

ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2015

Board Members and Guests Present: Sharon and Don Baker, Diane Borden, Mary Bulford, Dennis Buscher, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Claudia Johnson, Rich Lozano, Brookelea Lutton, Carol On, Milt Webb.

Absent: Jeanette Lawson

Call to order: Brookelea Lutton (President): The meeting was called to order by President Brookelea Lutton.

Public Comment:

Jason Lofton/Jim Entrican – Historical Sims Ranch:

Jim introduced Mr. Lofton, Sr. Civil Engineer, SRCSD. He provided a handout (attached) displaying pictures and background information on the Sims House and Nicholas Dairy – both dating from the late 1800's. They have maintained the properties and Jim would like the Society to consider being involved historically – not monetarily – with reuse opportunities. Resources would come from the County and through grants. It was decided that a sub-committee consisting of Brookelea, Jim and Dennis attend any meetings and explore ideas for agricultural and educational value. They will keep us abreast of any further development.

Announcements:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Diane.

Thanks to Jim for speaking at the Widow's Social Club on July 21st. Thanks to all the yard sale helpers.

The Sheldon Family Association Tour of the museum on July 31st went well. The Sheldon-Daylor book has been published and copies were sold that day. The cost is \$20 each and Barbara has some available tonight.

August opening: 9 people came

Approval of Minutes: July 13, 2015--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Claudia Johnson to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2015 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as presented. Motion carried.

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

Brookelea reported that the Wightman sisters donated \$10,000 and an acknowledgement/thank you has been sent.

Bills:

\$310.13 – SMUD bill

\$ 216.00 to Paula Maita to have blocks inscribed for the Time Capsule project

It was moved by Claudia Johnson and seconded by Sally Bergen to pay the bills. Motion carried.

It was moved by Diane Borden and seconded by Barbara Claire to approve the Treasurer's Report (see agenda) as presented. Motion carried.

Rhoads School Update—Sharon Baker:

Sharon reported that 10 reservations have been received and they have two new docents, for a total of 7. At their Board Meeting on August 25th, they decided to be open for the Giant Pumpkin Festival for 4 hours on Saturday and Sunday. They will partner with the gift shop and sell period toys and have applications and information available about the Society. Merry Leverton has agreed to act as Treasurer. Don has trimmed the roses and they will be cleaning the school on September 15th.

CSD Update—Rich Lozano:

At the last Board meeting an independent auditor gave a favorable response (for FY 2013-2014) on their financial position. The Lighting and Landscaping budget was approved. There have been questions about the fire fighters assigned to various fires in the state as to whether they are paid by CSD. Rich said CSD is reimbursed by the State. They are on two-week shifts probably until October. Thankfully there have been no injuries and their hard work is greatly appreciated. Rich reported that the Park Naming Committee, of which he was a member, met on July 13th to decide on two parks to be developed in the future. He thanked those who submitted applications (21) and came to offer support and testify on behalf of those nominated. He is pleased to announce that one park will be named after the Kammerer family and the other will be named the Jim and Annaclare Saner Entrican Park.

Committee Reports:

Calendar Committee—Sally Bergen:

The next meeting is set for tomorrow.

Docents—Brookelea Lutton:

Docents are needed for the September 5th opening.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

Welcome to new member Louis & Sherri Silveira and George & Maria Gould and Maureen Gomley.

Newsletter-September-October--Barbara Claire:

The deadline for the September-October edition is August 17th. Information on the Fall Craft Show and Haunted Stage Stop will be included.

Policy & Procedure Committee—Brookelea Lutton:

The duties for event and support positions are being written and Brookelea may be calling to ask for information.

Programs for General Meeting—September and October--Claudia Johnson:

September 21 – to be held at the Rhoads School – at 4 PM. Because they have no electricity in the school, the earlier time was set. They will serve lemonade and cookies.

October 16th at the Museum, 4 PM. The slate of officers will be presented and nominations taken from the floor. In November, we will meet at Ray Bayless' store to elect officers.

Fall Craft Show—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea has received 34 applications from vendors and she hopes to have 40. The hot dog truck will be there and another food truck selling snow cones. She will have another meeting the end of August.

Old Fashioned Christmas—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea is still searching for a decorator for the dining room (Jim offered a name). She is finishing the instructions and rules for the decorators, and will set a meeting with them at the end of the month.

Haunted House—Jeanette Lawson:

Discussed whether or not we are going to have a booth at the Pumpkin Festival. It was decided not to do so, but Sharon will have information available at the Rhoads School.

Yard Sale Wrap-up—Lorraine Croup:

Everyone met today and offered suggestions and input for next year. **Estimated**

Income: \$6,778.36

Expenses 300.00

Net Income: \$6,478.36

Dennis said he expected the final net amount would reach \$7,000. The dates for the Yard Sale next year will be the third weekend in June

Unfinished Business:

Grant Requests—Barbara Claire:

- We received our signed, official agreement from the City of Elk Grove for the Tom Russell Library grant, total amount of \$8,210.
- We received an e-mail from the City of Elk Grove for the Event Sponsorship awards. We received \$1,000 cash for the Haunted Stage Stop and \$1,500 cash, plus use of Old Town Plaza and utilities, two police officers and trans service for the Antique Flea Market and Vintage Trailer Show, total amount around \$4,800.
- Barbara received notification of award for 2015-2016 from CSD for the community support grants. We were award equipment usage grants for the 2016 Spring Tea, the 2016 Yard Sale and the 2016 Craft Show.

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

Jim will make a call before the next meeting and provide a status. He has contacted someone with Goodwill to pick up what is left from the Yard Sale. The storage shed plans have to be completed first (pro bono) and no money has been committed or approved to build it.

Status of 40-foot Tent—Jim Entrican:

Board approved for purchase --On hold until after spring.

Scout Projects—Jim Entrican:

Jim reported that 6 out of 10 are a "go" and has 9 potential projects in the works. He continues to coordinate requests as they come in.

Tentative Tour of Winery and Rae House in September—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine has made arrangements for a bus trip to the Berghold Estate winery and lunch at the Rae House in Lodi on Saturday, September 19th. Jim has put together a list of people to send invites to from previous bus trips and tours. Hopefully, we will get a good response.

Tentative Wine Auction by Bob Harris (fundraiser)—Sharon Baker:

Sharon and Don met with Mr. Harris to find out what he would offer. After discussion it was agreed that it would not be a good fit for the Society to use as a fundraiser.

Reese School Committee—Brookelea Lutton/all:

On July 16, 2015, a draft letter was reviewed by the Board to send to Montgomery regarding their offer to sell the beams to us for \$8,500. Our response offered \$5,000 instead and was approved by a majority vote of the Board. The letter was signed by Brookelea Lutton and sent via USPO on July 17, 2015. Montgomery countered our offer with \$6,500 to buy their beams. A letter signed by Brookelea Lutton dated July 30, 2015 was sent to Montgomery acknowledging receipt of the counter offer stating that we would be in touch after our August 10th Board meeting.

Carol received another bid for demolition at \$9,200, to try saving the façade. None of the companies, including this latest one, can **guarantee** the façade could be saved during demolition. Other estimates for demo ranged from \$12,000 – \$15,000 not including permits or environmental reports.

Carol met with Archie Morse. He responded:

On Wednesday, August 5, 2015 1:09 PM, Office Heritage Salvage <office@heritagesalvage.com> wrote:

Hello Carol and Ty,
Thank you for the email and photos. I am sorry the distance between Petaluma and Elk Grove is too far for our demo team to travel. If the building is taken down you are welcome to email us photos of the wood and in the event that the wood is re-useable we may be interested in the wood.

All the best,

Heritage Salvage

1473 Petaluma Blvd. So.
Petaluma, California 94952

In light of the response from Heritage, the Board has been requested to make a decision whether to accept the counter offer from Montgomery in the amount of \$6,500. This would buy us some time to attempt to raise money to demolish and/or restore some or all of the building at some point in the future. This would involve obtaining permits from the City of Elk Grove at an undetermined cost. Carol was asked to contact the City about the cost of permits and get the name of whom she speaks with. Whatever is decided, we will keep CSD informed.

It was noted that the floor is falling out from under the building in some areas and we might want to put a cyclone fence around it. It was agreed the priority is to build a storage shed first before we can complete the restoration of the Foulks House. There are no funds available for the Reese School restoration project at this time; therefore, it would require a major fundraising effort.

It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Diane Borden to pay Montgomery \$6,500 for the beams. A vote was taken which resulted in a tie, 3 to 3, with one abstention. In conclusion, Brookelea said that another vote would be taken when all Board members are present.

New Business:

Honorary Memberships Review-- Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea said that the Bylaws allow us to grant approval for a one-year period for an Honorary Membership. For those who are current beneficiaries, we should review the list and re-evaluate whether any should be dropped or continued for another year. This will be addressed in the P & Ps.

Website and Facebook Page—Barbara Claire:

Barbara checked today and we have 517 “likes” on our Facebook page. The website was down in June and July and we were hacked. The files have been moved to the host Go Daddy and she recommends we increase our protection with “sight lock” through their service. For a one-year premium it ranges from \$17.88 to \$83.88 depending on the level. It was moved by Carol On and seconded by Claudia Johnson to purchase “premium” security from Go Daddy for \$83.88 for the year. Motion carried.

Elections—Brookelea Lutton:

A slate of our 6 elected officers needs to be presented in October. Brookelea asked Lorraine to get two other members to assist her in this effort. It was decided to present the slate before Haunted Stage Stop on October 16th at 4 PM. Nominations can be taken from the floor at that time. A ballot will be presented and voted on at the November General Meeting to be held at Ray Bayless’ store. If a member will not be able to vote, they can request a mail-in ballot before then.

It was clarified who contacts new members and what questions should be used during the membership process. Carol was provided a guideline to use when talking to new members about their availability and interest in volunteering. It is a list of available volunteer opportunities and usually goes out in the Jan-Feb newsletters. The most current membership list was given to the Board Members.

Upcoming Events:

- No General Meeting in August
- September 5 – Museum open for tours, Noon – 4 PM
- September 12 – Fall Craft Show, Old Town Plaza, 9 AM – 3 PM
- September 14 – Board Meeting, 4 PM, museum
- September 21 – General Meeting, Rhoads School, 4 PM
- October 3-4 – Haunted Stage Stop, 1-5 PM
- October 9-10 – Haunted Stage Stop, 5-9 PM
- October 16 - General Meeting, 4 PM, museum
- October 16-17 – Haunted Stage Stop, 5-9 PM
- October 23-24 – Haunted Stage Stop, 5-9 5 PM
- October 30-31 – Haunted Stage Stop, 5-9 PM

The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton at 6:40 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden,

Recording Secretary