

## ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2014

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

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

#### **Public Comment:**

None.

#### **Announcements:**

Thanks to all the docents who worked the Haunted Stage Stop & Giant Pumpkin Festival.

We have a security issue as a result of items taken from the property. Recently Barbara and Mary were decorating the gazebo, and when they went to leave, they noticed that a bin of fabric and materials had been taken. Please be sure to lock the gate whenever you are inside the building.

Jim Entrican is the 2014 Mayor's Volunteer Award winner in the category of Arts, Culture, and Heritage. His volunteerism has been noticed as he has put in many hours around the Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum. Jim, along with other award recipients, will be presented with his award at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, October 22 at 6:00 at the Council Chambers. Congratulations, Jim!

**Approval of Minutes:** September 8, 2014--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Jeanette Lawson to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2014 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as submitted. Motion carried.

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

#### Income:

Donations from Wightman Family - \$10,000

Barn Raising Fundraiser - \$2,065

Antique & Craft Show – Income \$2,657.00, expenses \$940.45, net income to date \$1,716.55

## Bills:

For SMUD - \$205.93 and to Paula Maita for T-shirts \$229.39

It was moved by Brookelea Lutton and seconded by Sally Bergen to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried.

It was moved by Diane Borden and seconded by Brookelea Lutton to approve the Treasurer's Report (attached) as presented. Motion carried.

## Rhoads School Update--Merry Leverton:

Merry reported that the school is in awesome shape after being cleaned and painted. This year so far they have 65 days scheduled for school visits and requests for an additional 3 more. They will be recruiting for more docents and Sally offered the name of someone who might be interested. Carol On was introduced as a new Board Member.

## CSD Update--Rich Lozano:

Rich was absent – no report.

## **Committee Reports:**

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

The event went very well and exceeded income over last year. Brookelea has received very favorable comments on the evaluations from the vendors. She and Jeanette will have a final report of income at the next meeting.

### By-Laws--Dennis Buscher:

Dennis will make the suggested adjustments and have them ready for the next meeting.

### Docents—Mary Bulford:

Mary commented on the great job high school students are doing at the Haunted Stage Stop – and in particular, Caitlyn, a drama student in college. She does a wonderful job working with and teaching the other students.

### Giant Pumpkin Festival & Haunted Stage Stop—Jeanette Lawson:

Jeanette reported attendance has been very good. Over the weekend there were some larger groups who came through – many who were first timers. The pumpkin house (gazebo) is a big hit for little ones. Advertising in various ways has paid off and Good Day Sacramento came and filmed on the first day. She reminded volunteers to try and find a replacement if you are unable to come on the day(s) you signed up for.

Barbara reported our Facebook ad reached 15,592 users, 864 clicks on our web site for a total of \$124.12 spent to date. Ad will run to the end of the month. Up to 307 page likes and 344 post likes (2 weeks).

#### Membership—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine has received an application from a potential member. She suggested that we need to contact new members as soon as they apply to find out where they might be interested in helping. This could be done by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Brookelea said the P&Ps will include this in the Officer duties, as well as responsibility for budgets for events, publicity etc.

#### Newsletter—September-October sent out—Brookelea Lutton:

The deadline for November-December will be October 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Old Fashioned Christmas – Jeanette Lawson:

Jeanette will not chair this event next year. However, she will be happy to train someone to take over. If anyone is interested, please let her know and they can work with her this year.

#### Policy & Procedure Committee--Brookelea Lutton:

The committee has met and will meet again this week. Brookelea asked for clarification on what a "quorum to conduct business" means in the by-laws. Is it the same as taking a vote? Dennis said yes we can discuss something but can't make a decision without a quorum present. If elected, Brookelea said she would like to meet with the Board right after the first of the year to plan for next year.

#### Programs for General Meeting—September:

November 17, 2014 – 6:30 PM at Ray's Old Town Creations, located by Savemart on Elk Grove Florin Road. We will have election of Officers.

#### Scout Projects—Jim Entrican:

Jim is working to coordinate several ongoing projects. He carefully supervises these.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

#### Barn Raising Mail Fundraiser—Jeanette Lawson:

Jeanette hopes to get a little more income from this.

#### Calendar Idea

Need volunteers to be on the committee. Sally Bergen, Claudia Johnson and Diane Borden volunteered. In addition, Merry Leverton and Carol On are interested in participating. Sally has talked to a photographer and we should take pictures of the HSS. She will schedule a meeting soon in order to get ideas from community groups.

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

Jim met with a new contractor on Monday. He has a couple of cement companies in Elk Grove who would be willing to donate the cement work to defray some of the costs.

### Front Porch Repair/Fountain—Jim Entrican:

Jim is working with this same contractor and expects to get a quote by the first of the year.

The fountain is an issue and continues to tip. It was agreed we need to get a recommendation to get this resolved. Jim will contact the Secret Garden.

### Reese School Committee—Dennis Buscher, Jim Entrican:

Jim and Dennis discussed this and will follow up with Kevin Pressey, the architect.

Robo Call for general meeting—198 calls, 119 live person, 50 voice mail, 12 busy, 16 not completed. Cost was \$30.42 (338 credits used at \$.09 per credit). We have 392 credits available for use.

### **New Business:**

The Board went over the dates for the Town Planner Calendar, which is due October 15<sup>th</sup>. Barbara requested that we let her know before Wednesday of any further changes.

Whitelock Parkway meeting to be held on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 PM at the Pavilion in Elk Grove Park. Jim requested approval to send information and a report via email to members. This is open to the public.

Milt Webb asked about having a work/trash day soon. He would like to keep the horse drawn plows. We will discuss this at the next meeting. In addition, Milt would like to see a timeline for starting the shed and restoration of the Foulks House.

Jim passed a photo around of a Wedgewood stove, which is an heirloom from Annaclare's family. They would like to have it placed on display in the Elk Grove House and suggested it replace the current stove in the kitchen. That one could then be moved to the Blacksmith Shop. This donation is contingent upon the stove being kept here and not being sold. Barbara asked Sally to send a letter of acknowledgement and appreciation.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- October 17-18: Haunted Stage Stop, 5 PM – 9 PM
- October 24-25: Haunted Stage Stop, 5 PM – 9 PM
- October 31 on Halloween: Haunted Stage Stop, 5 PM – 9 PM
- November – start decorating for Old Fashioned Christmas
- November 10: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Museum

- November 17: General Meeting, election of officers, Old Town Creations on Elk Grove Florin Rd., 6:30 PM
- November 27: Thanksgiving—Gobble, gobble!!
- November 30: Black Tie & Santa

The meeting was adjourned by President Barbara Claire at 5:30 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden,

Recording Secretary