

## **ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

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

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

#### **Public Comment:**

Brookelea introduced John Johnson (Sarah Johnson's husband).

#### **Announcements:**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Sally – September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Brookelea read a thank you note from Elizabeth Knopf sent to Jim on behalf of the Sheldon Family Association for their tour of the museum. Included was a check for a \$100 donation. Sally will send them a thank you letter.

Thanks to those who helped with the Craft Show.

Thanks to those who docented for the September opening. There were 22 (including kids) who attended.

**Approval of Minutes:** August 10, 2015--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Barbara Claire and seconded by Sally Bergen to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2015 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as presented. Motion carried.

Copies were provided of the informal notes of the meeting regarding the Reese School held on September 3, 2015.

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

#### Bills:

SMUD bill for \$207.17

Payment to Dennis Buscher for his portion of the consignment items sold in the store in the amount of \$466.80.

Reimbursement to Lorraine Croup for expenses for the Yard Sale in the amount of \$308.20

It was moved by Barbara Claire and seconded by Sally Bergen to pay the bills. Motion carried.

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

Rhoads School Update—Sharon Baker:

Their first event was held last Saturday for the American Legion. The roses are in bloom and the members were very impressed, taking pictures and having a good time. They offered to help in any way doing maintenance to the school. Jim said there would be opportunities to take them up on that soon. The Boy Scouts will be putting bricks around the roses this weekend. The Facebook page has been up for the School and Barbara said they have 43 "likes" so far.

CSD Update—Rich Lozano:

Rich said they are all set for the Giant Pumpkin Festival on October 3-4. All fire fighters are maxed out covering the fires that erupted last week. Hopefully they will get them under control soon.

**Committee Reports:**

Calendar Committee—Sally Bergen:

The next meeting is set for Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the Museum. It has been decided to go ahead with this project and display pictures in the calendar of the Museum and events (any time period). Milt said he has a CD of pictures available. Barbara will work on setting up each page using a template. Expenses for printing will be covered by paid advertising from local businesses.

Docents—Brookelea Lutton:

No report.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

She just received an application for membership from Angela Perry, Executive Director of the Chamber, and another from Lynn Ossolinski.

Newsletter-September-October--Barbara Claire:

The September-October Newsletter has been sent out. The next edition will be for November-December and articles are due by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Policy & Procedure Committee—Brookelea Lutton:

Ongoing

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

Visit to Rhoads School, September 21st – General Meeting, at 4 PM. Sharon said docents will do a demo and cookies and lemonade will be available. She thanked Lorraine for arranging to have Leo Fasler, former attendee to the school, to speak about his experience. Carol will put an item in the Citizen.

General Meeting, 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.

Fall Craft Show—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea reported there were not as many people who came, but there were 38 vendors. Net profit is estimated at \$1,498. She said she would not chair this event next year. It is too labor intensive for the return, and is a year-round responsibility getting ready. The vendors will be disappointed. Anyone is welcome to come up with another idea for a fundraiser.

Old Fashioned Christmas—Brookelea Lutton:

A decorator is needed for the jail. Sally said she and Merry have already started working on a functional décor using what is already on hand from prior years. Diane offered to help and Sharon showed one of the aprons that have been made by Merry, Sharon and Diane (12 total for docents to use). Brookelea has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday at 4 PM for decorators to look at decorations available to use.

Haunted House—Jeanette Lawson:

Jeanette has scheduled a meeting at the Museum for Saturday at 10 AM. She passed around a sign-up sheet for docents for the event and said that Key Clubs will be asked to help. She has prepared a Volunteer's agreement that she will give out to them with information and a place to say which day(s) they are available. Volunteers must be 16 years or older and she will let them know what days they will be assigned to volunteer. Pam Phelps is the contact and there will be an orientation provided. Use of cell phones will not be allowed. Decorators are starting to decorate and cards and posters have been printed and will be distributed in the community.

**Unfinished Business:**

Grant Requests—Barbara Claire:

Nothing new.

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

Jim has met with Kevin Pressey. The engineer is to get the information to him soon and the plans will be forthcoming for the storage shed soon. He would like to get the concrete foundation done before it rains (pending Board approval).

### Scout Projects—Jim Entrican:

Jim has about 12 projects starting or in process in various stages. Four new benches are ready for the front porch for the Haunted Stage Stop.

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

To be held on September 19<sup>th</sup>, Lorraine has received 37 reservations so far and based on that, estimates a profit of about \$900. She will be at the Museum parking lot at 9:30 on Saturday and the bus leaves by 10. Lorraine said that the mailing list that Jim and Dennis compiled participants of past tours has paid off – 8 of those signed up were from that list.

### Reese School Committee—Brookelea Lutton/all:

Copies were provided of the informal notes (attached) of the meeting regarding the Reese School held on September 3, 2015. This meeting was held to discuss the options for the Reese School. Based on input from everyone, Brookelea prepared a handout (attached) with pros and cons. An informal vote was taken as to whether we should pay Montgomery for the beams so that we can move on and make a decision as to whether to demolish or reconstruct. The majority agreed we should do so and to bring to a formal Board setting for vote.

In addition, Carol On has contacted a couple of contractors to come and look at the building and provide their opinion. Forrester (who did the foundation on the Foulks House) said he would not touch the Reese School or be interested in bidding on any work. In today's dollars, we would be looking at an estimate of \$2 million to reconstruct. Carol will let us know if she hears from any others she has contacted; many of them are very busy this time of the year.

Carol looked online at fund-raisers and to retain a professional, there would need to be a deposit put down based off of how much you are attempting to raise. The recycling of (constructional type) beams is .01 cent(s) per pound and a delivery would need to be arranged.

After discussion, it was moved by Jeanette Lawson and seconded by Jim Entrican that we pay Montgomery \$6,500 for the beams. Motion carried by a vote of 6 yes and 2 no.

Brookelea will contact Montgomery and ask that they submit an invoice for \$6,500 for the beams and cribbing marked "paid in full" and that we would owe them nothing further.

### **New Business:**

#### Speaker at Chamber's Leadership meeting—Jim Entrican:

Jim made an informal presentation and his focus was on "what do we do," and how we got started. He had a handout available and asked if there was anyone interested in volunteering. Angela Perry requested and completed an application, and another person expressed interest as he was leaving. Jim will go to some of the local

businesses to see if he can get others to join.

Museum parking lot to be resealed—Jim Entrican:

CSD plans to reseat and stripe the parking lot and asked for input. Some of the parking spaces are too narrow for ADA requirements, so Jim requested some alternative spacing resulting in a loss of just two spaces. He expects it to be done soon (prior to September 24<sup>th</sup>) and the lot will be out of service for one day.

Archivist position—Jim Entrican:

Jim reported that Hans Feickert has expressed an interest in working as the Museum Archivist. He knew Tom and is familiar with the ranches and surrounding area. His son is also interested in helping out. A new software system needs to be downloaded and we need to purchase a tutorial for it, which can be taken home for learning purposes. Jeanette said after the first of the year she and Barbara will look into buying this. Hans is a member of the Society. Brookelea will need to appoint him to the position.

Sunrise Rotary Club Tour—Sally Bergen:

Sally said that Marie Croco came by to see the Museum and expressed an interest in having a meeting here for the Sunrise Rotary Club (different than the Elk Grove Rotary). It is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. After the meeting they would like to tour the Museum (complimentary). There will be about 30 people coming and they will bring their own refreshments. We will have docents available, and need to provide 4 round tables and 32 chairs for the meeting on the patio (and take them down afterwards).

Black Tie & Santa – Sealed Bid Auction – Jeanette Lawson:

Dennis Buscher has donated four condo packages from Worldmark for the Black Tie & Santa event, worth about \$2,000. They are:

Depoe Bay, Oregon (on the ocean), one week in May. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, with kitchen and living room.

Las Vegas, Nevada, February (President's Day weekend), one week, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, shuttle from the airport.

Anaheim (Disneyland) July 4<sup>th</sup> for one week.

Rosarito condo gated on the beach, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, week of your choice.

The process for bidding will be sent out the end of October in the Newsletter with instructions as well as a flyer to send to those on our new list.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- September 19 – Bus Tour to Lodi, leaving Museum at 10 AM
- September 21 – General Meeting, Rhoads School, 4 PM
- October 3-4 – Haunted Stage Stop, 1-5 PM
- October 9-10 – Haunted Stage Stop, 5-9 PM
- 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

The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton at 5:40 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden,

Recording Secretary