

ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2016

Board Members and Guests Present: Sally Bergen, Diane Borden, Dennis Buscher, Mary Bulford, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Jim Entrican, Jeanette Lawson, Rich Lozano, Brookelea Lutton, Ken Miller, Louis Silveira. Absent: Sharon Baker

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

Public Comment:

None

Announcements:

Happy Birthday to Barbara March 11.

March 5th opening was sparse (none) but fun for those who docented.

Sharon Baker's formal resignation has been received and Sally will send her an acknowledgement. Her resignation will be effective June 15, 2016, however, she will remain active as a member of the Historical Society.

Brookelea noticed no phone messages had been left on the Society's phone for about a month. After checking it, she realized the message machine had accidentally been turned off. Jeanette suggested we pursue getting a new phone and this will be looked into further.

Approval of Minutes: February 8, 2016--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Barbara Claire and seconded by Sally Bergen to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2016 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Bills--Jeanette Lawson:

Bills:

Jeanette reported that approval was needed for payment of the following bills:

\$367.29 for ink for the printer (this expense was not part of the grant)

\$299.58 for repair of the tent damaged in the recent storm

\$240.00 for the desk (in excess of what the City will pay in our grant)

\$248.99 for SMUD

It was moved by Claudia Johnson and seconded by Dennis Buscher to approve payment for all of the above. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Claudia Johnson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented (attached).

Rhoads School Update—Sharon Baker:

Jeanette Lawson received a bill from Rhoads School the Board's Treasurer for purchases that were made for the school in the amount of \$29.01. It was moved by Dennis Buscher and seconded by Claudia Johnson to approve payment. Motion carried.

CSD Update—Rich Lozano:

Rich reported that there is a surplus expected at the end of the year and they will be building reserves for upcoming years. Negotiations have been in process with the fire groups to help restore lost wages. A compensation comparison study for the district is underway and they will be hiring a Human Resources Manager in the next few months. A new Deputy Chief of Fire has been appointed and the Deputy Chief of Operations position has been restored. The softball league is expected to start soon and will be made aware of the parking restrictions so as to not conflict with our events at Heritage Park. Extra patrol officers will be in the Park.

Committee Reports:

Calendar Committee—Sally Bergen:

Sally is requested more photos for the calendar (any of the museum).

Docents—Brookelea Lutton:

No report.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

No new applications have been received.

Newsletter:

There is no one who has volunteered to take responsibility for the next issue.

Policy & Procedure Committee—Brookelea Lutton:

This committee is meeting regularly.

Programs for General Meeting—March and April--Claudia Johnson:

The speaker for the March 21st general meeting will be Jackie Boor and will be held at the Carlton Senior Center at 6:30 PM. The speaker for the April 18 general meeting will be Dr. Bob on the History of Medicine and will be held at the Commons, located at 9564 Sabrina Lane in Elk Grove at 6:30 PM.

Spring Tea—Jackie Lewis:

Sally presented the proposed budget for the Tea (attached), with estimated revenue of \$7,935.00. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Diane Borden to approve the budget. Motion carried. The tickets are priced at \$40 per person with no discount price for a table. It was proposed that we sell wine by the glass from Scribner and that would require security as well as a liquor license. Dennis will work on advertising and Barbara and Mary are working on decorations. There will be no program but instead a flutist group from Roseville will provide background music at no cost. Jim and Sally have worked out an agreement with one of the dealerships in the Auto Mall to provide vans for transporting guests to and from the valet parking, which will be in the Rhoads School parking lot area. We will provide the drivers (will be checking on insurance needs). In order to avoid traffic jams, the Museum parking lot will be for handicapped only. Vicki More will provide servers as in the past. There will be no auction, just raffle prizes. Each Board member is responsible for donating a basket and/or soliciting from various vendors (see list attached). These will be needed no later than April 15th.

Red Door Event—Jim Entrican:

Jim passed around the work schedule and asked that members let him know if there were any conflicts. There will be two entry times: One opens at 8:30 for tickets purchased online and another that opens at 9 AM for purchase of tickets at the gates. The fee is \$5 and 16 and under are free. Tickets for holders of a free pass or for children will be a different color. We should wear our Historical Society T-shirts. There will also be wine and beer available for sale in the wine and beer garden.

Grants—Jim Entrican:

Jim has submitted City and CSD grants and is requesting more money for Christmas to cover advertising. In addition, he is working on a "Farm to Fork" event to be held at the Rhoads School on September 3rd. Chefs from Sloughhouse Inn and Boulevard Bistro, plus a couple local breweries are tentative participants. Maximum number to attend would be 300 and it would be in the evening from 5 – 6 PM.

Unfinished Business:

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

Jim expects they will be able to clean out the pile of rubble where the Blacksmith Shop will be built soon (may have to hire someone). After that he will get permits and be ready to put down the cement. He will be talking to those who will be helping next week. All the lumber will be free of costs and we will do what we can ourselves to empty out the Foulks House. Dennis offered to help tear out the kitchen and empty out the house.

Temporary Storage Unit – Sally Bergen

Sally has contacted a storage company about the possibility of obtaining temporary storage space for the items currently stored in the Foulks House so that work can begin on the house. Jim said an estimate of \$80,000 was given for the siding, roof and windows some time ago. Plans would have to be resubmitted to go forward with the Foulks House.

Repair of dry rot on balcony—Jim Entrican:

Barbara and Jeanette will work on writing a grant to cover the costs of this project.

Shore up Reese School—Dennis Buscher:

The ground has to dry up before we can start on this project.

Status of 40-ft Tent Board Approval for Purchase—Status—Barbara Claire:

This has been ordered and received so can be taken off the agenda.

Scout Projects—Jim Entrican:

Nothing new.

Tom Russell Research Library—Barbara Claire:

The desk has been purchased as well as a new map drawer (grant from the City). The painting in the stairwell needs to be completed.

Portrait of Tom Russell—Dennis Buscher:

Dennis revealed the beautiful portrait of Tom Russell completed by his sister and we were all in awe! Wonderful job.

Big Day of Giving, May 3rd—Dennis Buscher:

The Society bags have been ordered and received. They will be given to people who donate \$25 or more. Everyone is ready to gear up for this event.

40-Year Anniversary Celebration—Establish committee:

The planning committee consists of Dennis Buscher (chair), Brookelea Lutton, Barbara Claire and Jeanette Lawson. Anyone else who wants to volunteer would be welcome.

New Signs RE Months Museum is Closed—Jim Entrican:

The new sign is up and there is one more to install. Claudia also noticed that there is a City sign for the Museum by Dutch Bros. drive through.

New Business:

Whitelock Parkway Interchange—Brookelea Lutton:

Copies of the updated information were passed around and we need to keep a close eye on the plans. The next meeting will be in the spring. Jim is our representative.

Tour for Red Hat Ladies:

Claudia said this tour went well and the ladies seemed to enjoy themselves (a total of 9 attended).

Tour for Chamber Leadership Group—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea opened the museum for this group of 13 and they were given a tour and then held their meeting.

Donations:

From Elizabeth Pinkerton – Jim Entrican has been in touch with Elizabeth regarding some donations from the Sims family.

From Joe Wachtel – Dennis Buscher received a call from Mr. Wachtel offering 4 chairs from the Mitchel family and he will send us pictures of them. He lives in Nevada but his family lived in the area previously.

Other:

Dennis has received letters written by the 3rd graders he recently gave a presentation to. He read one thank you note that was particularly enjoyable.

Wightman house on Brown Road – Jim took pictures and included an aerial view of the property, along with other statistics and data. We have not heard back from Ruth Wightman after her meeting with their CPA.

Jeanette Lawson passed around a book entitled “Treasure in the Stream” that she would like us to consider using as a standard to be used in local schools. A curriculum could be developed to have it available for 4th grade students. The story pertains to a child who lived on the Cosumes River during the time of the gold rush and features Sutter’s Fort. An estimate of cost would be \$500. All agreed this should be pursued.

Upcoming Events:

- March 19 - Vintage Trailer and Antique Flea Market, 9 AM to 3 PM
- March 21 – General Meeting, Jackie Boor, Carlton Senior Center, 6:30 PM
- April 2 – Open for tours at the museum, Noon – 4 PM
- April 11 – Board Meeting, 4 PM, museum
- April 18 – General Meeting, Dr. Bob, History of Medicine, 6:30 PM at the Commons

The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton at 5:50 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden,

Recording Secretary