

## Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Aug 14, 2023 (Draft)**

Board Members Present/Absent

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
President Stan Lake	x		Rhoads School Bd. Dr. Roberta Tanner	x	3:05
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President Dennis Buscher	x		Corresponding Secretary Pat Lake	x	
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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: Susan Saner, Mary Bulford, Laura Laney, John Frassetto, Dinah Withrow, and Kennett Glendinning (CSD).

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

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of July 10, 2023 was made by Pat Lake with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed with 8 votes.

**Public Comment:** none

**Treasurer's Report:** Attached. Jeanette reported \$29,569 income from an estate sale done by Dennis and Susan of which \$14,775 will be paid to Coleen. They are waiting for the final amount as there are still a few items to sell. Dennis suggested having a trust account for estate sale proceeds. Pat Lake made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report with a second by Susan Hernandez. Motion passed with 9 votes.

**Rhoads School:** Roberta reported that their Board meeting was held. 32 classes have been scheduled so far for the year with 10 requesting scholarships. Several outfits were donated by Tsukamoto School. Schools in San Juan have reported a district directive that students are not to change clothes for a fieldtrip. They also requested no name changes. There was a question regarding the firestarter schedule. Roberta to check on this. There are three docents.

**CSD Report:** Kennett reported that the fence at Rhoads School will be completed in the fall. They saved the roof of the wishing well. Traci is still acting director of recreation. He reported events as: Comedy Under the Stars, the Strauss Festival and Great Pumpkin Festival. He will ensure that the crepe myrtles and shrubs in the parking lot will get trimmed.

**Facilities Report:** David reported:

Fountain: They are still working on the fountain.

Signs: Signs have been put up on the south and west fences. Comments from the Board that they looked really nice.

Foulks House painting: The siding is getting prepped for paint. Susan Hernandez made a motion to approve \$1,000.00 for paint and supplies for painting of the Foulks House with a second by Pat Lake. Motion passed with 9 votes.

Rhoads School: still checking on the floor.

They have cleaned out the wagon. There was a question about the trellis at the gate house. David will get this done.

**Membership report:** Report attached. Three new members for a total of 365 members.

### **Committee Reports**

Newsletter/ Webmaster: Louie reported that the newsletter is about ready to go out. He will be adding a couple of things to the web page.

Founders Day: Susan Hernandez handed out and reviewed a list of the events for the day. (attached) Laura Laney will be organizing activities for the kids. The blacksmith shop will be open and \$200 was requested for supplies. Dennis Buscher made a motion to approve \$200 for the blacksmith shop with a second by Louie Silveira. Motion passed with 9 votes.

Elk Grove Preservation Committee: Dennis will be reporting on this organization at each meeting. They will be restoring the Tavernor House at 8998 Elk Grove Blvd. A restaurant will be going in there.

Civil War Days: Stan reported that they are still meeting with the City of Elk Grove, the City Diversity Committee and opponents. It was asked if the Historical Society would have a booth at the Multicultural Fair on Sept. 9 at District 56.

Spring Tea: Susan H. reported that Mary and Barb will be doing all the table decorations for next year's tea. She felt there was too much competition.

Black Tie and Santa/ Fashioned Christmas: Jeanette reported that a representative from the tent rental place met with John to measure if tent would fit on the round patio. It will be installed the Monday before Thanksgiving. They can leave it up for Christmas with an additional cost of \$800. Jeanette is getting responses to the fundraising letter she sent out. There will be a meeting at the end of August for the event.

### **Old Business**

Trailer and equipment: Stan reported that the Elk Grove Historical Society's bid of \$5,800 was accepted by CSD. \$5,000 for the trailer and \$800 for tables and chairs.

Covered Wagon: The Scouts removed the lawn, capped the sprinklers, laid and sealed decomposed granite to prep the area. The wagon has been moved to just behind the bathroom and next to the Foulks House. It will need a cover for protection.

Ballroom: Pam reported that the ballroom will be ready for tours for the Founders Day event. Reported that Tom Mahon will be discussing hops and Megan Laney will have a spinning demonstration.

### **New Business**

Doors Open: Dennis reported that on Sept 9th and 10th the Museum would be participating in an event held by the California Historic Preservation group. The cost of the ticket is \$20

and people will be able to enter various museums free with the wristband provided. The time is 10am to 4pm. Dinah will get docents to work the event.

July Estate Sale: Dennis and Susan reported successful sales of just under \$30,000 with some items still to be sold for a shared profit and some donated to EGSB.

Room Care Volunteers: Jeanette reported that Rosemarie was concerned that items have been put into rooms without her knowledge. She asks that people please let her know. There is a need for a procedure. Someone reported that the lamp in the Markofer room was not working. John will fix it.

Museum Basement Changes:

1. Susan H. reported that she is cleaning out the southwest corner that's used for costumes and such. It's also a changing room. She requested a budget for new shelving. (facilities recalls that costs should be under \$200 so no need for a vote.)
2. Louie reported that he received archives of Elk Grove Citizen and Elk Grove Laguna newspapers. Additional shelving has been placed and shelving moved. It was requested to adjust shelving so the tables that were taken out could be placed back as there is a need for additional work space. Louie will check it out. There was a question about selling or donating old yearbooks. Dennis to try to sell online.

Donated Clothes: Roberta wants to know what to do with the clothes. They will go through them.

Cow Palace seating: The EGHS has come in to possession of three seats from the old Cow Palace. It would cost \$900 to refurbish them with upholster. Pam would like to have them upstairs in the history exhibit. The Board didn't seem interested. The chairs are with John Ross.

#### **Communications and Announcements:**

Stan reported that Louie and Jim were speaking to the residents of the Carlton.

Roberta announced that DAR would be ringing bells across the country and at Rhoads School at PM on September 19th.

Pam explained that John Ross would like everyone to know that he is back in town, but not as a regular volunteer to be contacted. He did, however, say that if facilities needed him, he would help out if he could.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 P.M.