

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021

Board Members Present/Absent

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
President Ken Miller	x		Rhoads School Bd. Dr. Roberta Tanner	x	
1 st Vice-President Rosemarie Miller	x		Corresponding Secretary Cindy Mahon	x	
2 nd Vice-President Dennis Buscher	x		Treasurer Jeanette Lawson	x	
Recording Secretary Pam Phelps	x		Facilities Director David Chalmers	x	
Webmaster Louis Silveira	x				

Members attending: Jim Entrican, Anaclare Entrican, Susan Hernandez, Deanna Janey, and Barbara Claire.

Meeting called to order at 3:06 PM by President Ken Miller.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Roberta Tanner to approve the agenda and a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motions passed with 9 votes.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Rosemarie Miller to approve the amended minutes of February 8, 2021 and a second by Cindy Mahon. Motion passed with 9 votes,

Public Comment: None

Presentations: None

Appointments: President Ken Miller read a letter by Deanna Janey who was accepting the position of Newsletter Editor. Ken requested the Boards approval. A motion was made by Pam Phelps to accept Deanna Janey as Newsletter Editor with a second by Louie Silveira. Motion passed with 9 votes.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson reported that a few changes had been made to the annual budget and which was forwarded to the Board for approval on February 13. Board approved with 9 votes. Total in Accounts \$186,509.87 including: Operating Account/Restoration \$141,864.35; Real Estate \$29, 030.47; Museum Store \$3,671.00 and Rhoads School \$11,944.05. The following large expenditures were made for the summer kitchen: \$61,345.00 to Lamberti Builders and \$1,099.00 to Wallace Kuhl. A motion was made by Cindy Mahon to approve the Treasurer's Report with a second by Dave Chalmers. Motion passed with 9 votes.

Rhoads School Report: Roberta Tanner reported the following: a tree is missing, check the outhouse corners, one fire bin is full of water, the bell in the shed is not functioning, there are broken stilts, ceiling needs paint, critter under the outhouse, question about the placement of an electrical box- there was a fence around it, locks need WD40, and check gate hinges and locks. A Board meeting will be held the 1st Monday in June. Mel Pierson is interviewing 6 ex students of the Rhoads School. Will send out letters in August for scheduling of classe for next year.

CSD Report: No report Dennis reported that Tracy Farris from CSD will be using the kitchen for a meeting on 4/26/21 from 9:30-12:30.

Facilities Manager Report:

Jim Entrican and David Chalmers reported.

Grounds: The outhouse, gutter and fence have all been repaired. Three bells have been hung.

Boy Scout Project: no report

Storage: Received a storage container for garage sale items.

Summer Kitchen: Coming along, delay due to delivery. There is a pending electrical cost increase.

Bathroom Heaters: No report

Brands: Louie said brands are read to put up.

Rhoads School: No report

Unfinished Business:

Virtual Museum Tours: No report

Grant from Native Sons of the Golden West: Both Ken and Jim sent emails to inquire as to the status. Have not heard back.

Chamber of Commerce project: Jim held a zoom meeting and tour of the Foulk's house and jail,

Hilltop Cemetery: Dennis reported that Amber, a grad student who is writing a thesis on the cemetery used ground reading equipment and noted several unmarked graves. She would like to present her findings. A tentative date and time in June 28 at 6pm.

Civil War Reenactment: To be held at the Mahon Ranch April 30 - May 2. Would like volunteers and for the Board to spread the work on social media. Flyers will be paced around the community.

New Business

Honorary memberships: Jim requested an honorary membership for Russ Oase, a graduate of EGHS and NSGW member and who has made videos for the Historical Society. Motion made by Jeanette Lawaon with a second by Rosemarie Miller to issue an honorary membership to Russ Oase for one year. Motion passed with 9 votes.

Jim requested an honorary membership for Bruce Carty who made a sculpture used by the blacksmith shop. A motion was made by Rosemarie Miller and a second by Jeanette Lawson to issue an honorary membership to Bruce Carty for one year. Motion passed with 9 votes.

Tom Russell library: Jeanette proposed to digitize the Elk Grove Citizen 1913-1915 and 1949-1989. Herberger has given the ok for this task. Jeanette would like to post a Go Fund Me page for the project. There is lots of information in the library that could be digitized. Pam Phelps made a motion and a second by Dennis Buscher for Jeanette to open a Go Fund Me page with the purpose of digitizing information in the Tom Russell Library. Motion passed with 9 votes.

Neighbor complaint: A neighbor has voiced concern about the construction and things going over the fence. Jim will respond.

Zoom: Deanne Janey said she would be willing to hold a zoom training session for members.

Committee Reports

Yard Sale: Dennis reportedly that he and Susan are fully engaged in preparing items for the yard sale. Ken is working on Covid approval from CSD and the county.

Christmas Committee: No report.

Membership: Jim reported there are 333 members with 5 new in the last two months. A question was made regarding a follow up if a new member would like to volunteer. Louie said he would obtain the information from Wayne and would forward the volunteer's information to the appropriate committee chair.

Elections: No report

Newsletter, Webmaster and Archivist: Louie has been working with Deanna Janey on the newsletter. The website was hacked as it was discovered, it had never had a security update. Louie worked with Go Daddy to update the plan which is giving us more storage space for 1/3 the cost. Louis is working on adding information about the old buildings along Elk Grove Blvd. A history of the Strauss Festival, written by Arnie Zimbelman, has been added to the site. Louie has also included a story about the Blacksmith Statue.

1st Saturday: Delayed until September

Big Day of Giving: Dennis reported that the May 6th event at the Museum will be held with the Strauss Festival in partnership. Dancers will be performing. Dennis is in need of greeters, food prep and pourers. Advertisements are in the Elk Grove Citizen, facebook and postcards. Dennis requested the Board to support the event.

Spring Tea: Susan Hernandez has contacted people that were helping with the tea about the cancellation for this year. Susan has submitted a grant for the Spring Tea.

Policy and Procedures: Ken sent out the updated Policy and Procedure to the Board on Feb 21 for review. Will resend. A special Board meeting will be held in June for Board approval.

Museum Store: Anaclare reported that the front part of the store would be open on Big Day of Giving.

Publications: Barb reported that there are over 50 titles for sale, 10 of which are Historical Society publications. The on-line store is open. Barb will pay shipping costs in May for the purchase of 5 or more publications.

Upcoming Events

Big Day of Giving: May 6

Yard Sale: June 17-20

A motion was made by Jeanette Lawson with a second by Cindy Mahon to adjourn the meeting at 5:18PM. Motion passed with 8 votes.