

ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2014

Board Members and Guests Present: Sally Bergen, Diane Borden, Mary Bulford, Dennis Buscher, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Merry Leverton, Rich Lozano, Brookelea Lutton.

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

Public Comment:

None.

Announcements:

Barbara expressed her appreciation for the great job Milt's daughter, Deanna, is doing maintaining and decorating the bathrooms.

Approval of Minutes: June 2014--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Brookelea Lutton and seconded by Sally Bergen to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2014 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as submitted. Motion carried.

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

In Jeanette's absence, Barbara reported on the Haunted State Stop: Approved Budget: \$5,000.00; Expenses to Date: \$2,794.14.

Through e-mail, Barbara had requested and received approval to spend \$300 to purchase two mannequins that are now stored downstairs. The Scouts have donated \$100.53 to the Rhoads School petty cash fund. It was suggested that we use some of the funds to purchase supplies for the school. It was moved by Lorraine Croup and seconded by Brookelea Lutton to place this money in the petty cash fund. Motion carried. Jeanette also asked Barbara to let us know about the Amazon Smile Program. Some percentage of a purchase would go to the Society. She said more information will be provided at the next meeting.

It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Diane Borden to approve the Budget Report (attached) as presented. Motion carried.

Rhoads School Update--Merry Leverton:

Merry expressed her appreciation to Jim Entrican and Elaine Wright for taking the lead on the maintenance that needed to be completed (wood storage area, fence repair, etc.) CSD will be painting the interior of the school from August 12-19, 2014. In preparation for this, the contents of the school need to be packed up beforehand and

stored at the museum, if space is available. It is her hope that the chairs and desks can just be moved around as needed. Merry passed around a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer their time on those days. In addition, Merry has asked Ed Keema to look at and repair the teacher's desk, which is wobbly. She is also working on a recruiting brochure to provide to potential docents who might volunteer at the school.

CSD Update--Rich Lozano:

Rich reported that the preliminary budget for this year has been presented and will be finalized in August. They made some of the same cuts and redirections as they did last year and hopefully things will pick up in a couple of years. They are also considering (and will vote this week) on a \$143 fee per event for first responder teams. Please attend the meeting on Wednesday if you are interested in hearing the presentation. They don't want to reduce their services. They will look at the need for the fee after a year and it will be dropped if it is determined to be not needed.

Committee Reports:

Annual Yard Sale—Lorraine Croup & Dennis Buscher:

Barbara thanked Dennis for bringing the "yard sale" sign he had made and he will hang it up outside to advertise. The cost was \$50 but he will pay for it and use it for his business. Lorraine will be at the Museum this Sunday, July 20th, from 9 AM to 2 PM to take donations. She will start calling volunteers to schedule them to work the event (we should wear our tee-shirts). The Tuesday before, Dennis and others will set up the big canopies and tables. Wednesday and Thursday will be spent taking everything out of storage for pricing and marking items for sale. Barbara is working on a flyer; Sally will have it copied and distributed.

Annual Antique & Craft Show—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea has 32 confirmed vendors but expects a few more. She will be putting posters up and advertising; signage will be increased around town.

By-Laws--Dennis Buscher:

Dennis sent out the proposed changes to the by-laws to Board members for review and comment. He will have them ready for the August meeting. Please send him any further suggestions before then.

Docents—Mary Bulford:

The next opening will not be until September and a sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

Haunted Stage Stop—Jeanette Lawson:

The committee met on Friday, July 13th and things are moving along nicely. Sally volunteered to submit an application online for a booth at the Giant Pumpkin Festival

event in October in the park.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine mailed the second reminder notice for dues (about 50). On the first of September, she will delete those who have not paid or are deceased.

Newsletter—July/August—Brookelea Lutton:

July/August has been mailed out. The deadline for the September/October edition is August 15th.

Policy & Procedure Committee--Brookelea Lutton:

On hold.

Programs for General Meeting—July and August – no meetings scheduled.

There was a mix-up about where to park at the Sloughhouse cemetery during our June general meeting. The maintenance man directed us to park near the barn and the property owners were concerned that the key they gave us to the front entrance didn't work. We'll be more careful in the future. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the lunch very much. Ellen Rosa was there and enthralled members telling us about the history of the area and stories about her family. Lorraine will be finalizing the arrangements for the September meeting.

Publicity—Barbara Claire:

Robo call to advertise the June General Meeting, 186 of 200 completed:

129 live person, 48 voice mail, 9 busy, 14 not completed. Used 354 credits = at \$.09/credit = \$31.86. We purchased 1,000 credits for \$90 in June. We have 730 credits left. She will do another call for the yard sale.

Unfinished Business:

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

No report.

Reese School Committee—Dennis Buscher, Jim Entrican:

Dennis said the front porch needed to be reinforced. This has been done at a cost of \$115.49 (see New Business for more details). He is working with the architect to get plans completed and an estimate for the foundation and roof. Then we can contact the professional fundraiser to raise money to pay for it.

Front Porch Repair—Jim Entrican:

Nothing new.

Fireplace from the Kerr Home:

On hold.

Auction Bid Results (what we got!)—Dennis Buscher:

Dennis bid on 4 huge rectangular 10 x 20 canopy tents (heavy duty). He was able to get two of them for \$260 each, with boxes to store them in. It was a good bargain and we can use them for many of our events.

New Business:

Reese School:

Repair for front porch--\$115.49 (\$75 for 3 hours labor, Mike Palmer; \$40.49 for 4x4s to prop it up). OK to pay from the Reese School Fund.

Montgomery Contractors—Call & Demand for \$13,000 for City of Elk Grove charges during move in 2006. Barbara looked into this matter, did some research and prepared the attached synopsis of activity, which shows an outstanding balance of \$12,642.54. However, she recommends getting a sub-committee together to do an in-depth analysis (to include Jim, Brookelea and Dennis). Barbara will schedule a meeting soon and bring back their findings.

Other:

Dennis received a phone call from someone from Galt who wants to donate a bed from the 1850's to the Society. It has an oak head/foot board and he feels it could be used in the Foulks House. He will let the individual know we can accept it.

Dennis proposed that we consider getting a license for beer and wine tasting (not selling) and invite a different winery or craft beer vendor for a fund raiser in the bar area only. It might get us some new members. He will research further and get back to us.

Upcoming Events:

- July 20: Accepting donations for yard sale, 9 AM-2 PM, museum grounds.
- August 1, 2, 3: Annual Yard Sale, Museum Grounds
- August 11: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Museum
- August 18: No general meeting

The meeting was adjourned by President Barbara Claire at 5:30 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden, Recording Secretary