

# ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2014

**Board Members and Guests Present:** Sally Bergen, Diane Borden, Mary Bulford, Dennis Buscher, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Annaclare and Jim Entrican, Jeanette Lawson, Merry Leverton, Brookelea Lutton, Milt Webb.

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

### **Public Comment:**

None.

### **Announcements:**

Thanks to the docents who worked the May opening.

Thanks to Lorraine for arranging our April and May general meeting!

Reminder—Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> is the Wine & Cheese event here put on by the Gardeners of the Grove, 4-7 PM. Tickets available at the door for \$20.

### **Approval of Minutes:** April 2014--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Lorraine Croup and seconded by Jeanette Lawson to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2014 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as submitted. Motion carried.

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

Report (attached). It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Diane Borden to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Jeanette noted that the following are major expenses in Operating Expenditures since the last report.

#### Bills:

Tyco (alarm)     \$4,409.21

Insurance       \$3,585.00

Accountant      \$ 875.00

Taxes            \$ 620.00

Catering (Tea) \$ 1,432.00

The expenses for the bus trip are not included in the report, but she expects a net of approximately \$795 plus a donation of \$300.00. For the Tea, she anticipates more information to come in, but noted that the tips for Valet staff amounted to \$71.55 and income from the Raffle \$2,612. Ticket sales amounted to approximately \$6,700.00. Jeanette will have a complete report on the Tea at the next Board meeting.

#### Rhoads School Update—Merry Leverton:

Merry reported they are almost done for this year (49 classes so far) and reservations are coming in for next year already. The ant problem is being handled by CSD. Chris Stropp is going to take over the duties for Secretary.

#### CSD Update--Rich Lozano:

No report. Barbara said that we were charged \$46 (for labor) for the rental of canopies by CSD for the Tea and they donated the cost of equipment.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Annual Yard Sale—Lorraine Croup & Dennis Buscher:

Lorraine will be at the Museum to accept donated items next Sunday from 9 – 2 and will come as often as she can. No electronics or large appliances will be accepted and she will have "donation receipts" available. Barbara will create a flyer for her to send out with an e-mail and will also put it on Facebook. Lorraine will put information in the Citizen.

#### Annual Antique & Craft Show—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea has received several applications and hopes to reach her goal soon.

#### Bus Trip, April 26, 2014—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine was very pleased with the results because there were many other competing events taking place that day. The Morse family did a wonderful job and went all out to make participants welcome. Sally will send a letter of appreciation to Barbara Wackford. At the Sugar Mill, a possible fund raising contact was made with Todd Taylor Wines for a Christmas gift certificate. They could provide a charity event for up to 12 people.

#### By-Laws--Dennis Buscher:

Still in progress.

#### Docents—Mary Bulford (Sign up Sheet):

Mary will contact volunteers for the June 7<sup>th</sup> opening.

Haunted Stage Stop—Jeanette Lawson:

Jeanette reported we are on schedule and will schedule a meeting for the end of May. We applied for a grant from the City of Elk Grove (requested \$3,000) and we may get \$1,000. It was recommended we give 2 tickets to a member of City Council.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

No new applications have been received and Lorraine is updating the list. Annaclare said she talked to a lady at the Tea from Galt who told her she wants to become a member.

Newsletter—May/June—Brookelea Lutton:

The deadline for information for the next Newsletter will be June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Policy & Procedure Committee--Brookelea Lutton:

Waiting for final by-law changes.

Programs for General Meeting—May 19, 6:30 PM—Lorraine Croup:

*Meeting location:* Carlton Plaza of Elk Grove, 6915 Elk Grove Blvd. (we should park in the Nugget parking lot).

*Speaker:* Toni Christman, author of "Our Time to Shine"—Fond Memories of Lodi and San Joaquin Valley"

June general meeting – After discussion, a suggestion was made for a speaker from the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (Roberta Tanner). Merry will give her contact number to Lorraine. The meeting could be held at the Sloughouse Inn; possible date: Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> for lunch and visit to the cemetery (around 11:30 AM).

Publicity—Barbara Claire:

The first Robo call to advertise the General Meeting and Bus Trip: 225 calls broken down as follows:

140 live people, 55 voice mail, 17 busy, 1 invalid number, 12 not completed.

Only two attempts are made if the line is busy. Three credits per call were used for a total of 585 credits. We paid \$90 for 1000 credits. Jeanette's name shows up on the call because our phone number for the Historical Society is a residential line (not a business line as that is more costly) and a person's name (not a business name) must be connected to it.

Spring Tea Committee--Sally Bergen:

We all applauded Sally for the wonderful job she did to make the Tea a fabulous event and successful fundraiser. All enjoyed the music and singer and Sally has received many compliments from those who attended. She expressed her appreciation to all

who helped out. The teacups and saucers are in boxes and need to be washed and wrapped in saran wrap and returned. If anyone could help out, please take a box tonight and she will be at the Museum on Friday morning around 11 AM to receive them back so they can be placed in storage. The elementary and high school kids loved helping out and will do so again. The gazebo was spectacular (thanks to Mary and Barbara) and Milt has his photos on a disc if anyone would like a copy. Sally will schedule a meeting to review and evaluate the event soon.

### **Unfinished Business:**

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

No update but Jim will contact the person regarding the cement to follow up. Jim and Annaclare will be away next month for a well-deserved break.

Plans for Reese School—Dennis Buscher, Jim Entrican:

Dennis reported he met with the architect who will be drawing some preliminary plans (he asked for the plans for the foundation soon) at no charge to us. He also discussed the roof and structural design relative to safety issues. He will take the plans to the fundraiser when they are available.

Front porch repair—sprinkler system repair—Jim Entrican:

Jim sent an e-mail to Brian Fishback and has had no response but will follow up. The sprinklers have been fixed by Elk Grove Irrigation and Jim is awaiting the bill (probably about \$400) to replace all four valves. It was moved by Milt Webb and seconded by Diane Borden to approve the expense up to \$400. Motion carried.

Request for CSD to provide support so we could open more often—Jim Entrican:

A letter was sent requesting more support and an e-mail was received saying that CSD does not give money, but they can give us equipment. Jim will ask for a grant next year for the Antique/Craft Show.

### **New Business:**

Jim would like to have a Facilities Manager position on the Board who would have the authority to make purchases for ongoing maintenance and facility issues. In order to do so, we need to change the by-laws so we should work towards that eventually.

Jeanette reminded everyone to let her know if we know anyone who would be interested in decorating for Christmas. She reminded everyone to be sure to keep receipts for any expenses they incur because without it, they cannot be reimbursed.

Jim passed around a picture of a marble fireplace from the Joseph Kerr House built in the 1880s that was found in someone's garage. He would love it (and we agreed) it would be fitting to have it restored and put in the Ladies Parlor.

Dennis discussed the development of the property where the Capital Nursery was and the recommendation that has been made to take down the house that is still there. There will likely be discussion at the Historical Preservation Committee tonight.

**Upcoming Events:**

- May 19: General Meeting, 6:30 PM, Carlton Plaza, 6915 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove. Speaker: Toni Christman, topic: History of Lodi & San Joaquin Valley
- June 7: Open for tours
- June 9: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Museum
- June 28: General Meeting – tentative date, speaker TBA

The meeting was adjourned by President Barbara Claire at 5:35 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden, Recording Secretary