

## ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2015

**Board Members and Guests Present:** Sharon and Don Baker, Sally Bergen, Diane Borden, Dennis Buscher, Lorraine Croup, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Leo Fassler, Frances & Dolores Jacobson, Claudia Johnson, Jeanette Lawson, Rich Lozano, Brookelea Lutton, Louis Silveria, Milt Webb. Absent: Barbara Claire, Carol On

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

#### **Public Comment:**

Brookelea introduced new members Louis Silveria and Leo Fassler.

#### **Announcements:**

Thanks to Haunted Stage Stop docents.

**Approval of Minutes:** September 14, 2015--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Claudia Johnson to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2015 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as presented. Motion carried.

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

#### Bills:

To reimburse Lorraine Croup to pay for the bus for the trip to Lodi - \$1,036.03.

To reimburse Barbara Claire for purchases in advance but are covered under the approved grants (software and printer and ink) - \$1,388.00 and \$1,005.00. We will be reimbursed by the grantee.

For SMUD - \$242.57

To Deanna Reaves for decorations for the bathroom (no receipt) - \$28.40

Approval to have the Museum cleaned by Merry Maids after Haunted Stage Stop - \$335.00

It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Claudia Johnson to approve the bills. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sharon Baker and seconded by Sally Bergen to approve the Treasurer's Report (see agenda) as presented. Motion carried.

Rhoads School Update—Sharon Baker:

Sharon reported there were over 200 people who stopped by the school on October 3<sup>rd</sup> during the Giant Pumpkin Festival. At their October board meeting, they approved six scholarships (\$160 each) and they currently have over 70 reservations for the year. They have a new Treasurer, Becky Fuentes and a new Fire Starter, Fred Fuentes. They are looking at replacing the windows on the south side due to leakage. Sharon introduced Leo Fassler and he will be a Fire Starter on Fridays. She handed out copies of the school brochure and business cards for our use.

CSD Update—Rich Lozano:

The biggest pumpkin for the contest weighed about 1,809 pounds. Everything went well and attendance was good. They are still waiting for final settlement from the insurance for the Administration Building and they are not sure yet whether they will be able to save the exterior wall.

**Committee Reports:**

Calendar Committee—Sally Bergen:

Nothing new.

Docents—Jeanette Lawson:

A few more docents are needed for this weekend and on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Jeanette will be gone for next two weekends but will send an e-mail to those who have agreed to docent. Annaclare will be calling to obtain a few more volunteers.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

Jo-an Lane is our newest member and Lorraine said she needs to be contacted to ask where she is interested in helping out.

Newsletter-November-December--Barbara Claire:

Brookelea said the next edition will be for November-December and articles are due to Barbara by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Policy & Procedure Committee—Brookelea Lutton:

Ongoing.

Programs for General Meeting—October and November--Claudia Johnson:

The next General Meeting is on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Museum, 4 PM. The slate of officers will be presented and nominations taken from the floor. A tour of the Haunted Stage Stop will follow.

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

Claudia has responded to a phone call to the museum phone from a relative of the Bilby family (she lives in North Carolina). She will be sending us the wedding garments of her grandparents, as well as other memorabilia.

Haunted House—Jeanette Lawson:

Jim said that Good Day Sacramento has been contacted to film the Haunted Stage Stop early this Saturday and/or on October 26<sup>th</sup>. He is waiting for confirmation from them.

Old Fashioned Christmas—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea said the decorators are on board and in the planning stage. One of them has a 1900s carriage that she is willing to let us use for Black Tie & Santa for photos (see attached picture). Laura Bemis will also be asked to take pictures that night. We will be able to get a 15% discount for installation of the outside lights by reserving a time early (approved in the budget). Merry, Claudia, Ann, Sally and Diane will be decorating the jail next week for Santa's Workshop (Jim has cleaned it out already).

Black Tie and Santa—Jeanette Lawson:

Tickets will be out after November 1<sup>st</sup> and flyers have been printed. The price is \$40 and includes wine, hors d'oeuvres, sturgeon, caviar, etc. An article will be put in the newsletter with more information.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Grant Requests—Barbara Claire:

No report.

Foulks House Restoration and Storage—Jim Entrican:

Jim has received the plans from the Architect for the shed and he and Dennis have reviewed them. He said Cliff is willing to work with us to keep costs down and will give Jim a list of materials he can get donated. Cement work has been committed to for the pad, and Jim would like to get this done before the rains start. He has permission to store everything at Jerry Strong's until after Christmas and he needs to start transferring things over within the next month. The plan is to build a loft for extra storage and have the building insulated and eventually run some electricity for lights. He is estimating a budget of approximately \$30,000 for a 20 x 25 foot shed, and through donations of materials. We will have to pay for the cost of labor of a licensed contractor.

Jim needs to clean out the area with a front loader and remove what is in the space where the storage shed will be built. Forms need to be put in and rebar so the cement can be poured. He requested approval for a tentative budget to get started.

It was moved by Jeanette Lawson and seconded by Jim Entrican to approve up to \$30,000 to build the storage unit. The motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 2 no.

Tom Russell Research Library—Barbara Claire:

No report.

Scout Projects—Jim Entrican:

Eagle Scouts will extend the brickwork walkway at the Rhoads School in the front area by the gate and replace the slate memorial squares (about 10). Two projects were completed last month and there are 11 in the works.

Drinking Fountain Status—Jim Entrican:

It was decided to remove this project from the list, as it would be too expensive for the Scouts.

Bus Tour of Winery and Rae House in September—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine said we made about \$1,117.00 from the tour and raffle that Sally put together. Everyone that went really enjoyed the day.

Sunrise Rotary Club Tour—Sally Bergen:

Sally reported there were about 23 who came and they enjoyed themselves very much. The members offered their help if we ever need it.

Reese School Committee—Brookelea Lutton/all:

An e-mail from Brookelea was sent to Steve Montgomery on September 16, 2015 regarding our pending payment of \$6,500 upon receipt of their invoice; and another on September 25, 2015 to the Board stating that Mr. Montgomery had received our check for payment in full as noted on their invoice.

Jim said that he received an e-mail today from Architect Kevin Pressey (attached) saying that the Reese school building is "unique" and there are not very many left in California. He believes that every effort should be made to maintain the building and the key elements should be made so that when funds are available the building could be restored. The firm has offered to help with the architectural and structural design to lower the building off of the cribbing and set the building on a foundation and to help describe the best way to preserve the historic detail until funds can be raised to fully restore the structure.

Brookelea reported that Carol On has received no further input from contractors she had contacted. This project will be put on hold until after the first of the year.

## **New Business:**

Bus tour to Livermore—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine has put together a bus tour to the San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore on November 21<sup>st</sup> (flyer attached). The cost is \$55 and a no host lunch at the Food Court. There will be additional discounts available from many of the stores.

Slate of Officers—Lorraine Croup:

Merry announced the following nominations: President Brookelea Lutton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Claudia Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dennis Buscher, Recording Secretary Diane Borden, Corresponding Secretary Sally Bergen, Treasurer Jeanette Lawson. There were no nominations made from the floor. Lorraine thanked Sharon and Merry for their help.

Louis Silveria said he would be willing to help Barbara with the newsletter. It was also suggested that we need to consider appointing an assistant for Jeanette Lawson who can be her back up and/or be trained to do the job.

Foulks Story—Jim Entrican:

Jim would like us to consider compiling a book about the Foulks family based on diaries that Mike Lynn, a Native Son of the Golden West, has transcribed and typed. He is a great grandson of Guy Foulks. It was agreed this would be a good fundraiser for our projects.

Big Day of Giving, May 3<sup>rd</sup>—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea asked whether we want to take this on as another fund-raising effort. It is very time consuming and involves meetings and coordination. Dennis Buscher volunteered to help Barbara Claire as well as Louis Silveria.

Expenses related to events—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea reminded us that if you have expenses and wish to be reimbursed (for any event), please give your receipts to the chair of that event and he/she will give your request to Jeanette for payment. This is so the event chair is kept informed of expenses as they are incurred.

Christmas Luncheon—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea asked if we would like to have a Christmas luncheon (no host) and suggested Sloughhouse Inn as a location. We all agreed and she will investigate further and provide more information at our next meeting.

Dennis Buscher has made some metal signs to place on the property in recognition of the many flowers that Big Oak Nursery has donated to us. Sally will also send them a thank you letter.

Jim announced that Lee Roberts passed away on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 95 years of age. He was a 50-year member of the Native Sons and a well-known member of the community. He passed around a memory book that he had put together.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- October 16 - General Meeting, 4 PM, museum, slate of officers presented/tour of Haunted House
- October 16-17 – Haunted Stage Stop, 5-9 PM
- October 23-24 – Haunted Stage Stop, 5-9 PM
- October 30-31 – Haunted Stage Stop, 5-9 PM
- November 9 – Board Meeting, 4 PM, museum
- November 16 – General Meeting and election of officers at Old Town Creations, 6:30 PM
- November 21 – Bus trip to San Francisco Premium Outlets, Livermore. Bus leaves Stage Stop Museum parking lot at 8:30 AM.
- November 12-22 – Decorating for Old Fashioned Christmas
- November 29 – Black Tie and Santa

The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton at 5:45 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden, Recording Secretary