

## Elk Grove Historical Society Board Meeting

October 9, 2017

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** President: Ken Miller, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.: Tim Knox, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.: Dennis Buscher, Recording Secretary: Carol Dunkel, Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Mahaon, Treasurer: Jeanette Lawson, Rhoads School Director: Roberta Tanner, Webmaster: Louis Silveira, (excused) Facilities Manager: Jim Entrican (excused)

**Additional Items and Adoption of the Agenda** no items were added. Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Dennis Buscher. Tim Knox made the second to the motion. The agenda was adopted.

**Presentations:** none

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes submitted by Sally Bergen were approved without amendment or motion. Some corrections were made to the minutes following the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeanette Lawson, no bills were presented. The Plow to Plate dinner had a net profit of \$3173.94. A corrected Treasurer's report was placed into the minutes on October 18, 2017.

**Appointments:** none

**Rhoads School Update:** Roberta Tanner, at the Oct. 2 Rhoads School Board meeting 21 scholarships were awarded to Elk Grove schools to attend a living history day.

The school was open on Saturday during the Pumpkin Fest. 39 or 40 people toured the school. Two weeks ago Roberta gave a tour to a lady who had attended the school. A group of technology people (instructors?) took pictures of Rhoads School to show students how much life has changed.

Roberta has been in contact with the new person who oversees the park to discuss window replacements with historic replicas.

### **Unfinished (old) Business:**

- Patio Construction Projected Completion-Jeanette Lawson: the contractor has dug the hole to hold the support posts, the city has approved it. Construction could be complete in about two weeks from city approval.
- History Week LMML & Living History Summary-Dennis Buscher and Susan Hernandez-both felt it had been very successful, the food was delicious, the activity stations for children (and some adults) were fun and well done. The young people who manned the activities did a good job. Susan did an excellent job planning and preparing the activities.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Tours number of visitor for Sept./Staffing issues: there was a long discussion about how many people attended. It was thought that 40-50 people may have come through the museum, not everyone signed the guest book. There were some who wanted to use the parking lot so did a cursory tour through the museum so they didn't have to pay the \$10 parking fee into the park for the Pumpkin Fest. Susan Hernandez didn't understand that finding docents for First Saturdays would be her task. She said that people would sign up far in advance and forget and not show up. She asked the Board members to each be responsible for one month each year.
- Plow to Plate Final Report for City Grant: Jim Entrican (excused) Jim has to get his report ready. The original plan was that Rhoads School would get \$2000 from the profits and the rest would go to the Historical Society's treasury. The net profit for this event is \$3173.94. Since it was advertised as a fund raiser for Rhoads School, Tim Knox made a motion that all net profits would be given to Rhoads School this year. A second to the motion was made by Roberta Tanner. The motion passed.
- Propane Heaters purchases pending no report-Jim Entrican (excused) Jeanette said that Jim may be looking into a different type of heater, not propane.
- Wedding Pictures/Events Contract Review pending-no report, Dennis/Jim
- Revolutionary War Encampment progress-Ken Miller, the event has been approved by the CSD. Ken will meet with the police department on Nov.8, for permission to use gun powder for firing the rifles.
- Elections/Nominations Report-Lorraine Croup, Sally Bergen helped. All current officers have been nominated for reelection. Ballots will be in the Newsletter. The elections will take place at the November 20 meeting to be held at the Ray Bayless Christmas Shop i.e. Old Town Creations.
- Store help and training to be held the last week of October or the first week of November. People need to be trained to operate the cash register, how to count out the money and give it to the treasurer.

### **New Business**

- Tent Purchase Plan Proposal with Rhoads School Board-Ken Miller, the Fire Department does not consider our current tents safe so we will need to replace them. The Fire Department will allow us to do so one year at a time for three years. They are to be purchased in July or August. The cost is \$3500 per set. The tents are "double tents" 20 X 20. The first to be replaced will be the one for the Rhoads School Plow to Plate event, but the Historical Society will use it during the Christmas season and other events.
- Paranormal Recording scheduled for Feb. 10 they will be setting up in the museum, even though it is a replica the furnishing in the house may give off some

paranormal signs. The Foulks House and the Jail will also be used. They are also interested in Rhoads School. The Historical Society will receive \$800 for allowing the buildings to be used.

### **Committee Reports**

- Membership-Lorraine Croup, two new members, Donald Mongeau, interested in Reese School; David and Angela Chalmers.
- Historical Bus Tours-Lorraine Croup/Carol Dunkel/Rosemarie Miller, Carol reported that she has changed the date from Thurs. Dec. 7 to Wed. Dec. 6, because Duarte Nursery was already booked for the time we need. The plan is to leave the Museum parking lot at 9:00 to arrive at the Duarte Poinsettia Nursery at 11:00. We will leave the Nursery about 12:00 to go to Vintage Faire Mall in Modesto for a no host lunch and possible shopping. Return to the bus about 1:45 to go to the McHenry Mansion for a walk through tour to see the house beautifully decorated for Christmas. The cost of the trip will be \$65 reservations may be made by calling Lorraine Croup.
- Newsletter-Louis Silveira is on a 2 month vacation, Barbara Claire will handle the Nov./Dec. issue
- Webmaster update-Louis on vacation
- Programs for General Meetings (Oct./Nov.) Tim Knox- Oct. 16 Dennis Buscher will speak about the German families who settled in the Elk Grove area. Nov. 20 is the election of officers, the meeting will be held at Old Town Creations near Chas Bank.
- Old Fashioned Christmas Update-Cindy Mahon, all rooms have a decorator. On Oct. 18 we will meet to get the Christmas decorations out. The decorator of the Tavern wants to move the Victrola out of that room. The house will be open from 12:00-5:00 PM, Saturdays and Sundays. It will cost \$5.00 to tour the house. Workers will be expected to stay until 5:30 PM giving time for people to leave and to finish the Santa photos. We will stop selling reservations for Santa Photos at 4:00. Last year about 600 cookies were purchased for children to decorate. This year we will estimate funds for 1,000 cookies and materials for little mini wreaths. Visitors will be encouraged to bring a gift for a needy child up to age 5. No discount will be given to those bring gifts.
- Black Tie and Santa Update, Jeanette Lawson-There will be 80 tickets available for sale at \$40 each. We will have 20 complementary tickets for 100 total. We will have the silent auction many nice donations have been made, show tickets, tickets to Disneyland another trip.
- Foulks House: Architectural Plans to be completely updated by 12-31-17. Jim met with the Architect on Friday.

- Nominations Committee-Lorraine Croup-see report in unfinished business.

Adjourn- the meeting was adjourned without a motion.