

Elk Grove Historical Society Board Meeting, July 10, 2017

Call to order/Roll Call-Ken Miller, President, Tim Knox, 1st Vice President, Dennis Buscher 2nd Vice President, Carol Dunkel, recording secretary, Cindy Mahon, Corresponding Secretary, Jeanette Lawson, Treasurer, Roberta Tanner, Rhoads School Director, Louis Silveria, Webmaster, Jim Entrican, Facilities Manager.

Additional Items and Adoption of the Agenda- no additional items were added. Tim Knox made the motion to adopt the agenda. The second was made by Cindy Mahon. The agenda was adopted.

Approval of the Minutes sent to Board members from Carol Dunkel via Ken Miller. There were no amendments to the minutes. They were approved without a motion.

Treasurer's Report/Bills Jeanette Lawson: Jeanette made a motion to move \$2000 from the Museum Store Account to the Restoration Account. A second to the motion was made, the motion passed. Dennis Buscher made the motion to pay Jim Entrican \$546 for the cost of printing the newsletter. The second to the motion was made by Tim Knox. There was a question and discussion as to why the newsletter was so much more this time. It appears that the dark ink used for the Plow to Plate flier that was included in the newsletter may have been the cause. Also there was a second flier concerning the Save the Date for the Pinkerton Picnic and History Week activities may also have added to the cost. The motion to pay Jim passed.

Dennis also noted that of the Big Day of Giving donations, \$1356 were for Rhoads School.

Appointments-none

Rhoads School Update-Roberta Tanner-CSD is working on normal repairs. Susan Hernandez wants the Girl Scouts to clean the building in September.

CSD Mr. Jim Luttrell-information on Rhoads School window repairs was turned over for enactment.

Someone had inquired about holding weddings at Rhoads School and/or the Museum. Dennis thought we might get more information. Weddings could be held on the grounds of the Museum and not inside the building.

Unfinished (Old) Business

- Construction: Sidewalk Pours Update- Jim Entrican, Dennis met with contractor today, forms will be built tomorrow or Wednesday to pour this week-end. They will need three trucks of cement.
- Spring Clean-Up Day, after Yard Sale-Jim Entrican, pass-the dumpster is full.

- Plow to Plate Update-Jim Entrican, fliers out, will be held at Rhoads School. Tickets on Web Site \$100 per person. The cost of using charge cards is 3%. There will be room for 240 people. Funds will be used for the Historical Society not all to Rhoads School. Jim had a flower pot design for the tables. Jeanette and Cindy volunteered to work on flower table setting committee. Thirty table cloths will be purchased and we will use the napkins that we have.

Dennis commented that Jim needs to try to put together a budget.

- Patio Construction Status-Jeanette Lawson, met with Todd, the contractor, went over plan, made corrections to take to the architect.
- Student tour guides-Susan Hernandez, she will be training them tomorrow.
- First Saturday Tours for July-Susan Hernandez, Susan is trying to get new people to volunteer, some for docents, some to station in place (for security). She wants costumes for docents and Historical Society Tee shirts for stationing. Jeanette suggested that we need to determine the cost of the tee shirts. There was a discussion if the costume and/or tee shirts can be purchased. That should be an option if a volunteer wishes to use a costume or tee shirt from the Museum or if they want to wear their own. Susan wants to use the student docent to greet people at the front door. Ken stated that we've had more people First Saturdays. He expressed reservations about dressing up in costume for just a few visitors.
- History Week LMML and Living History Activities-Busher/Hernandez, Tim gave the presentation for activities at the Museum there will be about 14 Girl Scouts to run activity stations such as butter churning, washing on a wash board, making corn husk dolls, using canning lids nails and hammer to make designs for ornaments. We will have these activities Sept. 24 during the Pinkerton Picnic in the park. There is a budget of \$129 for the above activities and activities at Rhoads School: stilts, marbles, jacks, and paper bag Pinatas, and Tom Sawyer type fence painting. Jeanette made a motion that \$250 be budgeted for History Week. Jim Entrican made the second to the motion. The motion passed.
- Revolutionary War Encampment progress-Ken Miller, Ken has a packet of information from the group giving information for black powder safety, including the information from the Nevada City activities. The CSD has not yet scheduled the use of the playing field behind the Museum grounds and parking lot. April 7-8 are the dates planned for the encampment. The guns will be fired twice daily. Ken will take the information packet to the city Police and Fire Departments.
- Halloween Decorations Sale Dates Update-Jeanette Lawson, Preston School should be contacted first. Then what they don't want should be advertised perhaps on Craig's List to sell the remaining decorations. Jim suggested having a mini yard sale to dispose of them. We should begin in late August.

- Store help and training-Ken Miller, we need about six people who are trained to use the credit card device. There was some discussion about the router being weak inside the building.

New Business

- Pest control regularly scheduled service-the Museum has the service. It was suggested that Rhoads School also needs the service, ants can be a problem there. A discussion followed that since Rhoads School is part of the Historical Society that pest control would be scheduled there.
- Consider purchase of 4 propane Heaters for events. Each heater costs about \$525. Jeanette made the motion to budget \$700 to purchase the heaters. Dennis made the second to the motion. The motion passed.
- Organizing the Historical Library-Louie, what do we want in the files? When someone brings in something we need a label of who, what. Dennis has kept obituaries of anyone from Elk Grove and has them in four binders. Dan Tarnasky is interested in working in the library.

Committee Reports

- Membership-Lorraine Croup, we have two new members: Bradley McVean who is interested in library/archives and stage stop decorating and Deb Goldman who is interested in fund raising.
- Bus Tours-Lorraine Croup, Carol Dunkel, and Rosemarie Miller, we have 27 people signed up. Bus leaves at 8:30 AM will return by 6:00 PM. At the Hilmar Cheese Factory the tour guide will board our bus and take us through their extensive facilities. In Modesto half of our group will go to the McHenry Museum the other half will go to the McHenry Mansion and about an hour we will switch locations by walking one block to the other exhibit. Dennis wants to make sure this is advertised as an historical tour, not a fund raiser.
- Newsletter-Louis, will put a membership application in the newsletter we may want to have them on the bus tour also.
- Programs for general meetings- Tim Knox, July and August we do not have general meetings. For September Tim would like to find a speaker on the Russian influence in the Elk Grove area.
- Big Day of Giving, May 4, update-Dennis Buscher, we are almost to our final information. Online donations totaled \$4875 plus \$1000 mystery money. Golden One Credit Union donated \$125.51 for using their credit card other information is in the Treasurer's report.
- Yard Sale June 16-18- Dennis Buscher / Sally Bergan, very successful. Well organized due to Sally's work sorting and boxing before the sale. Friday morning there was a long line of people waiting to get in. Lorraine was successful at

getting people to work. On Sunday morning the yard sale items were half price. At noon everyone was sent outside the gate, then they were let in again to take the remaining items free. This greatly help clean up the yard sale. It was noted that some people donated money for their “free” items.

- Old Fashioned Christmas Update-Cindy Mahon, we are filling up for room decorator. She has a list of helpers. Brooklea stated that there was a waiting list of decorators from last year. We will be open three week-ends and Friday, Dec. 22. We will be open from 6-8 PM on Fridays, no photos or cookie decorating will be available. On Saturdays and Sundays we will be open from 12-4 PM (docents and workers will need to stay until 5:00 PM).
- Black Tie and Santa-Jeanette Lawson, there are 80 tickets to be sold. We will serve like we did last year. There will be a silent auction. The date is Sunday, Nov. 26 at 6:00 PM.
- Grant Writer Update-Sally Bergen, Sally can't find or access the grant information from her computer.
- Policies and Procedures Update-Sally Bergen, the committee met and developed the policies in the handout.

Communications/Correspondence-(Reference Only)

A couple of phone calls. Matt Morris regarding EG Songbooks and pictures for memorial; Marsha Lewis reference Sleepy Hollow Property information inquiry.

Announcements-(reference only)

- President represented EGHS at Chamber Luncheon 6-30-17
- Watch for possible Lewis and Clark Article in Ardent Magazine 8-17