

ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014

Board Members and Guests Present: Diane Borden, Mary Bulford, Barbara Claire, Dennis Buscher, Annaclare and Jim Entrican, Claudia Johnson, Jeanette Lawson, Rich Lozano, 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 February opening. They all came dressed in period attire and looked fabulous! RR people will be here every month at opening.

Thanks to Milt for trimming the rest of the roses—he'll fertilize soon.

Thanks to all members who adopted a room for cleaning and decorating. They all did a great job. Jim asked if it was confirmed that Milt's daughter had "adopted" the bathrooms, as he had not heard anything.

Approval of Minutes: January 13, 2014--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Jeanette Lawson and seconded by Claudia Johnson to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2014 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as submitted. Motion carried.

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

Jeanette handed out the Treasurer's report. She presented the following bills for approval:

1. SMUD in the amount of \$281.00. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Diane Borden to approve the expense. Motion carried.
2. Tyco (security system) for a total of \$4,123.13. (Last month the Board approved an amount of \$3,562.00 – the additional charges are for labor costs.) Jim asked if the codes should be changed and it was agreed to do so. It was moved by Milt Webb and seconded by Jeanette Lawson to approve the expense. Motion carried.

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

Rhoads School--Merry Leverton:

No report.

CSD Update--Rich Lozano:

Rich said he does expect us to get some help with insurance costs and is waiting for an e-mail to confirm. The City plans for a sidewalk from the new sound wall to the Gate (more details later). Rich said he thought it would be helpful if someone from the Society gave a presentation at one of their Board meetings. Barbara will work with him to make arrangements. (They meet the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.)

Committee Reports:

Annual Yard Sale—Lorraine Croup & Dennis Buscher:

Jean Boulet, Carmel Silva's daughter, has some items to donate. Mary Bulford said we should consider checking with the Discovery Shop to see if they take items on consignment (the more valuable ones) in order to get more money. Dennis said we will start collecting items the week of July 28th and the sale starts on August 1st.

Annual Antique & Craft Show—Brookelea Lutton:

No report.

By-Laws--Dennis Buscher:

Dennis has a meeting to work on them tomorrow.

Docents—Mary Bulford:

Mary sent around a sign-up sheet for the March opening.

Haunted Stage Stop—Jeanette Lawson:

Jeanette shared ideas for next year and passed around a copy of the proposed budget of \$5,000 (attached). She expects we will pay more for advertising, permits and new props as well as expenses for making cloth items fire retardant. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Claudia Johnson to approve the budget. Motion carried. Jim said if we get some grant funds that will defray some of the costs.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

No report.

Newsletter—March-April—Brookelea Lutton:

Barbara said the deadline for articles/information is February 15th.

Policy & Procedure Committee--Brookelea Lutton:

Barbara reported for Brookelea that the committee has met a few times and is working through the procedures. For each of the event chairs, she would like a "duties statement" for what they do—and the processes they go through to put on the event (Sally- Tea; Lorraine – Yard Sale; Jeanette – Haunted House and Christmas events). The committee would like to have these by March 1st.

Programs for General Meeting—February—Brookelea Lutton:

Barbara announced the details for the Governor's Mansion Tour (attached). Diane Borden volunteered to ask Tom Russell if he would be able to make a presentation at the March general meeting about being our Archivist.

Publishing

Self-Guided Tour Booklet—Barbara Claire has updated it and it is available up by the front door.

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

Claudia Johnson presented a report in Sally's absence. Caterer will be selected next week, waiting to get menu from one of them. Tickets are on sale now. Decorations committee is busy making table centerpieces and other yard decorations. The entertainment is confirmed for vocalist Maria Behm and she is waiting for response from a high school jazz quartet. Servers and kitchen help are being arranged by Merry Leverton. Raffle and auction gifts and sponsorships are being solicited. Sally requests a message to go in the newsletter for any members wanting to donate a gift basket to contact her by the first of April ~ and to provide her email & phone number. It was moved by Diane Borden and seconded by Jeanette Lawson to approve the proposed budget.

Unfinished Business:

Foulks House Restoration and Storage Shed—Jim Entrican:

Jim will report at the next meeting.

Front Porch repair – Jim said this on the list for the Boy Scouts.

Lawn Reseeding and Tree Removal—Jim Entrican:

These have been completed.

Scout Project – stained benches—will need a second coat to fill in some areas.

Security System--Jim Entrican:

Jim will be meeting with Tyco and the Fire Department at 10 AM tomorrow. Once we get approval, installation of the system will begin (1-2 days to complete). Jim said the basement stairs have been painted and a black rubber mat and metal corners will be

added. The beam is gone and the latch will be welded. Also an "emergency exit" sign will be added.

New Business:

Chamber Luncheon—Barbara Claire:

Barbara and Brookelea attended and they provided copies of brochures and flyers about our events to be handed out. One of our cookbooks was given as a raffle prize. Barbara met someone who does leadership classes. Rich said they are very good and that one is starting this week. Barbara and Brookelea will attend the February meeting.

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

Jim set up a meeting with Barbara and Jeanette for Monday at 10 AM to discuss. Also, he would like to consider purchasing a new computer and printer and funds could be requested through a grant. He will pursue and keep us posted.

Dedicated Benefit for the Elk Grove Historical Society—The Red Door—Jim Entrican:

Jim arranged for us to participate in the first Annual Antique Flea Market and Vintage Trailer Show to be held on March 22nd from 9 AM to 3 PM in the Old Town Plaza (area where there was an ice rink last year). We are guaranteed \$3,000 from the Red Door for our help (6-8 people) in manning the door for people attending. There will also be food trucks and Milt will bring one of his cars. Jim will contact docents to sign up. Barbara said there is a link on our website for this event. We may be able to help out with the Chili Cook-off as well.

Lincoln Highway Association—July 2015—Barbara Claire:

Barbara was contacted by the Association for us to have the Museum available for them as we did last year.

Plans for Reese School:

Barbara would like to have us start discussing plans and ideas for the Reese School and suggested we have a committee formed to do so. An article will be put in the newsletter to solicit volunteers from the membership at large. A tentative date of April 7th was selected to meet at 6 PM. Barbara will also send information to Elizabeth Pinkerton so she can publicize.

Jim shared an article written by Barbara Mendoza who was born in Elk Grove in 1928 and who tells her story.

City Plans for Sidewalk

(see Rich Lozano's report above)

Whitelock Interchange:

Joan Fredman of Gardeners of the Grove will gather information and report to the club. We can get this information from her. Dennis was concerned that we should not engage in any of the politics surrounding this issue. Jim said we shouldn't agree to give up any of the property for the destruction of something historical.

Jim reported he has given Claudia Johnson information to contact the people involved in signage for "way finding" so people coming to Elk Grove will be able to find the Museum.

Upcoming Events:

- February 22 – General Meeting at 10 AM at the Governor's Mansion, 1526 H Street, \$5 per person, carpooling available.
- March 10 – Board Meeting, 4 PM Museum
- March 17: General Meeting – Diane Borden will work on getting a speaker.

The meeting was adjourned by President Barbara Claire at 5:40 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden,

Recording Secretary