

**ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2013**

Board Members and Guests Present: Sally Bergen, Diane Borden, Mary Bulford, Dennis Buscher, Lucille Christesen, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Dolores and Francis Jacobson, Sarah Johnson, Elaine Wright.

Call to order: Barbara Claire (President):

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Claire at 4 PM.

Public Comment: None

Announcements:

Thanks to the docents who worked the July & August openings. There was a good turnout both days.

Approval of Minutes—June 10, 2013—Diane Borden, Recording Secretary:

It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Lorraine Croup to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2013 Board meeting, which were sent to board for review, as submitted. Motion carried. (There was no meeting in July 2013).

Treasurer's Report/Bills--Jeanette Lawson, Treasurer:

In the absence of Jeanette, the following bills/expenses were submitted for approval:

E-mail approval was received for the purchase of wallpaper and supplies for the dining room in the amount of \$600, with 9 "yes" votes. The decorator at no cost to us will provide new drapes and chair coverings.

Approval of payment to Ed Keema in the amount of \$2,500 for the time capsule. The current balance in the account is \$2,396.55. It was moved by Lorraine Croup and seconded by Sarah Johnson to pay Ed \$2,500. Motion carried.

Approval to pay Clarke & Rush \$488 for work done on the A/C unit. A problem was found during scheduled maintenance and approved by Milt Web who was on site at the time. After that, the system failed and it was fixed at no charge. It was moved by Sarah Johnson and seconded by Sally Bergen to approve payment. Motion carried.

Plumbing for the kitchen: Total estimated cost is \$3,800. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Lorraine Croup to approve the expense for a licensed plumber to dig a ditch to make a connection, clean the pipe, install a pump station and install a 20-gallon water heater. Motion carried. This project is on hold until Jim returns from vacation and it is anticipated it will take approximately a week to do the work. Gardeners of the Grove previously offered to donate a portion of the expense.

Barbara announced that the Wightman sisters have donated \$10,000 to the Society.

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

Committee Reports:

Antique & Craft Show—Brookelea Lutton:

To date, 21 vendors signed up. Brookelea (unable to attend) has received lots of queries and "promises" to put an application in the mail.

By-Laws Update-- Dennis Buscher:

Dennis has met with the P&P Committee members who made suggestions for consideration by the By-law Committee as they review and revise the By-laws.

Cookbooks--Brookelea Lutton & Barbara Claire:

Reprints (200 copies) have been received and are available.

Docents—Annaclare Entrican:

Annaclare thanked the docents who worked the last two openings and passed around a sign-up sheet for September and for the Haunted Stage Stop in October. She shared an announcement for the CRC Luncheon and Fashion Show to be held on October 26, 2013 at 11:00 AM, cost \$30 a ticket.

Haunted Stage Stop--Jeanette Lawson:

A meeting will be held on Thursday, August 22 at 6:00 PM. Anyone interested in attending was encouraged to come. Decorating will begin on September 14th and the collections upstairs will be removed before then. Jim will check on the Miwok display.

Historic Homes of Elk Grove—Jeanette Lawson, Barbara Claire & Brookelea Lutton:

Nothing new to report.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine has received 4 applications for membership and we currently have 283 members.

Newsletter—Brookelea Lutton:

Deadline for information for September/October newsletter is August 15th.

Policy & Procedure--Brookelea Lutton:

Committee members have been working with Dennis aligning the P&P with the By-laws. Lots of work still to be done.

Programs for General Meeting—Elaine Wright:

September 16, 2013 General Meeting, 6:30 PM at Carlton Plaza, 6915 Elk Grove Blvd. Speakers: Jenny and Stuart Smith. Topic: Pirate's Island. They plan to sell a limited number of land grants and Jim asked that they save one for the Historical Society.

Elaine inquired about funding for scholarships to Rhoads School. It was agreed to provide support but to wait until January to see if further fund raising is needed.

Old Fashioned Christmas--Jeanette Lawson:

Jeanette is looking for decorators.

Yard Sale—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine reported that the yard sale grossed \$5,044.80 to be set aside for restoration of the Foulks House. She thanked all the volunteers who worked so hard and participated, some for the first time. Almost everything was sold and what was left was free on the last day. The silent auction (new this year) made \$342. She will submit an article for the newsletter.

Unfinished Business:

Landscaping & Sprinkler System—Jim Entrican (about stepping stones to roses):

Jim fixed the sprinkler at no cost – there was a problem with the wiring. The plan to put stepping stones to the roses by the front fence was changed because of the cost and the area was filled in with bark. The Gardeners of the Grove have completed their work on the raised kitchen garden, but will continue to prune the rose bushes, etc. Barb has already planted one of the four beds.

Foulks House Restoration/Architect Update—Jim Entrican:

The architect was paid after we received the \$5,000 for the grant from the City.

Storage Shed--Jim Entrican:

Jim has talked to the architect about drawing up plans for the storage shed, which is to be shaped like a barn. He has also talked to the Scouts about helping to build up the area and lay a concrete foundation. Other Scout projects could be framing, insulation, and sheetrock.

Repainting Museum signs--Barbara Claire, Dennis Buscher, Jeanette Lawson:

Jim passed around a copy of the design that has been approved and should be received any day now.

Dining Room Table--Dennis Buscher & Jim Entrican:

They will look at the table soon. Barbara announced that there is a "new" table and desk downstairs that was donated and she has a computer chair that she will contribute.

Plaque for Fence Donors—Jeanette Lawson:

While Jeanette has the lead, Jim has to provide the measurements after the holes have been drilled.

Plaque for Jail—Jim Entrican:

It needs to be mounted.

Security System--Jim Entrican:

Jim passed around copies of the two proposals he has received for upgrading/replacing our security system. It was agreed to table making a decision until Jim can negotiate with Tyco Integrated Security further.

Electrical receptacles—options for fixing by volunteer electricians— Jim Entrican:

Jim said the fountain did not turn on and the top 2 tiers were full of water, but not the lowest tier. He turned it off and will troubleshoot it later. He has not had an opportunity to talk with the volunteer electrician to fix the electrical receptacles.

New Business:

Elk Grove registered Brands—Sarah Johnson:

Sarah Johnson had a request from Howard Sihner who has been in contact with the State Brand Inspector's Office and learned that there are about 60 Brands registered in the Elk Grove area and some 460 in the State (see Agenda for more detail). Since these Brands are a historical resource, he was wondering if the Historical Preservation Committee and the Historical Society would like to join them in this endeavor. Sarah said she is not asking for someone to do anything, just looking for more information for him if we know of any Brands. Dennis said he plans on attending the meeting tonight.

Upcoming Events:

- August 19, 2013: No General Meeting
- September 7, 2013: Open for Tours, Noon—4 PM
- September 9, 2013: Board Meeting, 4 PM
- September 16, 2013: General Meeting, 6:30 PM, Carlton Plaza, 6915 Elk Grove Blvd.
Speakers: Jenny and Stuart Smith, Topic: Pirate's Island
- September 21, 2013: Antique & Craft Show
- October 5-6, 2013: Harvest Festival--Elk Grove Regional Park (Haunted Stage
Stop Booth), 10 AM – 5 PM
- October 11-12, 2013
- October 18-19, 2013
- October 25-26, 2013
Haunted Stage Stop – Elk Grove House & State Stop Museum, 5 PM – 9 PM

The meeting was adjourned by President Barbara Claire at 5:35 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden
Recording Secretary