

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2022 (Draft)

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 Pat Lake	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: Susan Saner, Cindy Mahon, Mary Buford and CSD Traci Farris and CSD intern Les.

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM by President Ken Miller.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Pam Phelps to approve the agenda as amended with a second by Dennis Buscher. Motion passed with 8 votes.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Pat Lake to approve the minutes of 6/13/22 with a second by Roberta Tanner. Motion passed with 8 votes.

Public Comment: None

Presentations: None

Appointments: President Miller announced that Carmen Bird would be reappointed as Docent Coordinator as Cassie Ayers was unable to accept the position. Ken also reported that Jim Entrican will be chairing the Civil War Days and Pat Lake will take on the New Member Volunteer Coordinator position. Jeanette Lawson made a motion to approve President Miller's appointments with a second by Rosemarie Miller. Motion passed with 8 votes.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette passed out the treasurer's report for June. Pat Lake asked if a report of expenses and income for events could be made available. It was suggested that committee chairs might be able to do this. Jeanette reported that the Whiteman fund was used up. Dennis asked about funds in the operating account and if some of that should be allocated to a restoration fund. It was recommended that \$20,000 remain in the general operating account line item and the balance of \$86,052.42 show in a general restorations account line item. Dennis Buscher made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with a second by Pat Lake. Motion passed with 8 votes. Jeanette asked that Louie be reimbursed \$732.61 for two months of ink. Rosemarie Miller made the motion with a second by Pam Phelps. Motion passed with 8 votes.

Rhoads School Report: Roberta reported that four docents and two firestarters attended their Board meeting. Roberta asked about security as one of the docents found two students in the park bathroom smoking during school hours. Traci suggested calling the park hotline at 916-405-5688. Roberta announced a Daughters of the American Revolution event to be held September 17th to commemorate the signing of the US Constitution. They will be ringing bells at 1PM across the nation and at Rhoads School. She asked if the Museum would like to participate. Roberta also announced that a student who is writing a thesis on Jack the Ripper has

requested filming at the Rhoads School for November 21-23. Apparently one of the victims was a school teacher. They will join the Historical Society. Roberta also said someone else may be interested in using the school as a filming location. Roberta suggested not including the wishing well in the school enclosure as people in the park use the well for photo ops. She asked about obtaining short bios of Elk Grove's historical people for handing out. Dennis suggested creating a committee. Six classes have been scheduled for the fall as of yet.

CSD Report: Traci Farris introduced Les, a student intern from Franklin High. She reported the tree assessment in the park was ongoing, a new park ranger would be hired, and the Veterans Memorial Grove was nearly completed. Susan Saner made Traci aware that on the last event held in the park, cars were parked in the red zones which made it difficult to negotiate driving around the lot. Ken asked her about getting a key to gate 2.

Facilities Manager Report: The following was reported:

Foulks House leak: No additional report.

Flag pole: Ken asked Traci if CSD had a lift that could be used. She said they did.

Roof repair: Nothing more reported.

Storage: No report on additional storage.

Basement leak: Nothing reported.

Foulks house handrail: Nothing reported

Markofer Room: Have started painting the trim.

Nothing reported for: trellis at the Gate House, bathroom heaters, barn, status of CSD lighting in the parking lot, south side lean-to and Rhoads School floor.

Unfinished Business

Security: A gentleman from Xfinity surveyed the grounds.

Computer back-up system: Jeanette working on this.

Wallpaper: Jeanette reported that the room is coming along.

Ballroom Theme: Rosemarie brought up that a theme was still needed. Roberta had asked about preparing bios of important historical people of Elk Grove. This might be a theme for the Ballroom. Jeanette asked Pam to create a list of suggestions made to date to be reviewed at the August Board meeting.

Rhoads School 150 year celebration - Roberta reported no new updates.

Responsible Beverage Service - Discussion ensued about who would be trained in the Training Program. Susan Hernandez said she would at the June Board meeting. Dennis, Rosemarie, Pat and Jeanette will also take the on-line training class.

Pinkerton Trophy - Louie is coordinating this.

New Business

Deaccession of Rieger family papers and pictures - Dennis shared information on the box of papers and pictures that had been donated to the museum and had belonged to the Reiger family of Point Pleasant. Dennis contacted the family and they were thrilled to get the contents back. They did agree that Dennis could take copies of some of the documents that would be kept in the Museum's archives. Pat Lake made a motion to the deaccession of the Rieger box of papers and pictures with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed with 8 votes.

Committee Reports

Grant Writer: No report

1st Saturday Tours: Ken reported that 23 visitors came through the Museum for the First Saturday tours in June. Rosemarie collected names and contact information from some who were interested in membership and/or volunteering. Roberta reported that the school was slow, but they may have a possible docent.

Civil War Days: Jim Entrican would be chairing the event for April/May 2023.

Big Day of Giving: No report

Museum Store: Susan Saner reported a small amount of sales on First Saturday and that they had not yet received the latest report from Red Door.

Membership: No report

Newsletter: Louie reported he's getting ready to print. Discussion as to mailing as few as possible and converting those members that agree to receive the newsletter by email.

Webmaster: All up to date with a volume of information.

Archivist: No report

Society Publications: position vacant

Spring Tea: No report

Black Tie and Christmas Committees: Jeanette reported that she would be sending out a letter to membership in August requesting donations for the Black Tie event. Yard Sale: Dennis reported that over 60 people had volunteered for the event with about 1689 attending. Income to date is \$25,549 with expenses of \$2,743 leaving a net of \$22,806. Dennis said he and Susan still expected to sell some items. Dennis posted on social media that a few pieces of furniture were available for free, and some people did respond. Dennis said they will hold a "Thank you" BBQ - date to be determined.

General Session: Rosemarie reported that there would be no General Session meetings in July and August. The next meeting will be September 19th. Susan Saner asked if the title of the meeting could be changed to Speaker Series from General Session Meeting as it seems to mislead people as to the central focus. Bylaws need to be checked.

Communications: None reported

Announcement: Dennis announced that Milt Webb, an Historical Society founding member, had passed away. Pat Lake made a motion to send flowers with a second by Rosemarie Miller. Motion passed with 8 votes. Jeanette will make arrangements for the flowers and will inquire about any service to be held.

A motion was made by Dennis Buscher to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 pm with a second by Rosemarie Miller. Motion passed with 8 votes.