

Elk Grove Historical Society
Board Meeting Agenda
October 8, 2012

Board Members and Guests Present: Sally Bergen, Diane Borden, Dennis Buscher, Lucille Christesen, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Annaclare Entrican, Jim Entrican, Doris and Francis Jacobson, Jeanette Lawson, Brookelea Lutton, Elaine Wright.

Call to order: Barbara Claire (President):

Public Comment: None.

Announcements:

Thanks to our docents who worked the October opening and the News of Statehood and the Harvest Festival booth! Jim said tonight he and Annaclare plan to attend a Board meeting of the Native Sons and bring back their feedback to us. It was a lot of work to set up. Unfortunately someone stole some of the root beer and the wine barrel. In addition, a satchel containing a wallet was taken from inside the jail. However, the satchel was found on Sunday with nothing missing. Approximately 220 toured the Hotel (over both days) and there was a good turn out at our booth at the Giant Pumpkin Festival. Jim said he has taken down the Strauss display and will try to get the FFA volunteers to help us with setup at Christmas. He will e-mail Jeanette what he needs (and dates) so she can contact Mike Albiani next month to request assistance from the FFA volunteers.

Rancho Cordova Historical Society members attended our event over the weekend and discussed/shared ideas. They have cemetery tours available and perhaps we could take advantage of that. They will also be attending our Tea. It was announced that next Sunday is the tour of the Kilgore Cemetery from 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. and they dress up as one of the deceased. If anyone would like to go, Jeanette said to meet at the hotel at 1:30.

Barbara announced that Joyce Amundson is unable to remain on the Board and we will need to find a replacement for Corresponding Secretary. Sally Bergen (in attendance) is willing to take over these duties until the election. Barbara, as President, approved the appointment.

Election of Officers: Jim Entrican discussed the process for election of Officers. Due to the short timeframe, it was determined that we would present a slate of Officers tonight and then open up nominations from the floor at our General Meeting to be held on November 19, 2012. At that time, the nominations will be submitted and voted on. The following people accepted nominations tonight:

Barbara Clare – President
Brookelea Lutton – First Vice President
Jim Entrican – Second Vice President
Jeanette Lawson – Treasurer
Sally Bergen – Correspondence Secretary
Diane Borden – Recording Secretary

Jim suggested that our November General meeting be held at Ray Bayless' store at their new location in the Market Place shopping area. Elaine Wright – Program Chair, will check with Ray and see if the date would be convenient.

Approval of Minutes for September Meeting (Sent to board for review)— Diane Borden. It was moved by Lorraine Croup and seconded by Brookelea Lutton to accept the Minutes as submitted. Barbara will send out the Minutes with the Agenda for each Board Meeting in the future.

Treasurer's Report/Bills Jeanette Lawson Treasurer:

Jeanette announced that a net profit of \$1,391.90 was made for the Antique & Craft Show, which is in support of the Foulks House. A donation of \$10,000 was made by the Wightman family. Barbara asked Sally to send a letter of acknowledgement (Jeanette will e-mail the addresses to her), and in addition, Barbara will make a thank you card for all Board members to sign.

Jeanette requested approval for additional funds for the purchase of two ADA toilets. Per Dennis, he and Ed Metzler have been working on getting the ADA compliant toilets installed. Ed has contacted C&C Plumbing and is recommending the Toto brand, low flow, fast flush, easy clean toilets. These have high-quality porcelain finishes that make them easier to clean. They are \$375 each or a total of \$750 plus tax. Ed has offered to purchase a life membership for himself and his wife for \$300 if we order and install the Toto toilets. Ed has used a contractor/handyman at his home for a number of years. He recommends having him install the toilets, and he has offered to do it for the Historical Society free of charge if we give him recognition in the Newsletter. The Board previously approved \$500 for the toilets and installation. It was moved by Jeanette Lawson and seconded by Lorraine Croup to approve an additional \$400 for the purchase of the toilets. Motion carried. Dennis said the toilets should be installed in time for Christmas.

Jeanette requested approval via e-mail on September 19, 2012 for painting in the Men's Parlor (\$575 payment for Rocky Beckner). Jeanette has a copy of the e-mail with the names of Board members who voted to approve her request.

Committee Reports:

Cookbook—Brookelea Lutton & Barbara Claire: Brookelea has received 82 recipes and will cut off any additions on November 15th. She will finish typing them and look at printing options so that it will be ready for publication in the spring.

Docents—Annaclare Entrican: Annaclare expressed her appreciation for all the hard work docents provided over the weekend. She will start gearing up for Christmas soon. Since the Hotel will be open from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. this year, there will be just the one shift to fill.

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

Membership—Lorraine Croup: No applications have been received, although she contacted Victoria at Barbara's suggestion and hopes she will join. Cheryl Stapp has expressed interest as well as Claudia Johnson.

Ironstone Winery Car Show—Lorraine Croup announced at General Meeting it was cancelled.

Newsletter (November-December) & Antique & Craft Show—Brookelea Lutton: Please submit any information for the Newsletter to Brookelea by October 15th. She held a wrap-up meeting for the Antique & Craft Show. Lorraine reported she attended the Heritage Lakeside craft show and it was very good. She will let Brookelea know whom to contact. For next year, Sally suggested the Senior Center rents out their facility and it might not be too expensive. They have plenty of parking, a kitchen, and inside/outside space available.

Old Fashioned Christmas—Decorators/Parade of Trees—Jeanette Lawson: Jeanette has lined up all decorators and the hotel will be cleaned a week from Tuesday. We will have to move some of the furniture prior to that (she will be here Friday at 10 a.m. if anyone can help). Dennis needs to return the Miwok display. Jeanette will call her contact at Walgreen's who usually donates decorations for the trees. Sally reported she has 6 organizations to decorate trees and potentially 6 more. The trees will be set up the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. Jeanette has 40 more tickets to sell for Black Tie and Santa; contact her to purchase. Jim suggested we advertise in the City of Elk Grove publication.

Jeanette reported that Lorraine's beautician likes to support non-profits and is holding a tree-decorating event the same day as Black Tie and Santa. A silent auction is held for the trees. She has provided us with a tree and Jeanette suggested the Board do it as a project. The theme is gingerbread and if we have anything to donate, please bring it.

Unfinished Business:

Front Landscaping & Walkway Lighting—Jim Entrican: It's coming along.

Foulks House Restoration—Jim Entrican: Now that we have more money, we can make some progress.

Plaque for Fence Donors—Jeanette Lawson: Will report more next month.

Plaque for Jail—Jim Entrican: Will report next month.

ADA Toilets—Dennis Buscher (see information under Treasurer's Report)

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

New Business:

Programs: Elaine Wright said that the Chamber of Commerce will tour the North Star Mine grounds in Grass Valley on November 26th. They have been working hard on repairing the

buildings on the property. She would like to have different programs next year; for example a cemetery tour, Sacramento Library and/or State Archives and Crocker Art Gallery.

Haunted Hotel: Jeanette Lawson would like to pursue decorating the hotel for Halloween next year and she has received many suggestions from enthusiastic decorators. Some include: pumpkins in the Children's Room, witches in the Foulks House, downstairs not too scary, but more scary in the Ballroom, a casket in the Woman's Parlor, a cemetery outside, etc. We would need to have security on the grounds (volunteer City Police). The jail would not be open, but we could put lights inside. We would need 3 docents at most for the event. She suggested we have it the same days as the Harvest Festival (October 5-6, 2013). We could get the FFA kids to be available to dress up and give them 10% of the admission fee for their club. Jeanette would like to start purchasing Halloween items and props after Halloween this year when there are sales. Initially, she would need \$2,500 for the first event and presented her budget for that amount. For subsequent years, it would not be as costly. In addition, she will seek donations. We all agreed that the youth in our community would attend. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Brookelea Lutton to approve the budget for \$2,500 and solicitation of donations. Motion carried.

Rhoads School Waiver of Liability: Jeanette reported that Francis asked how long the signed waivers should be kept. We should keep field trip notices for 5 years, after which they can be destroyed.

Other: Dennis Buscher announced he is making a presentation on October 22nd at 11:00 a.m. to seniors at the Seasons Apartments on the history of that location (settled by Russians/Germans). He will leave a small supply of our books for sale at the event.

Dennis had a recommendation from one of the family members who would provide donations for extending the Luttig Garden further east. He will have someone design what could be done and report back.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ November 3: Museum closed for Christmas decorating
- ◆ November 12: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Hotel
- ◆ November 19: General Meeting, 6:30 PM, location to be announced.
- ◆ November 25: Black Tie & Santa, 6—10 PM
- ◆ December 1-22: 7th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas—Open 1:00—5:00 PM
Friday, Saturday & Sunday—Pictures with Santa 1-5 PM on Saturday & Sundays

President Barbara Clare adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden
Recording Secretary