

ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2015

Board Members and Guests Present: Sally Bergen, Diane Borden, Mary Bulford, Dennis Buscher, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Francis and Dolores Jacobson, Claudia Johnson, Jeanette Lawson, Rich Lozano, Carol On, Steve Lambert, Milt Webb, Elaine Wright.

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

Public Comment:

None.

Announcements:

Thanks to the docents who helped out at the opening on Saturday. All had a good time and sales from the store amounted to \$400.00. It was suggested that we find additional docents who are able to process credit card purchases.

Brookelea read a letter from Merry Leverton to the Elk Grove Historical Society and Rhoads School Board informing us that she is stepping down as Director of the Rhoads School effective June 1, 2015. However, she would like to remain on the Board in some capacity to be determined by the Board. In addition, she will assist the new Director through the Summer and early Fall when scheduling of classes is done.

Rancho Cordova meeting: Brookelea, Jim and Lorraine attended this meeting. They were a nice group and asked Lorraine to tell them about herself and her family.

Approval of Minutes: February 9, 2015--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Barbara Claire to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2015 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as corrected.

Specifically, the second paragraph under the haunted stage stop section, line 3, end of sentence, delete "for one more year." Motion carried.

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

Jeanette presented one bill for approval:

SMUD bill for this month in the amount of \$236.25. It was moved by Barbara Claire and seconded by Claudia Johnson to approve payment. Motion carried.

Jeanette reported that the fountain has been leveled and the front porch fixed for a final cost of \$1,822.00. The second stage (repair of fascia and new gutters on the side) is estimated to cost \$2,100.00.

It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Barbara Claire to approve the expenditure of \$2,100.00 for the second stage to the contractor CBC Builders. Motion carried.

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

Rhoads School Update—Merry Leverton:

Jim reported for Merry. A recruitment effort to replace her as Director will be started by sending interest letters to all the schools in the District. Also they need at least two more docents. Finally, we will conduct a "cakeless" cake sale to raise money for scholarships and general maintenance (see attached) in an effort to help raise \$2,000 this year.

CSD Update—Rich Lozano:

After the fire on February 20th, everyone came together and responded to keep business going. Fortunately, no one was in the building when it happened. People are temporarily working in a couple of different locations. Efforts will be made to preserve things (for history as well as for insurance). It was not determined to be arson. They will hire an expert who will ensure they get as much as possible from insurance to cover the costs of reconstruction. They hope to save the façade of the front (it is a registered building). Jim has seen a document certifying its historical value and will look for it in our records. Board meetings will be held at the Pavilion. Elaine Wright suggested selling the tiles from the roof as a fundraiser.

Committee Reports:

Calendar Committee—Sally Bergen:

Sally plans to have a meeting the end of the month to decide on an idea for a calendar to present at the next Board Meeting. She is also looking for some of our old calendars if anyone has any she can see.

Docents—Sign up for April:

Brookelea would like to have our docents be able to talk more about the history of Elk Grove House. It was agreed that at the April opening, docents arrive about 11 AM and information would be shared by Jim, Dennis and others. She also would like to have a docent appreciation event at some point.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine said she has received no applications for membership.

Newsletter for March/April—Barbara Claire:

The newsletter has been sent out. Please let her know if you would be willing to receive your copy via e-mail in order to save on printing and postage costs.

Policy & Procedure Committee—Brookelea Lutton:

On hold.

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

Eric Haschke will be our speaker in March. In April, Mary Ellen Burns will present her history of cookbooks. In May, Dr. Yee will be our speaker about the Dailoy Museum in Locke. In June, we will have a picnic at the McFarland Ranch, after which we will have a break through August. In September, our General Meeting will be at the Rhoads School.

Antique & Craft Show—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea announced she has a dilemma about where to hold our Antique & Craft show since the CSD parking lot will be unavailable. She appreciates the suggestions she has received to date. Should we consider having it at the Museum? The antique dealers could use the parking lot; crafters would have room on the grounds. We discussed several options and she will be making some more calls.

Red Door—Jim Entrican:

Volunteers have been assigned and we have more help than last year. If you would like to meet from 5-6 PM Friday night before the event and go through what is planned, it would be helpful. Those who are relieving the morning crew should arrive at 11:30 on Saturday. Jim had a question for Barbara regarding grant processing; a document needs to be filled out and submitted before the cash can be awarded.

Spring Tea—Sally Bergen:

Sally presented her proposed budget (attached). It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Barbara Claire to approve the budget. Motion carried. The next meeting is April 7th at 1 PM at the Museum. She needs our donated items by April 20th.

Yard Sale—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine will be at the Museum on March 22nd collecting donations from 9 AM to 1 PM. Dennis will be available to pick things up upon request.

Unfinished Business:

City of Elk Grove Grants—Barbara Claire:

Barbara has submitted grant requests to the City of Elk Grove, one for the Tom Russell Library for which notice has been provided of a preliminary award of \$8,210.00. She has submitted three more event grants for next year, one for the Craft Show, one for the Red Door and one for the Haunted Stage Stop. She is working on a CSD Grant due April 3rd for the Yard Sale, the Tea and the Craft Show for next year. She has been informed about a Museum Grant Program that has a September 1st due date for submission. It can be used for construction projects at museums.

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

Steve Lambert will be working with the contractor CBC Builders on the shed project.

Front Porch and other Dry Rot Repair (eaves and balcony)—Jim Entrican:

See above under Treasurer's Report.

Fountain—Jim Entrican:

The fountain has been leveled so this item is completed.

Reese School Committee—Dennis Buscher, Jim Entrican:

Nothing new.

Scout Projects—Jim Entrican:

Scouts will be extending the sidewalk in the Luttig Garden and beautifying that section. A wood rack will be built for holding all of our stone monuments. Jim is working with Scouts on four projects in total at this point.

New Business:

Lorraine plans a bus tour on April 11th to Gibson House, a visit to see the roses at the Yolo Co. Library and stroll along 1st and 2nd Streets, with lunch at the Linde Lane Tea Room in Dixon. The cost is \$65 plus a prepay of the selected menu item you choose. The bus will leave at 8 AM from our parking lot and return at approximately 6 PM. Please call Lorraine with questions or if you want to make a reservation.

There is a working session with the Stakeholder Representative Group on April 30th at 5:30 PM at the Council Chambers regarding the Whitelock Parkway & SR 99 Interchange Project. Jim will plan on attending.

The Sunrise Rotary Club has requested that Lorraine Croup speak about the Elk Grove Historical Society. She has agreed and will work with Dennis.

Mary Bulford brought a beautiful picture (wall painting) of an old fashioned (pioneer) one-room school that she would like us to donate to the Rhoads School.

Upcoming Events:

- March 16 – General Meeting, 6:30 PM, at the Carlton, Speaker: Eric Haschke
- March 21 – Red Door event, Old Town Plaza, from 9 AM to 3 PM
- April 4 – Open for tours at the Museum from Noon to 4 PM
- April 13 – Board Meeting, 4 PM, Museum
- April 20 – General Meeting, 6:30 PM at the Carlton, Speaker: Mary Ellen Burns

The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton at 5:38 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden,

Recording Secretary