

ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2015

Board Members and Guests Present: Sally Bergen, Diane Borden, Mary Bulford, Dennis Buscher, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Claudia Johnson, Jeanette Lawson, Merry Leverton, Carol On, Milt Webb.

Call to order: Brookelea Lutton (President): The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Claudia Johnson in Brookelea's absence.

Public Comment:

None.

Announcements:

Thanks to all who worked during our Old Fashioned Christmas event. We had a record 1,263 people come through the House.

Volunteers of 2014: Congratulations to Jim and Annaclare Entrican

Message Phone: Brookelea has changed the message to say, "If urgent, please call 685-3368."

Brookelea's accident. Jim gave a report and update on Brookelea after her accident.

Approval of Minutes: December 8, 2014--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Barbara Claire to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2014 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as submitted. Motion carried.

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

Jeanette presented the following bills for payment:

1. Mailing of newsletter - \$207.31 (larger edition than normal). It was moved by Barbara Claire and seconded by Merry Leverton to approve the expense. Motion carried.
2. Brochures - \$300.15 for 1,000 copies. It was moved by Barbara Claire and seconded by Sally Bergen to approve the expense. Motion carried.
3. SMUD bill in the amount of \$322.43 for December. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Diane Borden to approve payment. Motion carried.
4. Merry Maids – cleaning of museum on Friday in the amount of \$285.00. It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Barbara Claire to approve the expense. Motion carried.

Jeanette has done some research on printer-copiers to replace the one she has at home and found a Canon on Amazon for a reasonable price. Barbara Claire volunteered to do further research and let us know her recommendation for purchasing a new one for the Society.

Jeanette said the Society has received a donation in the amount of \$500 from Elk Grove Inner Wheel in memory of Carl and Joyce Amundson, which will be put into the Restoration Fund. Sally will send a letter of appreciation.

Jeanette reported that the Society has received \$680 in memory of Tom Russell. It was suggested we rename our research library "The Tom Russell Research Library", repaint that area in the basement and add a dedication. In this regard, Barbara has submitted a grant request for a new printer, computer, software, cabinets, etc. It was submitted yesterday in the amount of \$8,210. We won't know if we get anything until May. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Barbara Claire to rename the library in Tom's name. Jim passed around a list of items donated by Sandi Russell to the EGHS. A letter of acknowledgment will be sent. Jim showed us some of the beautiful, well-organized records that Tom had compiled.

Jeanette has asked Steve to contact someone to repair the damage caused by dry rot along the front porch and the eaves and balcony in back as soon as possible. Steve will make an appointment and if they are ready to proceed, Jeanette will do a vote by e-mail to authorize the expense. We can use the Wightman fund for this.

It was moved by Barbara Claire and seconded by Sally Bergen to approve the Treasurer's Report (attached) with changes. Motion carried.

Rhoads School Update--Merry Leverton:

Merry said that classes start next week and will continue almost every day through the year. She needs about 6 docents still. They are working on the letter for the cakeless bake sale.

CSD Update--Rich Lozano:

No report.

Committee Reports:

Calendar Committee—Sally Bergen:

Sally has scheduled a meeting for January 26th at 10 AM in the museum.

Docents—Mary Bulford:

Next opening is February 7th and we need some volunteers.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

Nothing new. Reminder: dues are due.

Newsletter—Barbara Claire:

The January – February newsletter has been sent out. The deadline for March – April is February 15th. We will need information for the Red Door and the Tea and Yard Sale.

Red Door—Jim Entrican:

Jim will have more information soon – the event is Saturday, March 21st. He will need manpower so will send a sign-up sheet around at the next meeting. Brookelea is the Co-chair. They will have improvements over last year for parking, security and toilets.

Spring Tea—Sally Bergen:

An initial meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd at 1 PM in the museum.

Policy & Procedure Committee--Brookelea Lutton:

The final job descriptions were handed out at the planning meeting. Work will continue on this project.

Programs for General Meeting—January and February:

The next general meeting is scheduled for January 19th at 6:30 PM at the Carlton. Claudia has arranged for a speaker from Spease Bees to talk about honeybees in jeopardy (not about bee keepers). Barbara will send out a "robo" call and has prepared a flyer for Lorraine to send out. Dennis will send the new by-laws for her to attach as well. In addition, we will have cake to celebrate Lorraine's 94th birthday.

Tom Mahan will be our speaker for February and possibly a speaker from Florin Historical Society in March.

Jim reported that the Jared Sheldon family has asked to use the museum for their family reunion on August 1st for 30-50 people.

Unfinished Business:

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

Options for storage space per planning meeting of 1/8/15: Jim has cleaned up the storage space and moved things to the second floor so it won't be necessary to rent space temporarily.

Front Porch Repair/Fountain—Jim Entrican:

Repairs to be completed by 5/1/15 per planning meeting of 1/8/15. Jim will be making his phone calls on this soon.

Reese School Committee—Dennis Buscher, Jim Entrican:

Nothing new.

Scout Projects—Jim Entrican:

Jim has a new scout project: To put cement and bricks around the gazebo and paint inside.

Ballroom Display for 2015—Dennis Buscher:

Barbara has done some research on balls held in this area in the 1850's. Mary will dress some mannequins (male and female) in the appropriate ball attire. We probably will not have an Indian display this year.

City of Elk Grove Grants—Barbara Claire:

In addition to the one submitted yesterday (see above), Barbara will be submitting a grant for event sponsorships for many of the things we will need (due in March) for our events. Please let her know your needs so she can include them. She will do a repeat of the request we submitted last year to CSD for canopies and tables/chairs for the Tea (due in February). Sally noted that the Strauss Festival is scheduled for the same days as our Yard Sale.

Tablet for Charge Card Purchases—Barbara Claire:

The tablet has been purchased and used in the store during Christmas.

New Business:

Removal of Felled Trees—Jim Entrican:

Two trees have been removed and Jim is working on getting a third one done by CSD; the fence also will be repaired.

Report on Board offsite planning meeting—Brookelea Lutton:

No report in Brookelea's absence.

Open Positions:

Christmas Chair – this could be broken down into 4 separate areas: docents, decorators, Santa photos, and Black Tie.

Docent Chair – Mary can help with dresses, etc., but we need someone to sign up volunteers.

Archivist

Proposed Budget for 2015—for approval (attached). It was moved by Diane Borden and seconded by Jeanette Lawson to approve the proposed budget for 2015. Motion carried.

Upcoming Events:

- January 19: General meeting, 6:30 PM, at the Carlton, speaker from Spease Bees and vote on new by-laws.
- February 7: Open for Tours at the Museum from Noon to 4 PM
- February 9: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Museum
- February 16: General meeting, 6:30 PM, TBA

The meeting was adjourned by 1st Vice President Claudia Johnson at 5:30 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden,

Recording Secretary