

## ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2015

**Board Members and Guests Present:** Don and Sharon Baker Sally Bergen, Diane Borden, Dennis Buscher, Lorraine Croup, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, J Claudia Johnson, Jeanette Lawson, Brookelea Lutton, Louis Silveria. Absent: Barbara Claire, Carol On.

Guests: Hans Feickert (newly appointed Archivist) and son Brandon; David Lema

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

#### **Public Comment:**

None.

#### **Announcements:**

Happy Birthday to Sharon Baker, December 6th. Thanks to Old Fashioned Christmas docents.

The Bilby family donations have been received and Sally will write a letter of thanks to Stacey R. Gouzenne, MD. Among the items passed down are clothing and a history book from the Franklin Hack families who resided here in the 1850-60s. (Letter from Dr. Gouzenne is attached).

Brookelea announced that Elizabeth Pinkerton interviewed her, Jeanette, Lorraine and Barbara for the Ardent publication. Copies are available tonight.

**Approval of Minutes:** November 9, 2015--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Jeanette Lawson and seconded by Claudia Johnson to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2015 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as presented. Motion carried.

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

#### Bills:

SMUD in the amount of \$225.93. (For approval, has been paid). It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Sharon Baker to approve payment. Motion carried.

Jeanette requested approval to have Merry Maids come in January to clean the museum (including the bathrooms). It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Diane Borden to approve an amount not to exceed \$500.00. Motion carried.

Jeanette requested approval to pay for the annual membership in the Chamber in the amount of \$100 and to continue payment for lunch meetings for Brookelea to attend up to

\$150.00. It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Jim Entrican to approve. Motion carried.

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

Rhoads School Update—Sharon Baker:

The Board's Christmas lunch was held at the museum on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Ethel and Ed Keema and Arnie and Iris Zimbleman are retiring as members of the Board. They welcomed new members Ken and Rosemarie Miller. So far, they have received 80 registrations for the school year. They would like to improve the windows and Jim explained that CSD would be responsible (we just manage the inside). Sharon reported they have reorganized the Board and there is a new position has been created for school scheduler. In addition, Merry Leverton will stay on to do whatever is needed.

CSD Update—Rich Lozano:

No report.

**Committee Reports:**

Calendar Committee—Sally Bergen:

A meeting will be scheduled after the holidays.

Docents—Brookelea Lutton:

Diane reported that several docents called in who were unable to come on Sunday for Old Fashioned Christmas, which caused us to be very short-handed. Having Santa outside relieved some of the traffic inside and went smoothly. It was very cold outside, however, and we need to bring back the hot cider next year. Jim will look into the circuit breaker situation so we can use the heaters.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

New members Ken & Rosemarie Miller. In addition, Becky Fuentes has applied (no information available).

Newsletter—Louis Silveira:

Louis has a draft started and is waiting for input in order to finish the Newsletter by the deadline.

Policy & Procedure Committee—Brookelea Lutton:

Ongoing.

Programs for General Meeting—January-February--Claudia Johnson:

Bill George will be our speaker regarding the railroad for the general meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Carlton at 6:30 PM. Bob Lent (Lent Ranch) will speak about his family history on February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Carlton at 6:30 PM.

Old Fashioned Christmas—Brookelea Lutton:

Attendance was very good on Sunday and many came after 4:30. We discussed whether we should cut off pictures with Santa at 4:30, however decided to keep to the 5:00 closing time if possible. We need to have as many "extra" docents as possible.

Black Tie and Santa—Jeanette Lawson:

Income: \$6,357.80; Expenses: \$1,060.92 for a Net Profit of \$ 5,296.88

Jeanette reported about 88 tickets were sold, there was plenty of food and everyone had a good time. It was cold outside and perhaps we should invest in some propane heaters. Sharon suggested we have a "live" auction next year, which might bring in more donations for the more valuable items.

Spring Tea—Brookelea Lutton:

Jackie Lewis has agreed to chair the Spring Tea with Sally as co-chair.

**Unfinished Business:**Grant Requests—Barbara Claire:

Note: Since Barbara will not be handling grant requests in the future, names of a couple of people were suggested.

Foulks House Restoration and Storage—Jim Entrican:

Nothing new to report. The list of equipment has been turned over to the manager for the company to look at. Jim will make contact again after the holidays.

Tom Russell Research Library—Barbara Claire:

The new DELL computer has been ordered and is expected to be delivered on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We already have the new printer and both will be installed in the basement after the new year. We will also be purchasing a new desk and other items after Christmas is over.

Scout Projects—Jim Entrican:

Jim has many projects on his list and most depend on good weather. Sharon asked if there was a spare file cabinet for the Rhoads School and that can be stored in the basement. A used one will be set aside for her.

Big Day of Giving, May 3<sup>rd</sup>—Dennis Buscher:

Louis and Dennis have been working on submitting information so we can quality (profile and our history). They need to have an estimate of volunteer hours as well.

Dennis requested we give Brookelea an idea of how much time we individually devote to the Society each year by next week. Next month there will be another class Dennis and Louis will attend.

Christmas Luncheon—Brookelea Lutton:

December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Sloughhouse Inn, at 11:30

**New Business:**2016 Display—Barbara Claire:

After Christmas Barbara would like to add informational displays about the Sheldon and Daylor families and remove the obvious Christmas items for the new 2016 Display.

The Sims Ranch and Nicolaus Dairy—Jim Entrican:

In a letter dated December 9, 2015 (attached), the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District recommend that the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District Board direct staff to prepare preliminary cost estimates and direct staff to establish a one-million dollar reserve fund for the Bufferlands property improvements.

These are valuable historic properties that will enhance educational opportunities and hands-on agricultural experience for beginning farmers. A partnership of several entities will continue to identify improvements that can be done in the near-term. Jim said there are improvements to the road, tree and bush trimming, and general cleanup around the adobe house that he, Dennis, Hans, and others would help with.

The Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation—Dennis Buscher:

Our guest David Lema, spouse of Linda Mae Mahon Lema who passed away recently, was introduced. The family is setting up a foundation in her honor in order to pass on the legacy of their ancestors. In this regard, they want to:

1. Search for and obtain historical items from families in the greater Elk Grove area and scan documents and other records into a database. Otherwise, many of these items will be lost as time goes on. Dave's son would be responsible for this effort.
2. Harvest these records and create "pod casts" or audio presentations of events to capture and share our history.
3. Eventually, work with high schools to produce shows/plays based on our family stories. His daughter has a degree in Theater, works with Disney and would lead this effort.

The Board for the foundation will consist of family members and funding sources are available. The three boundaries are the Cemetery District, CSD and the Elk Grove School District, and the timeframe would be 1800 and later.

An "honorary membership" will be given to Dave.

The Board is very interested in helping in any way we can. In this regard, Jeanette Lawson suggested we host an "Elk Grove History Week" next Fall in order to promote this in the community and schools. We will pursue this and Dave said he would keep us updated.

The Lewis & Clark Organization—Dennis Buscher:

They have expressed an interest in meeting here and visiting the Franklin Cemetery next year (in the Fall). Dennis suggested we help set this up because the Cemetery does not have the staff. Jim will assist Dennis in coordinating this request.

Tables for Sale—Lorraine Croup:

There is an opportunity to purchase wooden tables for \$20 each. Jim agreed to look at them tomorrow and purchase some for the Society. It was moved by Claudia Johnson and seconded by Sharon Baker to spend up to \$200 for as many as might be available. Motion carried. (Note: The tables have since already been sold.)

### **Upcoming Events:**

- January 11 – Board Meeting, 4 PM, museum
- January 25 – General Meeting, 6:30 PM at the Carlton, speaker Bill George
- February 6 – Open for tours at the museum, Noon to 4 PM
- February 8 – Board Meeting, 4 PM museum
- February 15 – General Meeting, 6:30 PM at the Carlton, speaker Bob Lent

The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton at 5:54 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden,

Recording Secretary