

ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2015

Board Members and Guests Present: Sharon and Don Baker, Diane Borden, Dennis Buscher, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Dolores and Francis Jacobson, Claudia Johnson, Steve Lambert, Rich Lozano, Brookelea Lutton, Carol On. Absent: Jeanette Lawson, Sally Bergen.

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

Public Comment: None.

Announcements:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Dennis.

Brookelea thanked all who came for the Lincoln Highway stop to help out. She received many good comments about our Museum and our hospitality. The gift shop sold approximately \$540 in merchandise.

Security reminder: Brookelea said last week Jeanette came to the Museum and a door had been left open. Brookelea reminded everyone to be sure and set and check the system when you leave.

Approval of Minutes: June 8, 2015--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Barbara Claire and seconded by Claudia Johnson to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2015 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as presented. Motion carried.

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

Brookelea requested approval to order more brochures. Pricing is \$244.99 for 1,000 copies and \$338.57 for 2,000 copies. It was moved by Barbara Claire and seconded by Diane Borden to approve an order of 2,000 copies. Motion carried.

SMUD bill in the amount of \$235.67. It was moved by Diane Borden and seconded by Barbara Claire to approve payment. Motion carried.

It was moved by Claudia Johnson and seconded by Barbara Claire to approve the Treasurer's Report (see agenda) as presented. Motion carried.

Rhoads School Update—Sharon Baker:

Sharon reported that nine reservations have already been received for the next school year. Their next Board meeting is scheduled for August 3 and if we have any input, please let her know. (Brookelea requested that she receive copies of the Board

Minutes.) They have been doing some repairs on desks and would like to adopt and use a work order form (copy attached). Sharon would like to participate in the Harvest Festival in October by putting a table up at the School with information and items for sale. She plans to have the school open on Saturday and Sunday (4 hours each day). Docents would be in costume. She will prepare a flyer.

CSD Update—Rich Lozano:

Rich reported that demolition has begun on the property and they are waiting for approval from the insurance before rebuilding can begin. The CSD budget was approved for next year and they hope to replenish some of the deficit spending with property taxes. They are working with the labor groups, had a camp out over the weekend in the park and they are having an adult comedy show on the 17th.

Committee Reports:

Calendar Committee—Sally Bergen:

Committee will meet soon.

Docents—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea will solicit docents for the August 1st opening.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

No new members.

Newsletter-July-August--Barbara Claire:

The deadline for the September-October edition is August 15th.

Policy & Procedure Committee—Brookelea Lutton:

Ongoing.

Programs for General Meeting—Claudia Johnson:

September 21 – To be held at Rhoads School – Merry and Sharon will meet us there.

No general meeting will be held in October or December. In November, we will meet at Ray Bayless' store. In January, our speaker will be Bill George.

Fall Craft Show—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea has received applications from 29 vendors. There will be a committee meeting in August.

Old Fashioned Christmas—Brookelea Lutton:

The Black Tie & Santa letter that Jeanette had submitted was approved. We still need a decorator for the dining room.

Brookelea presented the proposed budget for Old Fashioned Christmas for 2015. Projected income was \$9,200, expenses \$4,655, for a net income of \$4,545. It was moved by Claudia Johnson and seconded by Barbara Claire to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Yard Sale—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine thanked all who have contributed donations and for volunteering to help. Please wear your T-shirts if you have one on sale days. Dennis said he expects that we will make approximately \$7,000, spend \$367 and net an approximate \$6,633 for the Yard Sale. It was moved by Diane Borden and seconded by Claudia Johnson to approve the budget (attached) as proposed. Motion carried.

Jim plans to be here on Wednesday to set up tables (we may need more). Barbara discussed pricing the items and thought they might be too low. If there are any questions, take the item to Dennis to decide. We generally don't negotiate on the first day, and Sunday is half price day (except jewelry and valuables.) Carol may know an organization that will buy our leftovers and she will let us know.

Haunted House—Jeanette Lawson:

Barbara said the committee met last week and they need help decorating the children's room; Carol On volunteered.

Unfinished Business:

Grant Requests—Barbara Claire:

Approval for the grant request has been received for the Yard Sale and the Craft Show. She and Brookelea met with the City on the Tom Russell Research Library request and \$8,210 has been approved. Additional requests have been approved for the Haunted House (\$1,000) and Red Door (total of \$4,800 including \$1,500 in cash) events.

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

No report.

Status of 40-foot Tent:

Jim reported on the status of the 40-foot tent the Board previously approved for purchase: This is a seasonal item and there are none available for sale at this time. He suggested we hold the money and wait until spring when they will be in stock.

Scout Projects—Jim Entrican:

Jim has received many phone calls and offers for projects. Steve will help out with finding a drinking fountain appropriate to the historical era, a purchase of about \$500. Jim said the Elk Grove Gardeners will donate \$100 and maybe the Gardeners of the Grove will match it.

Tentative Tour of Winery and Rae House in September—Lorraine Croup:

The tour is tentatively scheduled for September 19 or September 26.

Tentative Wine Auction by Bob Harris (fundraiser)—Sharon Baker:

Sharon has been playing phone tag with Mr. Harris but he is interested and she will continue her efforts to reach him to discuss further.

Reese School Committee—Brookelea Lutton/all:

Montgomery Contractors sent the Society a letter requesting their beams on which the Reese School sits be returned. They want them returned by August. Various options had been discussed including determining the cost of the beams if we were to buy them. Montgomery stated they would sell them to us for \$8,500, which would have to come out of the General Operating Fund. Jim was hoping to find a donor for this potential purchase but was unsuccessful.

Since no contract exists, Jim recommended we negotiate a lower price of \$5,000 for the beams. Jim made a motion to this affect, but there was no second.

Carol On reported on her contact with a couple of demolition companies. The estimates were upwards of \$12,000-\$15,000 for demolition, plus additional cost if we were to save the façade. She was also told we have to have a permit and it must be on file before we demolish or salvage. She is waiting to hear back from one other contact.

Steve talked to Cliff Brackett, CBC Builders, and he met him on the property so he could look at the building. He indicated it is in very bad shape and therefore would be very expensive to set it down. To come up to code, we would need to get a permit. Dennis agreed and said any previous permit to move it probably has expired. He handed out a pledge sheet from 2006 indicating amounts pledged and received from the community to move the school to the Museum property.

After further discussion, it was agreed to send a letter to Montgomery under Brookelea's signature, which suggests we buy the beams for \$5,000 (Jim will prepare a draft). In addition, it was suggested Carol On contact Archie Morse, as he had offered at one time to be a consultant on this project, should we choose demolition.

New Business:

Sheldon Conference (tour of Museum)—July 31: Jim Entrican:

Jim reported there is a national "Sheldon Conference" of descendants to be held here and they requested we open the Museum on Friday, July 31st from 10 AM to Noon for

their visit. He is not sure how many would attend; however, Ellen Rosa would give a little presentation.

Barbara Claire has been working with Ellen (research) on a book about the Sheldon California pioneers. (The book would be presented for the first time in October when Ellen celebrates her 90th birthday.) The target date for the book to be completed and published by the Society is July 20th. Donations in the amount of \$1,360 were collected in 2014 to replace the top pillar for the John Rhoads monument, which has deteriorated. Jim proposed as a tax-exempt entity we sponsor the sale of the book and donate the proceeds to fund the remaining cost to purchase the pillar. The total estimate to do this is \$3,496. Jim suggests we sell the book for \$20 each and he would provide paper and ink to print them. He will prepare a letter that would be used for people to offer a donation. Jim and Annaclare will donate any remaining funds needed, after the pillar is purchased, to the Society. A separate fund will be set up to erect the monument. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Claudia Johnson to publish the book and use the proceeds to replace the top part of the John Rhoads monument. Motion carried.

Upcoming Events:

- July 24, 25 & 26 – Yard Sale
- July 31 – Sheldon Descendants tour Museum, 10 AM to Noon
- August 1 – Museum open for tours, Noon – 4 PM
- August 10 – Board Meeting, 4 PM, museum
- No General Meeting in August
- September 5 – Museum open for tours, Noon – 4 PM
- September 12 – Fall Craft Show, Old Town Plaza, 9 AM – 3 PM
- September 14 – Board Meeting, 4 PM museum
- September 21 – General Meeting, Rhoads School

The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton at 6 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden, Recording Secretary