—Barbara Claire/Jim Entrican:

There will be a meeting at 6:30 PM tonight of the Historic Preservation Committee following the Board Meeting to discuss this project. The Director of Public Works is expected to attend.

### **Unfinished Business:**

City Plans for Sidewalk—from the new sound wall to the gate 2. In the paper City has asked for the funding for this.

CDBG and Community Service Grant Funding request for 2014-2015—Jim Entrican:

Jim met the deadline for submission of two grant requests (one for Halloween and one for Red Door event next year) in the amount of \$3,000 each. He will begin working on a new grant request for the Foulks' House.

Plans for Reese School—Dennis Buscher, Jim Entrican:

Meeting was held April 7 at the Museum and it was agreed that Jim and Dennis would be project managers. They will research options/alternatives for what is possible as well as contact a professional fundraiser so that the school can be preserved to the best of our ability. Jim asked for and received permission to write a grant request for funding for the Architect to draw up plans.

Foulks House Restoration and Blacksmith Shop/Storage Shed—Jim Entrican:

Jim and Dennis are in charge and fund raising ideas and possibilities were suggested. Jim is going to try to schedule a meeting with the cement company this week.

Scout Projects – Front porch repair--plans—Jim Entrican:

Plans awaiting availability of a Scout to take on the project and Jim will contact Brian Fishback. Next year there may be a Scout who will add a shed for firewood at Rhoads School.

## Security System--Jim Entrican:

The second phone line is connected and works, but there is some additional programming that needs to be completed. Payment has been withheld until they are done.

## **New Business:**

Historic Preservation Committee needs a new representative from the Historical Society. Sarah Johnson has resigned. Dennis Buscher has been recommended. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Brookelea Lutton to have Dennis take over this responsibility. Motion carried.

The Elk Grove Garden Club has donated a 15-gallon Acer palmatum "Butterfly" a green and white variegated Japanese maple to replace our dead tree in the front. The Big Oak nursery would like to deliver the tree to the museum on April 14<sup>th</sup> so it can live in the shade until it is planted at 10 AM on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Sally was asked to send a thank you letter to the Garden Club and to the Big Oak Nursery (they donated 4-5 flats of flowers for the Tea).

Dennis Buscher's sister has volunteered to paint a scene on the front of the bar in the men's parlor at no cost to us. She will try to get it done for the May opening.

Jim would like to request a grant from the City next year to have paid Chairman and docents available for the museum so that we can be open more often for tours.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- April 21: General Meeting, 6:30 PM, Carleton Plaza, 6915 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove. Topic: A Journey Back in Time. Speaker: Phil Pezzaglia, Lower Sacramento Delta Historian and Author.
- April 26: Bus trip, Morse Homestead, Old Sugar Mill and Koster Gardens
- May 3: Open for tours
- May 10: "All That Jazz" Spring Tea Luncheon
- May 12: Board Meeting, 4PM, Museum
- May 19: General Meeting, Speaker TBA

The meeting was adjourned by President Barbara Claire at 6 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden,

Recording Secretary