

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2022 (Draft)

Board Members	P	A	Board Members	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, Stan Lake, John Frassetto, and CSD Traci Farris.

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM by President Ken Miller.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Dennis Buscher to approve the agenda as amended with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dennis Buscher to approve the minutes of 08/01/22 with a second by Louie Silveira. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Presentations: None

Appointments: President Miller announced that Jim Entrican will be the Committee Chair for the 2023 Board elections.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette passed out the treasurer's report for August. Rosemarie Miller made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with a second by Pat Lake. Motion passed.

Jeanette reported checks were written to reimburse Louie Silveira, \$454.66 for ink, Jim Entrican, \$263.47 for membership mailing. Additional checks written to Paula Meda, \$248.09 for awards; NoMoss, Inc, \$500.00 for removal of moss at Rhoads School; Sonny Prasad, \$500.00 for Quickbooks and transfer of data. Dennis Buscher made the motion to approve payments with a second by Rosemarie Miller. Motion passed.

Rhoads School Report: Roberta reported the 150th Celebration was well attended. She shared that 3 past Rhoads School graduates also attended. A donation of vintage music books were received which will be kept at the museum. So far 40 classes have signed up and a new docent will be added to the list.

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The Slough House Pioneer Cemetery Celebration was held and well attended, over 100. A \$600.00 expense was incurred for a wagon used to transport attendees to the celebration. 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.

CSD Report: Traci Farris reported the tree assessment and removal in the park was ongoing. Dennis inquired if we could get a copy of the report on which trees were being removed and possibly replaced. In the next few days, work will begin on replacing "tire busters" at the gates. An "All Hands Day" for park staff has been scheduled for September 29th to work on various projects in the a park. Traci mentioned that the appropriate equipment needed for work on repairing the flag pole would be available and maybe someone from the museum would also be available to coordinate repairs. David said he was going to try to be there. She also suggested that in the future when events are held at the School to coordinate dates with Elizabeth Rhoan at CSD. She is the coordinator for activities and by doing so might help in avoiding parking difficulties. She further mentioned that in Fall/Winter CSD will be attempting to work on repairing the fence at the school.

Facilities Manager Report: The following was reported:

- Operational needs/repairs - heaters in restrooms: David is trying to find a electrician.
- Upstairs A/C not working: Call will be made.
- Trellis at Gate House (rain/wind protection): Discussion on what possibly might work.
- Flagpole Repairs: see CSD report.
- Roof Replacement: David indicated that the previous bids had expired and that we will be once again seeking new ones.
- Storage: No report.
- Southside Lean-to: No report.
- Scouts Project: See Foulks House Handrail.
- Foulks House project: Schedule to be completed end of October.
- Foulks House Handrail: David is planning on contacting Scouts to see if they would help with that project. Board indicated that this is a top priority and needs to be completed for upcoming Christmas activities.
- Basement Leak: Is waiting until rain to see where repairs are needed.
- Markofer Room Wallpaper Replacement: Jeanette reported all is done except for the trim.
- Lean-to: No Report.
- Parking Lot Lighting: Not much we can do since it is CSD responsibility.

- Rhoads School Floor: Needs to be sanded and David is looking for volunteer.
- Fountain: Pump needs to be replaced and costs would be \$150.00 to \$200.00. Discussion on making sure that there is a timer.

Unfinished Business

- Security: Ken is working with Comcast/Xfinity which seems it would cost \$40,000.00 to get needed equipment to service. Jim is trying to find other alternative.
- Ballroom Theme: Rosemarie, Pam, Cindy, will be setting up meeting.
- Pop-up Canopies: Susan Saner reported that purchasing will be completed by end of month.
- Markeofer Room: Will not be open until after the Christmas activities.
- Memorial Plaque: Dennis indicated it's on hold waiting for family.
- Back-up for Computers: Jeanette reported hiring Backblaze for \$70.00 per year - all back-up is completed.
- Meeting with Sacramento Historical Society: Dennis has attempted to make contact with no luck so far.
- Digitizing Newspapers: Jeanette provided handout on possibilities. Discussion.
- Private Tours: Are tours allowed - Yes.

New Business

- Moss Removal Fundraiser: Ken presented that NoMoss, Inc has a referral program which could be used as a fundraiser. Museum would receive a percentage for each referral. Suggested to write something up for the newsletter to let members know.
- Civic Summer Contact: Ken explained the program but after discussion it was determined that it would not be possible for us since we had no staff who would be available each day.
- Chamber Packet: Ken passed around. Encouraged members to attend Chamber of Commerce meeting. Any member who wanted to attend we are allow 5 guests at each meeting.
- Serving Alcohol in Heritage Park: Dennis again went over requirements. Jeanette reported that she had completed all classes and has received her RBS certification. She also explained what was included in the class courses and tests required. Other members have shown interest such as Susan Saner and Susan Hernandez. It was also discussed that information regarding this should be put in the EGHS ByLaws.
- Basement Clean-Up: Jeanette expressed the extreme need to review items and paperwork of donations to the museum. The importance of indicating on correct paperwork (forms are located on top of file cabinets) if artifact item is a gift or on LOAN. She also reviewed with

- the Board that the form “Receipt of Contributions” is used for such items to be put in the Yard Sale. She shared that we are not responsible for determining the value of the donation(s).

Committee Reports

- First Saturday Tours: Carmen Bird reported that staffing is covered for October.
- Museum Store: Susan Saner reported that they had a tent at the school for the Rhoads School Celebration and sold \$104.00 of Pinkerton books.
- Yard Sale: No Report
- Membership Committee: Report was sent out to Board members. Dennis shared that donor’s from Big Day of Giving not interested in being given a free membership for donating, will be eligible to receive the newsletter for 2 years. Discussion on why 2 years and not one. It was also inquired how information is shown for this and who takes care of it?
- Newsletter Editor: Louie reported that as of to date 42 names and addresses have been removed from the Newsletter mailing list.
- Webmaster:
- Archivist:
- Society Publication Editor: Vacant

Communications: No reported.

Announcement:

General Session Meeting will be held on September 19, 2022, 6:30 PM at the Presbyterian Church, Big Horn and Elk Grove Blvd. The topic is “Lost and Found - A Taste of Elk Grove and the Delta” by Mary Ellen Dabaghian.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.