

## **Elk Grove Historical Society Board Meeting**

**March 12, 2018**

**Call to order/Roll Call:** President- Ken Miller, 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Tim Knox, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Dennis Buscher, Recording Secretary- Carol Dunkel, Corresponding Secretary-Cindy Mahon, Treasurer-Jeanette Lawson, Rhoads School Director-Roberta Tanner, Webmaster-Louis Silveira, Facilities Director-Jim Entrican excused.

**Approval of Agenda**-two items added. Motion to approve Dennis Buscher, second to the motion made by Tim Knox. The agenda was approved.

**Approval of the Minutes**-minutes were approved as submitted.

**Public Comment:** none

**Presentations:** Louis played a three minute Pod Cast of Tom Mahon telling about his Great, great grandparents John and Mary Nelms Upton, living in the Whitelock area.

**Treasurer's Report**-Jeanette Lawson- see report in hand out.

**Rhoads School Update:** Roberta Tanner- because of rain water in the park there were no visitors on the first Saturday, but she did visit with some friends from their cars. Louis reported that he had recorded interviews with four of the original Rhoads School Docents. They were happy to know the program was still on going.

**Facilities Manager Report:** Jim Entrican (absent)

**Tent purchase** of 2 20' X 20' has been made. He will pick them up tomorrow.

**Options to enclose patio-** Jeanette Lawson has contacted two companies. She had a hand-out from JS Canvas. She was very impressed that they knew what to do and had experience doing this kind of construction. The other company really wasn't experienced in building this type of enclosure. They came in with a considerably lower bid but Jeanette didn't think it would be what we need. The original bid from JS Canvas was \$6,062.00 including tax. But the Board added two extra windows for a cost of \$6500. Total. Dennis Buscher made the motion to purchase the enclosure from JS Canvas for \$6500. Cindy Mahon made the second to the motion. The motion passed.

**Foulks House update:** permit status-Jon Ross reported that there is nothing at this time.

Dennis brought up that he had tried to meet with Elk Grove's planning committee concerning the restoration of the Foulks House, but they cancelled the meeting. The Historical Restoration Committee is not functioning at this time.

**Unfinished (old) Business:**



- **Events Planning:** Monica Ross, see handout, Monica went over her Venue Pricing Proposal. The only question seemed to be "how much would the security deposit be?" There was two levels of pricing for members, \$75 per hour if members takes care of everything themselves. \$100 per hour if Monica and Sandra lock up and make sure everything is in its appropriate place. Board discussion was that we don't want non-members approaching members to use the discounted pricing, and perhaps we should keep the price the same for all events and have Monica and Sandra be in charge. There was no motion at this time.
- **Lyon Real Estate Grant, Rhonda Lim:** Cindy Mahon and Sally Bergen- haven't heard from them.
- **Wightman Fund Donation/Reese School Concept:** Dennis Buscher/John Ross-no update
- **Newsletter 2018-UPS or Email:** Louis Silveira-he sent out 217 emails 28 came back, including Jim Luttrell's. Louis will put a note in 110 mailed newsletters asking for their email addresses.
- **Big Day of Giving:** Dennis Buscher-May 3 at the Museum. He asked Board Members to provide Hors d'oeuvres.
- **Table Top Advertising:** Dennis Buscher- the design lists our events and should be out in about two months.
- **Western Festival:** Jim Entrican (absent) the Chili Cook-off part of the Festival has been cancelled.
- **Yard Sale:** Dennis Buscher-It will be June 15, 16, and 17. Sally has rented a storage container. We will begin collecting April 13, Saturdays 12-4.
- **Revolutionary War Encampment:** Ken Miller- he will meet with CSD the first week of April. News of turning down our request for gunpowder with no ammunition went viral, people didn't understand the decision.

#### **New Business**

- **History Week:** Louis Silveira- The Chamber Leadership wanted us to use Heritage Park instead of the Rhoads School Parking lot for our Plow to Plate. We will not change our location. Plow to Plate will be our History Week event. We do not want to do the Picnic in the Park again, since it would be the day after Plow to Plate.
- **Steele Reality:** Louis Silveira-Dept. of Transportation is preparing to widen Grantline Road in the Sheldon area. Steele Reality has antiques that they are getting rid of including a covered wagon, a plow, a carriage and other items. We could use some of these things here in Heritage Park.
- **Jim Entrican Submitted a quote to build a "Lean to":** 200 sq. ft. cost \$3960, it will need to be permitted. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

#### **Committee Reports**



- **Membership:** Lorraine Croup-We have three new members including Josh Green, from CSD who has come tonight. The others are Rosalind Barcos, Elfriede McKee.
- **Historic Bus Tours:** Carol Dunkel/Lorraine Croup-Carol reported that our trip to Chico was a very stressful day for her. We were an hour getting on to I-5 from Elk Grove. We were half an hour late to the Bidwell House, which made us late to the Sierra Nevada Brewery. The beer tour was cancelled partly due to a lack of interest and because we were so late. We were half an hour late getting back to Elk Grove. Members reported having a good time and a wonderful trip, except the air conditioner on the bus wasn't working and people in the back were too warm. Carol will try to plan a trip to The Empire Mine State Park in late June after the yard sale.
- **Newsletter:** Louis Silveira- we discussed this in unfinished business.
- **Webmaster update:** current status & website security concerns: Louis Silveira-he reported that with the help of an Eagle Scout he had learned a lot. He has made several changes to the menu and updated the site. He was very excited and encouraged us to visit the website.
- **Programs for General Meeting March and April:** Tim Knox- for our March meeting Roberta Tanner will present "The History of Hats" using real hats. For April Tim hopes to have a speaker on Miwok Native Americans.
- **Brown Property Update:** Dennis Buscher-no report
- **Spring Tea:** Susan Hernandez- everything is on track we have a meeting on Thursday.
- **Grant Information:** Sally Bergan-she is applying to Kaiser but must emphasize how we educate the public.
- **First Saturday:** Because there was a lot of rain, we only had three groups.

**Adjourn-**the meeting was adjourned at 5:45.