

**ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING OF JULY 9, 2012**

Board Members and Guests Present: Joyce Amundson, Diane Borden, Dennis Buscher, Lucille Christensen, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Jeanette Lawson, Brookelea Lutton, Michelle Orrock (Board Member, CSD), Elaine Wright.

Call to order: Barbara Claire (1st Vice President)

Public Comment: None

Announcements:

- Barbara Claire thanked our docents that worked the June and July openings. The parking situation continues to be an issue. Even though the gate remained locked until 5 minutes before the opening on Saturday, people at the baseball diamond were moving their cars from other places into our lot. Lorraine Croup suggested we consider getting Boy Scouts or high school students to monitor parking if it continues to be a problem. At one time, we used to charge parkers, provide a ticket and give them their money back when they left the lot. Michelle Orrock (CSD) said she would have an e-mail sent to the Youth Sports League organizations to let them know this is a problem that can prevent people from attending our once-a-month openings.
- Great General Meeting for June—100 Year Jail Celebration. It was a very hot day but more than 60 people attended and we made the front page of the Citizen. Barbara Claire thanked all those who participated. Elaine Wright did a great job as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Reading of Minutes for June Meeting: Diane Borden read the minutes of the June 11, 2012 Board Meeting. After discussion, it was moved by Jeanette Lawson and seconded by Brookelea Lutton to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

Resignation of Norm Franklin as President (Memo from Jim Entrican):

Information provided by Jim Entrican concerning Norm Franklin, President -- On Saturday evening the 23rd of June I called Norm regarding his absence of more than three consecutive regularly scheduled board and general meetings. Norm would like to resign his remaining term of President for medical reasons and move into the Past President position of the Elk Grove Historical Society.

Dennis Buscher read the portion of the bylaws that address this issue. It was moved by Lorraine Croup and seconded by Joyce Amundson to accept Norm Franklin's resignation. Motion carried.

Since this left the position of President vacant, the Board then appointed Barbara Claire to finish the term as President of the Elk Grove Historical Society.

It was moved by Barbara Claire, and seconded by Diane Borden to nominate and appoint Brookelea Lutton as 1st Vice President. Motion carried. These appointments, along with that of Diane Borden as Recording Secretary, will be submitted for approval at the September General Meeting.

Treasurer's Report/Bills (see agenda for the Report):

Jeanette Lawson, Treasurer reported that the \$400 has been received from the Garden Club for roses.

Jeanette reminded chairmen of fundraisers that they need to have their budget approved by the Board.

2012 Old Fashioned Christmas Budget - Jeanette Lawson presented her proposed budget (attached) for the Old Fashioned Christmas. Rental of the Pavilion (set up for Santa and hayrides) is approximately \$60. Elaine Wright will check to see if security is included. It was moved by Elaine Wright and seconded by Brookelea Lutton to approve the proposed budget. Motion carried.

2012 Antique and Craft Show Budget - Brookelea Lutton presented her proposed budget (attached) for the Antique and Craft Show based on the number of vendors she expects to participate. It was moved by Elaine Wright, seconded by Joyce Amundson to approve the proposed budget. Motion carried.

Jeanette reported that Clarke and Rush had inspected the water damage in one of the upstairs bedrooms. They recommended a "T pipe" be installed, along with two conductors outside. Estimated costs of this maintenance are \$598.00. It was moved by Lorraine Croup and seconded by Joyce Amundson to approve the expenditure. Motion carried.

Bradbury and Bradbury (hand silk screen wallpaper) contacted Jeanette as they were seeking organizations they might use for a photo shoot. She subsequently sent them pictures. Although they chose another organization, they had some extra wallpaper they wanted to donate to us. Jeanette displayed the paper and said it would be beautiful in the men's parlor. Joyce Amundson will send them a note of thanks.

Jeanette inquired whether our insurance would cover someone replacing the wallpaper. In discussing this with Colton, she was informed that we have four different policies: Directors and Officers, Volunteers, General Liability, and Contents of the building. Our last insurance bill was \$2,680.00. We do not have insurance on the building itself. While fire insurance was included at one time, it has since been dropped. This could be expensive to add and she has asked for a quote, using a couple of deductible amounts. Further information will be provided to the Board via e-mail.

Raley's Quality of Life cards have been given to Joyce Amundson so that she can send them to new members.

Jeanette Lawson said there is a cradle in the basement and a play horse that has been in the Child's Room that was donated several years ago. She recommended that we donate them for the Garage Sale. It was moved by Joyce Amundson and seconded by Diane Borden to approve sale of these items at the Garage Sale. Motion carried.

Brookelea Lutton indicated she has received inquiries about artifact donations of historical interest to the Museum and wanted to know how these should be handled. These inquiries should be referred to Dennis, our archivist; and he will contact the person and determine if we can use the item(s).

Committee Reports:

Cookbook: Brookelea Lutton has received two recipes from Sandy Russell and a couple of people have notified her they will be sending theirs in.

Docents: Annaclare Entrican (Excused Absence)

Foulks House EG City Grant—Official Notice status: (Jim Entrican, excused) in an e-mail notification received by Jim, the grant has been approved and they will be sending us further documentation.

Historic Homes of Elk Grove: Jeanette Lawson and Barbara Claire reported that progress is being made in collecting information. Dennis Buscher reported that the Historic Committee of Elk Grove has hired someone to do a study and preliminary information was presented at the Library recently. It provided excellent historical information about Elk Grove. They have been asked to do a presentation before the City Council. Tom Russell asked for a video tape copy.

Membership: Lorraine Croup reported there are no new members. She may send another reminder to those who have not paid their membership dues.

Newsletter (July-August) & Antique & Craft Show: The July/August newsletter has gone out. Brookelea Lutton said the next newsletter would be sent at the end of August. She has received 23 applications from vendors for the Antique and Craft Show. Brookelea has paid the \$60 fee to CSD. There is an issue with CSD cars in the parking lot. They want to keep their cars (5) parked there for security reasons (in the second row near the dumpster). This will cut the space available for vendors. Michelle Orrock, CSD, will send an e-mail to staff to request they try and work with us. Last year, EGACT had a craft sale the same day that we had ours and it appears they will again this year. Brookelea will follow up and see if we can coordinate our efforts.

Program for General Meeting: Elaine Wright has invited Cheryl Stappe, a member of Daughters of the Golden West, to speak at the September 17th General Meeting regarding her book about pioneer women who lived during the California Gold Rush. In October, Jim is planning to work with the OSLHP Vigilance Committee and the Native Sons on the News of Statehood.

Concours D'Elegance at Ironstone Winery—September 22: Lorraine Croup is working with Billie at Ironstone on publicity and has reserved a bus. Tickets to the Concours itself will be \$18. The total cost of the tour, including the bus, will be about \$75 per person (fee does not include food).

Christmas Decorators/Parade of Trees: Jeanette Lawson needs 3 more decorators for the Hotel.

Unfinished Business:

Fountain in Luttig Garden (status report): Dennis Buscher will be working on it this month. The pump needs to be installed.

Front Landscaping & Walkway Lighting: Jim Entrican (Excused) had a meeting with the Scouts. They have been given a key to the gate so they can work on the brickwork.

Internet at Hotel: Jim Entrican (Excused) - Elaine Wright will talk to Jim Cline about the cost.

Safe in Jail: Jeanette Lawson reported that the safe is listed on the flyer for the Garage Sale, which will also be advertised on Craig's List. Dennis Busher said it came from the town of Locke and has no history in Elk Grove. The lock mechanism does not work. There is a similar safe at Ironstone Winery.

Plaque for Fence Donors: Jeanette Lawson said it is ready to go and she is waiting for information from Jim Entrican.

Plaque for Jail: Jim Entrican (Excused) We will get the real one soon.

Elk Grove Garden Club: \$400 for roses has been received.

New Business:

Dennis Buscher has talked to Lorraine Croup about the possibility of repeating a trip they took last year to Mexico for a whale watching tour. The trip took place in February or March and was 5 days via bus down to Baja. A boat took participants into the lagoon for whale watching and it was very exciting and educational. The cost was about \$270 a person (meals excluded). He has a condo in Rosarita, which he can make available to anyone who might be interested.

The Lincoln Highway turns 100 years old in September. Barbara Claire is working on a brochure to hand out.

Upcoming Events:

- July 16—No General Meeting
- July 20, 21, 22—Annual Yard Sale
- August 4—Open for Tours
- August 13—Board Meeting?
- August 20—No General Meeting
- September 1—Open for Tours
- September 10—Board Meeting
- September 15—Antique & Craft Show

- September 17—General Meeting
- September 22—Ironstone Winery Tour—Concourse de Elegance Car Show
- October 6: Special Event—First annual Living History Celebration of the News of Statehood at the Stage Stop Hotel. 12:00—??
- October 6—Open for Tours
- October 6 –7: Participate in Harvest Festival

First Vice President Barbara Claire adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden
Recording Secretary