

## ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2015

**Board Members and Guests Present:** Diane Borden, Dennis Buscher, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Jeanette Lawson, Brookelea Lutton. Absent: Sharon Baker, Sally Bergen, Claudia Johnson, Carol On

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

#### **Public Comment:**

None.

#### **Announcements:**

Happy Birthday to Don, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Haunted Stage Stop docents.

**Approval of Minutes:** October 12, 2015--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Jeanette Lawson and seconded by Barbara Claire to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2015 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as presented. Motion carried.

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

#### Bills:

SMUD - \$265.01

It was moved by Diane Borden and seconded by Barbara Claire to approve payment. Motion carried.

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

Rhoads School Update—Sharon Baker:

No report.

CSD Update—Rich Lozano:

No report.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Calendar Committee—Sally Bergen:

Jim reported that another fire starter is needed but Don is helping to keep things going. Barbara has checked Facebook and there are 49 "likes" so far for the school.

Docents—Brookelea Lutton:

Diane passed around a sign-up sheet for docents for Old Fashioned Christmas. There are 12 aprons available for use by volunteers if needed – on loan for the day they work. She asked if there was someone who would be making nametags and Brookelea thought Kathy Goldsberry had offered to do so at the last committee meeting.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine has received an application from Sani Tax Accounting (business). Jeanette would like to send a letter to all members reminding them to renew their dues. It would include a section where they could note their interest in specific areas. She had a draft that was reviewed and approved by the Board to be mailed out after the first of the year.

Newsletter--Barbara Claire:

Barbara is going to work with Louis Silveria and Jim on the next issue.

Policy & Procedure Committee—Brookelea Lutton:

Ongoing.

Programs for General Meeting—November--Claudia Johnson:

Brookelea reported that the next General Meeting will be on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, to be held at Old Town Creations (next to the Stage Coach). Election of Officers will take place.

Haunted House—Jeanette Lawson:

Income: \$8,025.00; Expenses \$2,599.18; Net Income: \$5,426.82

The attendance was good, increasing each weekend until Halloween. Lots of families came together and enjoyed the event. Barbara said there were lots of likes on Facebook. Jeanette asked if she could have our preapproval to do Haunted Stage Stop next year. We should look for more decorations now while on sale. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Diane Borden to approve the event for 2016. Motion carried. Jeanette will submit the budget later.

Old Fashioned Christmas—Brookelea Lutton:

The decorators will be starting to decorate on November 12<sup>th</sup> and the cleaners will have been here. Jim said the trees would be set out on Thursday. In light of the recent theft of one of the Halloween decorations (\$400 value), there was concern expressed that we need to be more cautious. After discussion, Brookelea said she would send a notice out of morning and afternoon hours when the Museum will be open for decorators. Someone will be scheduled to stay that has a key to be sure the gate is not left open.

Black Tie and Santa—Jeanette Lawson:

Barbara said the store would be open for Black Tie and Santa and Old Fashioned Christmas. Jeanette reported that things are coming along for the silent auction which will be set up outside. Barbara and Jeanette will put a list together of items and send out via e-mail. The Newsletter had information regarding tickets (\$40 each). Dennis will be able to work with the winners who bid on the WorldMark vacation packages he is donating. Another meeting will be scheduled soon.

**Unfinished Business:**

Grant Requests—Barbara Claire:

Barbara is working on the grant reports due to the City.

Foulks House Restoration and Storage—Jim Entrican:

Jim said plans are coming along on the Blacksmith Shop and expects input on Wednesday. Jim Anderson will let him know what materials we might be able to get at no cost. He has received a letter from Hanford Cement Co. that they will donate 10 yards of cement. Nothing new on the Foulks House.

Tom Russell Research Library—Barbara Claire:

Out of the \$8,210 available from the grant, \$1,005.42 has been spent on a printer, \$1,388 on software and \$2,392.42 on Zoom Grants. These costs will be reimbursed to us later.

Scout Projects—Jim Entrican:

Unless it rains this weekend, Jim will have the Scouts working on a project.

Big Day of Giving, May 3<sup>rd</sup>—Dennis Buscher:

Dennis reported he and Louis attended the workshop and more will be scheduled in the future. The cost to us is \$50, which will be withheld from the donations we collect. It is a nationwide effort and the goal is to raise \$7 million. Our profile is due in December and will be put online. Louis will be our Webmaster. The major effort will be to get the word out and collect donations.

Bus Tour to Livermore—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine has cancelled this trip due to not enough interest.

Christmas Luncheon—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea has made reservations for our luncheon on December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Sloughhouse Inn. We will order off the menu and so far there are 19 who will attend.

## **New Business:**

### Community Calendar—Barbara Claire:

Barbara has provided input about our events for the calendar and will e-mail Jim and Brookelea a copy.

### 2016 Upstairs Display—Dennis Buscher:

Jim was disappointed that the Ballroom Display had been taken down completely to make room for Haunted Stage Stop. Dennis has not received any suggestions for next year. However, Barbara Claire said she is researching "Christmas in Elk Grove" based on an article in the Sacramento Bee in 1875. The Board agreed that this would be a wonderful and timely display.

Jim Entrican had his drill stolen from the museum property and requested reimbursement. It was moved by Jeanette Lawson and seconded by Diane Borden to approve reimbursement in the amount of \$182.52. Motion carried. We discussed concerns that there is a thief that is getting onto the property somehow. Jim thought it would be expensive to add a camera to the alarm system. Other options would be to buy and install a camera or talk to CSD.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- November 16 – General Meeting and election of officers at Old Town Creations, 8717 EG Blvd., 6:30 PM
- November 12-22- Decorating for Old Fashioned Christmas
- November 26 – Happy Thanksgiving
- November 29 – Black Tie and Santa
- December 5-6 – Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-5 PM
- December 12-13 – Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-5 PM
- December 14 – Board Meeting, 4 PM, Museum
- December 17 – Christmas Luncheon, 11:30, Sloughhouse Inn
- December 19-20 – Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-5 PM
- December 25 – Merry Christmas!

The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton at 5:35 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden, Recording Secretary