

## ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2016

**Board Members and Guests Present:** Diane Borden, Sally Bergen, Dennis Buscher, Don and Sharon Baker, Lorraine Croup, Claudia Johnson, Rich Lozano, Brookelea Lutton, Louis Silveira, Isaac Taylor. **Absent:** Barbara Claire, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Jeanette Lawson

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Announcements:** We have been given a \$25,000 grant from Sacramento County to be used for our restoration projects. We will use it to restore the Foulks House (no check received yet). We need to spend the money before the money before January 31, 2017.

Happy Birthday to Annaclare 6/14 and Rich 6/23. Thank you Sally and Milt who helped at the June opening (17 came for the tour).

Spotlight at the Ranch – Three Docents from the EGHS came to help out.

**Approval of Minutes:** May 9, 2016--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Sharon Baker to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2016 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as presented. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report/Bills**—Jeanette Lawson:

There were no bills presented. It was moved by Dennis Buscher and seconded by Sally Bergen to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented (attached). Motion carried.

Rhoads School Update—Sharon Baker:

Sharon was very happy to announce they have a new Director for the Rhoads School, Roberta Tanner. She is in Boston for a couple of weeks but Sharon expects a seamless transition when she returns. A candidate has been interviewed for the Assistant Director. In addition, Louis will be the reservation scheduler which is a large workload. Brookelea thanked Sharon for all her hard work and Sharon said she and Don would remain active with the Society and the School.

CSD Update—Rich Lozano:

Rich reported CSD has many events planned for the summer. There is a new "app" for the Activity Guide, and other resource material. He said that a crew would be working on cleaning up the weeds at the north end of Heritage Park.

**Committee Reports:**

Calendar Committee—Sally Bergen:

The committee decided there is not enough support and the project is on hold indefinitely.

Docents—Brookelea Lutton:

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Our July 2 Opening is the same day as Iris Zimbelman's memorial service and many of us will be attending. There should be enough volunteers; however, we need someone to open the Museum that day.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine said there are no new members. Dennis asked her to add the names of those who donated during the Big Day of Giving (about 15 people) and are entitled to a one-year free membership.

Newsletter—Isaac Taylor:

Information for next Newsletter is due on Friday to Isaac.

Policy & Procedure Committee—Brookelea Lutton:

The Committee is winding up its review and has made a lot of changes on the P&P. It is expected it will be ready for the Board members to review the draft by the end of next week. Brookelea has scheduled a special meeting to receive input on July 5 at 1 PM at the Museum. She encouraged everyone to attend and comment.

Program for General Meeting—June--Claudia Johnson:

The June 20 general meeting topic will be the History of Project RIDE and the speaker will be Jeanne Strong, the founder, who is well known in the Elk Grove area. A second speaker will be Ann Koenig who is an R.N. and a volunteer from RIDE. The meeting will be at 6:30 PM at the Presbyterian Church, 8153 Elk Grove Blvd., #50. There will be no general meeting until September when Jerry Strong will talk about his family, which has been here since the 1860's.

Spring Tea Final Report—Jackie Lewis:

In Jackie's absence, Sally reported that the final net revenue was \$5,896.00 (see attached). There were 184 tickets sold (232 tickets last year), with 4 no-shows. There was some wine left over, but the committee members purchased what was left. The parking (auto mall vans) worked out beautifully.

Yard Sale—Lorraine Croup:

The Yard Sale was changed to be held on July 22, 23, and 24, from 8 AM to 3 PM at the Museum. Dennis will coordinate the advertising in various papers. Lorraine will be at the

Museum to accept donations on July 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 1 PM. Kathy O'Neal provided 4 truckloads of leftover items from the church sale and they are out on the deck.

Grants—Jim Entrican:

No report.

**Unfinished Business:**

Storage/Blacksmith Shop—Jim Entrican:

Per Dennis, when Jim returns they will get started on removing debris and leveling the ground. If they are unable to get someone to do this at no cost, it will cost us about \$2,000.

Foulks House Restoration Grant—Brookelea Lutton:

See announcement above about the grant.

Dry rot repair on balcony—Jim Entrican:

No report.

Shore-up of Reese School—Dennis Buscher/Jim Entrican:

It has been stabilized, but work is not completed.

Scout Projects—Jim Entrican:

No report.

Tom Russell Research Library—Barbara Claire:

Brookelea has been in contact with Don Nottoli's office and provided information about who Tom was and what he did for the Society. Someone from his office will attend and present a Resolution.

40-Year Anniversary Celebration, August 6th—Dennis Buscher:

Dennis has scheduled a planning meeting on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and dedication of the Tom Russell Library on January 20, 2016 at 9 AM at the Museum. Anyone is welcome to attend

Lease Renewal with CSD—Dennis Buscher:

After 30 years, the lease is up for renewal. The new draft document included all the amendments that have been made over the years. An attorney has reviewed the document for us and made minor edits. Brookelea asked if we wanted the new lease period to continue for 30 years. It was agreed we should make it for 20 years. Dennis suggested that the insurance coverage on other buildings should be clarified in the document. The Museum,

restrooms, Foulks House, Rhoads School, the Courthouse and Jail, and the Reese School should all be covered, with the Reese School and Foulks House covered during and after restoration. EGHS pays for the insurance on the contents of the Museum, liability at our events and for the Directors and volunteers. CSD bills us for their part. It was noted that the address on the document should be changed to P.O. Box.

Sharon Baker expressed concern about the condition of the windows in the Rhoads School; they urgently need replacement. Sharon has been talking with CSD to see if they would replace the windows and was told the budget has already been approved and may not be able to replace them this year. Rich said he will see if replacement can be expedited, and at least replace the south windows now.

Sharon also asked if it would be permissible to change the wording of the permission slips for the children. It was agreed there would be no problem doing so.

### **New Business:**

New Member Welcome—Brookelea Lutton:

The P&P Committee has discussed the idea of a “New Member Welcome”, and that we invite the new members to a welcome session to get acquainted with us and each other and learn about the history of the Society and Museum. The Board agreed and the first session is scheduled for Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. Depending on how this is received, we could do this quarterly. An article will be included in the newsletter. Invitations will be sent to the 2016 new members, with an RSVP and self-return envelope. All Board members were encouraged to attend and be introduced.

Sally Bergen recommended that Board members take a drive by the Wightman’s property on Brown Road. She provided some of her concerns. This will be discussed in more depth before a decision is made to accept their offer to donate it to the Society.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- June 20 – General Meeting, Jeanne Strong and Ann Koenig, History of Project RIDE, Presbyterian Church, 8153 Elk Grove Blvd., #50, 6:30 PM
- July 2 – Museum Open for Tours, 12– 4 PM
- No General Meeting –Happy Summer
- July 22-24 – Yard Sale, Museum grounds, 8 AM – 3 PM
- August 6 – 40 Year Celebration EGHS and Rhoads School/Dedication of Tom Russell Library – 11 AM to 2 PM, Museum open for tours until 4 PM
- August 8 – Board Meeting, Museum, 4 PM
- No General Meeting in August

The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton at 5:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden,

Recording Secretary