

**ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2013**

Board Members and Guests Present: Sally Bergen, Diane Borden, Mary Bulford, Dennis Buscher, Lucille Christesen, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Dolores and Francis Jacobson, Sarah Johnson, Rich Lozano, Brookelea Lutton, Pam Phelps, Milt Webb, Elaine Wright.

Call to order: Barbara Claire (President): The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Claire at 4 PM.

Public Comment: Barbara reported she had received an e-mail from a member of Gardeners of the Grove about how thrilled she was with the Haunted House. She thought it was appropriate for all ages and would go through it again. Pam Phelps said that friends from work were also very impressed with it.

Announcements:

Thanks to everyone who worked beforehand and during the Haunted Stage Stop premier and who plan to work through the end of October. Thanks also to Ed and Ethyl Keema for loaning us the stagecoach.

Approval of Minutes—September 9, 2013—Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Brookelea Lutton to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2013 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as submitted. Motion carried.

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

In Jeanette's absence, Barbara presented the following bills for approval:

1. \$240.00 to Brian Fishback to replace the pump for the fountain. It was moved by Lorraine Croup and seconded by Sally Bergen to approve the expense. Motion carried.
2. \$247.07 to Jeanette Lawson for smoke detectors required by the Fire Department for the Haunted Stage Stop event. It was moved by Lorraine Croup and seconded by Brookelea Lutton to approve the expense. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Entrican to transfer \$9,438.00 from the Reese School Fund to the General Restoration Fund for the storage shed; it was seconded by Sally Bergen, motion carried.

It was noted that the Time Capsule Fund would be kept open for any future income. It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Diane Borden to approve the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

By-Laws Update - Dennis Buscher:

Dennis presented some items for consideration for changes to the by-laws for discussion and direction by the Board:

Eliminate the 2nd Vice President position due to the fact that few of the assigned duties are actually performed. It was agreed to keep the position and that the duties need to be redefined to focus on coordination of fund raising activities and specified more clearly in the by-laws.

Remove the words "President Elect" from the position of 1st Vice President/President Elect. After discussion, it was agreed to do so because it may be that the 1st Vice President may not want to run for President and should feel no pressure to do so. In addition, if a vacancy occurs in any elected position, it will be kept vacant and filled at the time of the next election.

It was unclear in the by-laws whether the Parliamentarian is a voting member of the Board. It was determined that he/she is not and the by-laws need to be changed.

Regarding proxy voting, Barbara has researched this issue and determined it is not appropriate for our organization.

Dennis and his new committee members will proceed with updating the by-laws.

Antique & Craft Show – Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea reported we had a great morning and then the sky opened up and everyone scrambled to pack up and get out of the rain. Vendors still felt it was a good event. The hot dog vendor did well and will return next year and Brookelea will be searching for new vendors. We sold many of our books and the income will be noted in the Museum Store account to reflect that.

Antique and Craft Show:

Income: \$1,926.00

Expenses: \$663.45

Profit: \$1,262.55 (added to Foulks' House Fund)

Docents—Annaclare Entrican:

Annaclare thanked the docents for their participation at the Haunted Stage Stop event and reminded docents of future dates they signed up for. Members are to park in the back (will be lit) and all rooms should have at least one person on duty.

Haunted House--Jeanette Lawson:

Expenses for Facebook Ad – 7,464 ad views, spent \$51.34 (ran from Monday 9/30/13 to Sunday 10/6/13). Ran again 10/9/13 to 10/12/13, 13,611 views, spent \$40. So far, attendance has been great (400-500).

Historic Homes of Elk Grove--Jeanette Lawson & Barbara Claire:

On hold.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

An application has been received from Felix Grant from England (an international member). He was impressed that our members are not from businesses. Also an application from Dorene Ladewig was accepted.

Newsletter—Brookelea Lutton:

Deadline is October 18, 2013 for our November/December edition.

Nominating Committee—Phil Teeters, Lorraine Croup, Merry Leverton:

Lorraine reported the committee would meet next week and nominations can be presented at the General Meeting.

Policy & Procedure--Brookelea Lutton:

On hold.

Programs for General Meeting—Elaine Wright:

October 21, 2013 General Meeting at 6:30 PM to be a tour of the Haunted Stage Stop. The Ballot for 2014 Officers will be presented. Diane and Elaine will bring cookies and Jim will provide apple cider for refreshments.

The General Meeting on November 18th will be held at Ray Baylass' store.

Old Fashioned Christmas--Jeanette Lawson:

Barbara passed around 4 tickets each for all Board members to sell. Sally Bergen handed out a list of vendors so we could sign up to solicit donations for the silent auction. Elaine will help out with wrapping the items.

Unfinished Business:

Foulks House Restoration & Storage Shed—Jim Entrican:

Contractor bids have been received, including one for the storage shed; a third bid is still pending. The estimates are high and Jim discussed the reasons in some detail. For a barn-shaped storage shed (12' X 18'), mice are a problem and siding and roof are in the plans. Jim needs to do more research before he can make a recommendation.

Dining Room Table--Dennis Buscher & Jim Entrican:

This is off the table and can be deleted.

Plaque for Fence Donors—Jeanette Lawson:

Nothing new.

Plaque for Jail—Jim Entrican:

It's UP! Check it out if you haven't done so.

Security System--Jim Entrican:

Jim has received 2 bids and will work on this as he has time.

Electrical receptacles—options for fixing by volunteer electricians—Jim Entrican:

More later.

Town Planner—Deadline October 15, 2013

Barbara has submitted all information to be included in the calendar.

New Business:

Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, IN—Request for Newsletters--The Elk Grove Hotel Register. From 1980 (our earliest copy) to March of 1994, it was called the Elk Grove Hotel Register. Missing issues for April to December of 1992, all of 1993, and no issues in file from April of 1994 until March of 1995. In April of 1995, the issues are in file with the name changed to the Stage Stop Gazette. Barbara made copies of those issues requested and will send them to Allen County (\$166.00 spent for 83 newsletters (332 pages) from 1983 to 1994).

Marilyn Kennedy donated a quilt that belonged to Mary McConnell, the sister of Jennie McConnell and daughter of Thomas McConnell, who established McConnell's Station in 1869.

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Jim announced that the Wackford family would be dedicating our new fountain they donated on December 1st at noon. An article will be included in the next Newsletter. He will spend up to \$100 for a plaque.

Status report on the kitchen sink: The funds have been approved and the plumber can start when we are ready (will take about a week) – but not until after the Haunted Stage Stop is concluded.

Upcoming Events:

- October 18-19, 2013: Haunted Stage Stop, 5-9 PM
- October 21, 2013: General Meeting, tour of Haunted Stage Stop, 6:30 PM; Nominations for Officers for 2014
- October 25-26, 2013: Haunted Stage Stop 5-9 PM
- November – Haunted take down and set up for Old Fashioned Christmas
- November 11, 2013: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Museum
- November 18, 2013: General Meeting, Ray Bayless' Store, 6:30 PM
- December 1, 2013: Black Tie & Santa
- December 6, 7, & 8: Old Fashioned Christmas
- December 9, 2013: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Museum
- December 13, 14, & 15: Old Fashioned Christmas
- December 20, 21, & 22: Old Fashioned Christmas

The meeting was adjourned by President Barbara Claire at 5:55 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden
Recording Secretary