

## Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Sept 11, 2023 (Draft)

Board Members Present/Absent

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
President Stan Lake	x		Rhoads School Bd. Dr. Roberta Tanner	x	
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: Jim Entrican, Mary Bulford, Laura Laney, John Frassetto, and Kennett Glendinning (CSD).

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM by President Stan Lake.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of August 14, 2023 as corrected was made by Pat Lake with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed with 7 votes.

**Public Comment:** none

**Treasurer's Report:** Attached. Jeanette reported no large expenses for the month. Dennis Buscher made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with a second by Pat Lake. Motion passed with 7 votes.

**Rhoads School:** Roberta reported there were 36 confirmed school visitations with 3 home schools and 4 from Costello to be confirmed. Both Costello and Markofer schools are returning for the school program. Roberta will be meeting with the San Juan District regarding clothing changes. Discussion was held about the requirement of period dress. It was determined to continue with business as usual for this year and take another look at the requirement for next year. Sutter's Fort no longer requires period dress for their program. Roberta thanked the Board for the donation from Big Day of Giving. She also announced that DAR would be ringing bells across the country and at Rhoads School at PM on September 19th.

**CSD Report:** Kennett reported that the gates in front of the school will be closed as the pool is closed for the winter.

**Facilities Report:** David reported:

Foulks House painting: The painting has been completed.

Rhoads School: still checking on the floor.

Gate House Trellis: David to complete.

Covered Wagon: There is a need for a plan to protect the cover. There is a concern about children climbing into the wagon. It was suggested to add a rail to the top of the steps at the back of the wagon and a sign in the front.

Jeanette noted that the purchase of the trailer and equipment was more than what was budgeted. Dennis Buscher made a motion requesting \$1000 for end of year facilities projects with a second by Pat Lake. Motion passed with 7 votes.

Stan brought up the cleaning of the facility. Discussion ensued.

**Membership report:** Report attached. Jim reported 7 new members. He is giving six month courtesy memberships to get people interested in becoming involved.

### **Committee Reports**

Newsletter/ Webmaster: Louie sent an email regarding the newsletter being worked on. Roberta reported that the purchase of tea tickets was still on the website.

Founders Day: The event was well attended, however parking was an issue. The event will continue to be held, but maybe not on Labor Day weekend.

Elk Grove Preservation Committee: Dennis reported that a training was being held tonight. There was a question as to a listing of the old homes in Elk Grove. Dennis said two reports are available online.

Civil War Days: Jim reported that he met with the City Manager regarding funding for the barn. Jim announced that there would be no more Civil War Day fundraisers held. He suggested that a "Raise the Barn" fundraiser be held in lieu of Civil War Days.

Black Tie and Santa/ Fashioned Christmas: Jeanette reported that a Black Tie and Santa committee meeting was held and various people will be helping with obtaining donations. Louie questioned if the hours for Old Fashioned Christmas, planned for 3-7 pm, should be 3-8. The gates will close at 7, so people may be in the park later. 3-7 still allows for plenty of time to see the lights. Laura said she would contact the schools for carolers. Since the summer kitchen will be full of the bins for decorators, the girl scouts will be meeting on the patio. They will be in need of tables and about 30 chairs.

### **Old Business**

Trailer and equipment: The trailer and equipment (tables and chairs) have been received and will be stored at the Mahon Ranch. The Historical Society needs to obtain a license. The insurance has a \$500 deductible. Discussion held as to the rental of this item. It was determined that a contract needed to be drawn up. The trailer and equipment will be rented out locally for \$250, \$50 of which will be paid to the driver of the truck that pulls it. Will there be a security deposit? Jim reported that the Rotary has an event on September 30. Pam Phelps made a motion to rent out the trailer and equipment for \$250 with \$50 going to the driver. Dennis Buscher made a second. Motion passed with 7 votes.

Doors Open: Dennis reported that Heritage Park was 1 of 75 venues open for the statewide event. He commented that Dinah did an excellent job with the docents.

Multicultural Festival: Stan reported that the event held at District 56 was good exposure for the Historical Society and new members signed up. It was noted that there is a need to obtain some free handouts.

Museum Basement Changes: Louie obtained costs for shelving to be placed in the southeast corner of the basement where costumes, etc. are stored. A motion was made by Jeanette Lawson with a second by Dennis Buscher to allocate \$500 for the purchase of shelving and bins for the project. Motion passed with 7 votes.

## **New Business**

Citizen of the Year: Stan reported that he would be on the committee for the City. The Historical Society made a \$200 donation for the event.

Elk Grove House: Dennis reiterated that there still is confusion as to the name Elk Grove House and Elk Grove Hotel. Although called a hotel in some publications, it is reportedly Elk Grove House. The signs posted around the City state incorrectly as Elk Grove Hotel as well as some Society publications.

Giant Pumpkin Festival: The Rotary is putting up two tents at the Rhoads School for the event to be held October 7th and 8th. Both the school and museum will be open for 1st Saturday on the 7th.

Santa costume: John said there is no need to purchase another costume.

## **Communications and Announcements:**

Jeanette read a thank you letter from Annaclare Entrican.

Jeanette announced that she would be gone from September 24th through October 10.

Roberta announced that tours for Sloughouse are closed for the winter, however if someone is interested in a private tour, contact her. Tours will reopen in May.

Hans Feichart has research papers he would like to donate to the Historical Society. Dennis will contact him.

Jim announced that Michael Vargas would be a candidate running for 1st Vice-President.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 P.M.