

**Elk Grove Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2012**

Board Members and Guests Present: Diane Borden, Dennis Buscher, Barbara Claire, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Sarah Johnson, Jeanette Lawson, Brookelea Lutton, Howard Sihner, Milt Webb, Elaine Wright.

Call to order: Barbara Claire, President

Public Comment:

Sarah Johnson and Howard Sihner attended to update the Board on the City's acquisition of the railroad property. Sarah said this is good news. The plan to temporarily put an ice skating rink there for the holidays is unfolding and not entirely clear. We need to make sure that the community gets involved and there is adequate parking for the number of people (potentially 45,000) expected. The 1998/99 Master Plan that was created recommended a Central Plaza/Park in that area. Howard expressed concerns about traffic congestion and whether we would be able to respond to an emergency. They are working on advertising and other plans to make it work. We just need to be aware as things develop. The outcome of having the ice rink will be discussed at the meeting in February.

Announcements:

Thanks to Jim Entrican who worked the November opening even though we were closed! The Scouts contributed \$10 and expressed an interest in decorating a tree for the Parade of Trees. Barbara reported that a sympathy card was sent to Mary Lewis on the loss of her husband.

Approval of Minutes— Diane Borden, Recording Secretary:

It was moved by Brookelea Lutton and seconded by Jeanette Lawson that the Minutes of the October 8, 2012 Board Meeting (sent to board for review) be accepted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Bills - Jeanette Lawson, Treasurer:

Jim Entrican has requested an additional \$300 (for a total of \$800) for the front landscaping, to be taken out of the Restoration fund. It was moved by Brookelea Lutton and seconded by Elaine Wright to approve the request. Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as provided.

Committee Reports:

Cookbook—Brookelea Lutton & Barbara Claire: Brookelea reported that she is not accepting additional recipes as there is a sufficient number(85) for the cookbook.

Docents—Annaclare Entrican: Annaclare passed around a sign-up sheet for docents' participation in the Old Fashioned Christmas.

Historic Homes of Elk Grove—Jeanette Lawson & Barbara Claire: Nothing new to report.

Membership—Lorraine Croup: Lorraine was unable to attend but Barbara reported we have one new member: Cheryl Stapp.

Newsletter (December-January)—Brookelea Lutton: The deadline for contributions to the next newsletter is December 15th. Dennis Buscher will have a blurb to Brookelea on the ADA toilets which have been installed.

Old Fashioned Christmas—Decorators/Parade of Trees—Jeanette Lawson & Sally Bergen: Things are coming along. Elaine Wright has completed four baskets for the silent auction.

Programs—Elaine Wright: Elaine announced that the General Meeting would be held at Old Town Creations at 6:30 PM on Monday, November 19th. They are located at 9160 E. Stockton Blvd., #120 (across from On the Border). Elaine will announce the names of the Officers for next year that we will be voting on at the meeting. There will be time to shop for holiday decorations after the meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Front Landscaping & Walkway Lighting—Jim Entrican: This Friday from 9 AM to noon, Jim has a crew coming to finish the sprinkler system and to plant flowers and rake. The fountain will be installed in time for the Christmas events.

Foulks House Restoration—Jim Entrican: Nothing to report.

Plaque for Fence Donors—Jeanette Lawson: On hold.

Plaque for Jail—Jim Entrican: Nothing to report.

ADA Toilets—Dennis Buscher: The ADA toilets were purchased and installed. The contractor donated his time and told Dennis that we need to use a special non-abrasive cleaner on the porcelain finish.

Fire Extinguishers—Pressure check—Jim Entrican: Will report next month.

New Business:

Holiday Parade of Lights—Milt Webb will participate in the parade on November 24th and needs help with decorating. Barbara will ride with him in the parade (Dickens Street Faire).

Compressor Failure—Failure to Replace (Clarke & Rush) 2nd Proposal Requested Jim Entrican: Jim reported that the compressor has gone out and he has received one bid estimate in the amount of \$2,150 to replace it. The price does not include any warranty, as it is so expensive. Jim has received confirmation that the compressor is bad and the price provided is a good one. If we don't get the work done immediately we will have no heat for our Christmas events. There is funding available in the Wightman Memorial fund. It was moved by Jeanette Lawson and seconded by Elaine Wright to approve the expense in the amount of \$2,150 to replace the compressor. Motion carried.

Jeanette Lawson has received a bid from Rockney Beckner in the amount of \$1,300 for them to replace sheet rock in the child's room where water damage occurred, clean up mold in the third bedroom and repaint and redo the wall paper – all work to be completed after Christmas. It was moved by Brookelea Lutton and seconded by Diane Borden to approve the expense in the amount of \$1,300 (take out of the Wightman Memorial fund). Motion carried.

Donation of 100-year-old drop leaf desk by Cheryl Stapp: Cheryl Stapp has a desk that was her grandfather's. She said he was born in Iowa of Norwegian immigrant parents circa 1879. "My mother, born in 1922, remembers seeing him sitting at that desk to "do his accounts" when she was a child—the 2nd youngest of nine offspring. I'm afraid I don't know the date Grandpa purchased the desk, or what it's made of. It looks to be walnut, with pigeonholes above hidden when the drop leaf is closed. It has worn spots around the top and drawer pulls, but is otherwise in good shape. It has not been appraised. I don't use it as intended, and would be pleased to have the desk in some public venue where new generations can see and appreciate the past." After discussion, it was agreed that the desk was not connected to Elk Grove and therefore not an appropriate addition to the Hotel. Barbara will let Cheryl know our decision.

Lincoln Highway Association—June 23, 2013: Barbara reported that Paul Gilger contacted us and wants to celebrate the Association's 100th birthday by stopping by the Stage Stop on Sunday, June 23, 2013 from 2-4 PM. During this time, they will have between 50-100 cars stop by on their way to Nebraska (cars will be leaving from San Francisco and New York and will meet in Nebraska). They want to stop and tour the hotel, have some coffee and water and present us with a certificate of appreciation. Our stop will be listed on a map on their web site. Web site: <http://www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org> After discussion, it was agreed we give them a positive response. Parking will be limited but they do not expect all the cars to come at the same time.

Community Calendar for 2013: Barbara has provided information to be included in the community calendar about our events.

Other: Dennis Buscher reported that the Elk Grove Planning Commission would be meeting on November 15, 2012 at City Hall. At the meeting, the Elk Grove Historic Context Statement will be presented and he encouraged us to attend.

Sarah agreed this is an important document about the history of Elk Grove that is "in progress" and said new properties will be added in the future.

Upcoming Events:

- November 19: General Meeting, 6:30 PM, Old Towne Creations, 9160 E Stockton Blvd #120 (Across from On the Border) - Vote of new officers and show for Christmas!
- November 22, 2011: Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving
- November 24, 2011: Dickens Faire, Old Elk Grove
- November 25: Black Tie & Santa, 6—10 PM
- December 1,2: 7th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas, Open 1—5 PM—Pictures with Santa
- December 7: 7th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas, Open 1—5 PM
- December 8, 9: 7th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas, Open 1—5 PM—Pictures with Santa
- December 10: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Hotel
- December 14: 7th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas, Open 1—5 PM
- December 15, 16: 7th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas, Open 1—5 PM—Pictures with Santa
- December 21: 7th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas, Open 1—5 PM
- December 22: 7th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas, Open 1—5 PM, Pictures with Santa—Last Day!!

President Barbara Claire adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden
Recording Secretary