

ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2013

Board Members and Guests Present: Sally Bergen, Diane Borden, Mary Bulford, Dennis Buscher, Barbara Claire, Lucille Christesen, Lorraine Croup, Jim Entrican, Claudia Johnson, Jeanette Lawson, Brookelea Lutton, Milt Webb, Elaine Wright. In attendance was Alicia Pivetti, with HDR Engineering.

Call to order: Barbara Claire (President): The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Claire at 4 PM.

Public Comment:

Barbara thanked everyone for their participation during the first weekend of Old Fashioned Christmas. Mary reminded us that docents needed to arrive on time (or early) at the Museum for openings.

Announcements:

Barbara reported that the dedication of the fountain on December 1st was very well attended. Ruth Wightman was also present.

Approval of Minutes: November 11, 2013--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Brookelea Lutton and seconded by Sally Bergen to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2013 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as submitted. Motion carried.

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

Jeanette presented an updated Treasurer's Report (attached). The plumber has been paid and there will be expenses for Black Tie & Santa coming in. She noted the amount of donations for Rhoads School fundraiser received so far.

It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Lorraine Croup to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

By-Laws--Dennis Buscher:

On hold until after Christmas.

New Railroad Display for 2014—Dennis Buscher:

Dennis has met with the group who will be putting the display upstairs and needs to know when the room will be cleaned and ready. Jeanette said to plan on early January.

It was suggested that the train set used for Christmas could be a part of the display. Jeanette will give Dennis the language needed for the rider for the insurance policy.

Historic Homes of Elk Grove—Barbara Claire:

On hold. Barbara announced that she is working on a booklet for the Elk Grove Stage Stop and its not it's history.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine has received two family applications (gifted by Barbara Claire).

Newsletter—Jan-Feb—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea is going to be out of town from December 19th and returning December 25th. Please send her any items by Friday and she will give it to Barbara to finish. We discussed the importance of increasing our publicity activities and this will be an item under new business next month.

Nominating Committee—Lorraine Croup, Merry Leverton, Phil Teeters:

Lorraine expressed her appreciation to Merry and Phil for their assistance and reported there were no outstanding ballots.

Claudia Johnson was introduced and welcomed as 2nd Vice President. She will be provided with bylaws and information about the duties of her position.

Policy & Procedure Committee--Brookelea Lutton:

On hold until after the holidays.

Programs for General Meeting—January 20, 2014—Position open:

An option would be to invite someone from the Railroad display group and Dennis will ask them to make a half-hour presentation at the Museum. Another suggestion was a tour of the 3rd floor of the Governor's Mansion.

Old Fashioned Christmas--Jeanette Lawson:

Black Tie & Santa: It was a huge success this year. Tickets sold: 65 bringing in \$1,675.00 and \$2,001.00 for the silent auction. Jeanette expects a few more bills but anticipates a net profit of approximately \$2,500.00.

Attendance for the Old Fashioned Christmas has been good, but we only have two more weekends. Jim is still working on channel 3 coverage.

Docents—Mary Bulford & Annaclare Entrican:

Docents have signed up and Mary will be calling if additional help is needed. Barbara is working on putting together information for each location for the docents.

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

Sally requested assistance for the different sub-committees for this coming year's fundraiser and has scheduled a planning meeting on Monday, December 30th at 3:00 PM at the Museum. She has solicited ideas about possible themes, decorations, catering options, entertainment, sponsorship, etc. and would appreciate our participation. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to help, please let her know.

Unfinished Business:

Foulks House Restoration—Jim Entrican:

Jim will have more to report at our next meeting.

Storage Shed—Jim Entrican:

More information will be given at the next meeting.

Security System--Jim Entrican:

Jim said a decision needs to be made soon and he is waiting for a quote from the alarm company.

New Business:

Elected Officers for 2014 (Photo taken for the Citizen):

President – Barbara Claire

1st Vice President – Brookelea Lutton

2nd Vice President – Claudia Johnson

Treasurer – Jeanette Lawson

Recording Secretary – Diane Borden

Corresponding Secretary – Sally Bergen

Unfilled Positions:

Publicity Chair – This is a critical need and it was agreed we would discuss this in more depth after the first of the year.

Program Chair – Barbara offered the position to Kathy Goldsberry, but she declined. However it is possible we could get someone to work with her.

Valley Oak Tree by Jail (information attached):

After inspection, it was recommended that the tree be cut down due to the risk of it falling onto the jail. However, a second option is to first thin it out, which CSD can do next year. Jim and Dennis also want the lawn reseeded and to consider planting an additional oak.

New Booklet—Elk Grove House:

Barbara is working on this new project and is currently doing research.

Membership in the Chamber—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea proposed that we join the Chamber of Commerce so that we can become better known in the community. We were a member at one time, but it did not work out. If we become a full paying member, it would give us e-mail blasts, membership lists, inclusion in the Business Directory, attendance at monthly luncheons and an opportunity to network. Brookelea contacted them and they offered us a membership in trade for old photos we have (jpeg on a CD). Normally membership is \$75.00 plus a one-time administrative fee of \$50.00. They are having an Open House on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 5:30 at the Chamber Office on East Stockton (Liberty Building, Suite 125). After discussion, it was agreed that several of the Board members would attend. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Sally Bergen that we join the Chamber. Motion carried.

Other:

Elaine Wright said we need a Docent Handbook so they can be more knowledgeable about the items in the different rooms. She also said they had a luncheon to honor two members retiring from the Rhoads School Board.

Jim Entrican said the City is going to extend the sidewalk in front of the property and he has asked them to extend it around to our flagpole. This will be done in 2014. He also reported one of the Boy Scouts will begin working on a fence project at Rhoads School in April.

Milt Webb's daughter has volunteered to decorate the bathroom for the Tea.

Upcoming Events:

- December 14 & 15: Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-5 PM, Pictures with Santa
- December 21 & 22: Old Fashioned Christmas, 1–5 PM, Pictures with Santa
- December 30, 2013, Spring Tea Committee Meeting, 3 PM, Museum
- January 13, 2014: Board Meeting, 4 PM
- January 20, 2014, General Meeting - TBA

After wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, the meeting was adjourned by President Barbara Claire at 5:20 PM

Submitted by:

Diane Borden,

Recording Secretary