

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2023 (Draft)

Board Members Present/Absent

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
President Stan Lake	x		Rhoads School Bd. Dr. Roberta Tanner	x	
1 st Vice-President Dennis Buscher	x		Corresponding Secretary Pat Lake	x	
2 nd Vice-President Susan Hernandez	x		Treasurer Jeanette Lawson	x	
Recording Secretary Pam Phelps	x		Facilities Director David Chalmers	x	
Webmaster Louis Silveira	x				

Members attending: Annaclare Entrican, Tracy Ferris, Carmen Bird, Susan Saner, Rosemarie Miller, Barbara Claire, and Mary Bulford.

Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM by President Stan Lake.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was reviewed. Two items were added to new business: refrigerator for the jail and requesting help through a mass mailing.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 10, 2023 was made by Pat Lake with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed with 9 votes.

Public Comment: none

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Dennis Buscher made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with a second by Pam Phelps. Motion passed with 9 votes.

Rhoads School Report: Roberta reported only a few classes left to attend this school year. She said there was another parent concern. All is handled. They have a new docent. Susan Hernandez will talk with Jeanette about reaching out to obtain additional docents. The school's next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 9th at Mikes.

CSD Report: Tracy thanked Dennis and Pam for meeting with the CAPRA accreditation team. They were very impressed with the tour Dennis gave and with the museum and grounds. CSD will find out if they received the accreditation in Sept or Oct. She announced that Joshua Green will be leaving CSD and Phil Lewis will be the new General Manager. Tracy also announced that Rotary Grove in the park will be getting a restructuring. They are working on the ballfields and will be reseeding the grass. They trimmed the bushes lower in the parking lot, sent someone to check the trees for aphids, and will recheck them. The timer in the Heritage Park sprinkler system has been replaced. The trash can at Rhoads School has been serviced. She informed David that CSD did not have an extra metal flag pole.

Facilities Manager Report: David reported:

Front Fountain: The fountain in front of the Museum has been leveled and is now working.

They have been busy with the Civil War event and will gear up for the tea. The bar has been painted. The Girl Scouts will be in Wednesday to plant flowers.

Membership report: Report to come.

Committee Reports

Newsletter/ Webmaster: Louie reported all is coming along. Will take down Civil War info.

Civil War Days: Was fairly well attended as it rained Saturday morning. Friday's educational lectures were interesting. Ardent may publish something about Harriet Tubman. No exact accounting as of yet. Took in around \$12,000 with about \$6,000 in expenses. Proceeds to be split. There was a question as to how the proceeds are split. As of now it's an even split. Some questioned if it should be split by the amount of work an organization put into the event. There were some concerned citizens who protested the event at the City Council meeting. Stan, Jim Entrican and Tom Mahon have been invited to meet with the City Manager on Tuesday to discuss the issue. A discussion ensued about the protest. Stan would like to ensure that if held again, he would like there to be a committee. Barbara Claire was thanked for working on this event from afar.

Spring Tea: Susan and Pat reported that they have received lots of donations and there are several people helping out. There is one table and a few seats left to sell. It was suggested to give complimentary tickets to local dignitaries. Thanks were given to Rosemarie Miller for her help.

Archivist: No report given.

Old Business

Ballroom: Pam reported historical information is going up on the walls and those visiting are really interested in the display. She asked for help obtaining artifacts for the cabinet.

Elk Grove Historical Society Tri-Fold: Louie reported the membership application has been printed and is in the basement.

Aprons and Tee-shirts: Susan reported the 15 aprons have been received. Discussed t-shirts and pricing. They would be \$10 which includes a shirt and printing. After discussion, it was decided to get a few of a different color to sell in the store. A variety of sizes and styles will be ordered. Mary Bulford said she would like to make a donation to the museum of \$1000 to cover the expenses of the shirts so they could be given out to working members and docents. Jeanette Lawson made a motion for \$1000 toward the purchase of the shirts with a second by Pat Lake. Motion passed with 9 votes.

General Meeting: The next meeting will be held May 15th and David Lema will be speaking about Elk Grove's veterans who had given their lives. Dennis questioned if "The Park" should be checked out again for General Meetings. Louie will follow up.

New Business

Laptop for Archivist: Jerry has gotten a lot accomplished and is using his personal computer. He has given the information for a new computer to be used by the archivist at the museum. Carmen said she can check out a place to purchase it. Dennis made a motion for \$1000 to purchase the laptop that Jerry had requested with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed with 9 votes.

Refrigerator: It was requested that the refrigerator that was in the jail be replaced. Dennis commented that the jail should not have such an appliance as it's an history

showroom. David will check out if a larger refrigerator could be put in the storage barn. Valley Oak sells used ones. He will check on this too.

Mass mailing: It was suggested that a mass mailing be sent out to request volunteers. Jeanette will work with Susan Hernandez on this.

Communications and Announcements: Dennis reported the Big Day of Giving had 64 donors and took in \$11, 670. \$4,260 of which was online and \$7,410 offline. One donor gave \$4000. Expenses were less than \$200.

President Stan Lake adjourned at 4:54 P.M.