

## Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**October 11, 2021 Approved 11/8/21**

### Board Members Present/Absent

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
President Ken Miller	x		Rhoads School Bd. Dr. Roberta Tanner	x 3:11	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President Rosemarie Miller	x		Corresponding Secretary Cindy Mahon	x	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Dennis Buscher	x		Treasurer Jeanette Lawson	x	
Recording Secretary Pam Phelps	x		Facilities Director David Chalmers	x	
Webmaster Barbara Claire	x 3:12				

Members attending: Louis Silviera, Susan Sayner, Susan Hernandez, Carmen Bird, Mary Bulford, and Peggy Forseth-Andrews.

Meeting called to order at 3:01 PM by President Ken Miller.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Dennis Buscher to approve the agenda with a second by Rosemarie Miller. Motion passed with 7 votes.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Cindy Mahon to approve the minutes of 9/13/2021 with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed with 7 votes.

**Public Comment:** None

**Presentations:** None

**Appointments:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeanette had a question concerning the holding of payment to the contractor of the summer kitchen. Dave said he would contact Jim regarding the issue. There was a large expenditure for the stage. Jeanette asked to approve a bill to CWD in the amount of \$598.93 to come out of miscellaneous expenses. Dennis Buscher made a motion to pay the CWD bill in the amount of \$598.93 with a second by Rosemarie Miller. Motion passed with 9 votes. Jeanette also asked for a motion to pay real estate taxes for the Brown house in the amount of \$4786.60. Dennis Buscher made a motion to pay the tax bill for the Brown house in the amount of \$4786.60 with a second by Roberta Tanner. Motion passed with 9 votes. See attached Treasurer Report for specifics.

**Rhoads School Report:** Roberta Tanner reported that 18 classes have signed up consisting mostly of private and home schools. The School was open during the Harvest Festival and they had about 30 people tour the museum. Roberta announced that next year the school will be 150 years old and suggested doing something. Susan Hernandez volunteered to chair an event and Mary Bulford said she would help out.

**CSD Report:** No report

**Facilities Manager Report:** David Chalmers reported the following:

Roof repair: Two bids have been received.

Summer Kitchen: David will check with Jim on the status of the sprinklers.

Bathroom heaters: David will check with John.

Miscellaneous: Flowers are here to plant. David will hook up a drip system by the summer kitchen. The yard is getting cleaned up. Pam mentioned that someone attending the Civil War Days commented how nice the yard was looking. The lean-to needs to be painted. The deck on the stage has been repaired. A light was put up at the bottom of the stairs in to the basement and also at the gate.

Scout Projects: Potential projects are being worked on.

Dennis mentioned that his sister is interested in painting panels for the side of the containers. David to follow up.

**Unfinished Business:**

Projector for presentations: Jim has purchased a new projector.

Civil War Reenactment: Dennis reported that it was a successful event with positive feedback from both attendees and reenactors. The children's activities were a big hit. The tents over the seating/table area worked out very well. Saturday was very well attended. Food vender successful. The finances need to be finalized for final expenses; income was \$6923.79. Some people were interested in weekend passes. Barb posted an internet ad which was very successful.

Tom Russell library: No report.

History Award: Louie brought in the trophy to be awarded at the next General Session by Ken Miller. Mrs. Pinkerton will be in attendance.

Photos: Some people attended events to take pictures.

Accident Report: Located in the basement.

Pets in the Museum yard: President Ken Miller will form an ad hoc committee to recommend solutions to be presented at the January 18th planning meeting. In the meantime, owners will not bring dogs until Christmas is taken down in mid-January. Ken will check the insurance policy.

**New Business**

Trellis at the front gate: Ken verified that this was approved previously by the Board to be put up on the west side of the gate area. Dave will work on this.

City History Preservation Committee: Dennis Buscher and Peggy Forseth-Andrews reported on the status of signage in Old Town Elk Grove and a concern about the use of neon lights. Pam Phelps made a motion with a second by Jeanette Lawson that the Elk Grove Historical Society draft a resolution in support of limiting neon signage in the Old Town Elk Grove district. Motion passed with 9 votes.

Deaccession: Dennis reported that the organ and a dresser have been removed from the house. The organ is of no value, but the dresser could be sold. Dennis made a motion for the

deaccession of both the organ and dresser with a second by Cindy Mahon. Motion passed with 8 votes.

### **Committee Reports**

1st Saturday Tours: October opening saw more than 90 people tour the museum. There was a concern that the parking lot might need to be monitored on first Saturdays when there is an event in the park. Carmen Bird will be taking over scheduling of docents for the February opening.

Yard Sale: No report

Christmas Committee: Rosemarie reported that all is on schedule.

Black Tie and Santa: Jeanette reported that tickets were \$50. She sent letters to wineries for donations of wine for a fundraiser with no responses. She will take donations of bottles of wine. She also stated that she'd need help prepping food for the event.

Spring Tea: No report

Grant Writer: Susan Hernandez questioned if a \$2000 grant was awarded by the City of Elk Grove for the Spring Tea.

Membership: No report

Elections: Roberta Tanner made a motion to extend Ken Miller's term for a third year due to extenuating circumstances with a second by Dennis Buscher. Motion passed with 8 votes. (Jeanette left at 5:15)

Newsletter: Louie reported that the newsletter is about ready to print. Dee still has room for some Civil War pictures which Louie has sent. Dennis reiterated that he'd like to see activities first.

Webmaster: Reported under Civil War Reenactment

Society Publication Editor: Bard has prepared a 14 page handout for the Civil War Reenactment event. She had also created flyers for Christmas and Black Tie and Santa as well as tickets for the Black Tie event. Roberta asked about copies of Grimshaw's narrative.

Archivist: Louie will meet with both Dave Minister and Carmen Bird who are interested in this position. Barb said there is a program "Past Perfect" that can be used.

Museum Store: Susan Sayner reported that the Red Door in Old Town has given us a space in their shop. She, Anaclare and Dennis are working on this. They had \$100 in sales on 1st Saturday.

Policy and Procedures: No report

General Session: Wayne gave a very interesting talk on Civil War reenactors. Rosemarie Miller said the church has raised their rental fee to \$50/session. Pam Phelps made a motion to pay the church \$50/session with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed with 9 votes.

Brewfest: No report

**Communications:** None reported

**Announcement:** None given.

A motion was made by Ken Miller with a second by Barbara Claire to adjourn the meeting at 5:53PM. Motion passed with 8 votes.