

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 13, 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: John Frassetto, Mary Bulford, Michael Vargas

Meeting called to order at 3:01 PM by President Stan Lake.

Approval of Agenda: No addition to agenda

Approval of Minutes: No corrections to October minutes.

Introduction: President Lake introduced Michael Vargas who is running for the 1st Vice President position of the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. The Treasurer's Report was sent to Board members via email with a request to approve bills: \$510 to Merry Maids, not more than \$5000 for the Brown property, property taxes, and not more than \$500 for cushions for the summer kitchen. Motion was made by Pat Lake with a second by Roberta Tanner to approve the expenses. Motion passed with 7 votes.

Rhoads School: Roberta reported that the Old School House in Old Sac has been permanently closed. 42 classes have been scheduled this year for the Rhoads School. The grounds have been sprayed for pest control and the anvil stump needs to be replaced. Roberta and Sue Davis met with the San Juan School District. They were informed that the district has no policy about dress for field trips, the Superintendent has recommended to principals that students not be requested to dress in any different outfit. Roberta said because of the request, they will probably lose the 12 SJSJ schools. They are, however, relaxing the policy for name changing. It has been commented that the "Making Manners" routine is not appropriate. Michael Vargas suggested visiting the program at Sutter's Fort to see how they have adjusted their program.

CSD Report: No Report

Facilities Report: John reported that they have been working on the Christmas event. Roberta mentioned that some of the fence slats were down at the school. John said not to use the switch to the right of the door from the kitchen leading out to the summer kitchen.

Wagon: There was no report, however, the prior minutes addressed protecting the wood and checking about who did the patio cover.

Membership report: Report attached. There are two new members.

Committee Reports

Newsletter/ Webmaster: Louie requested dates for the yard sale. Dennis replied that it would be the 3rd or 4th weekend in June, but to be determined. Web page updated. Pat asked if we have a Facebook page and was referred to Jeanette and that Barb will be working on this. Videos should be posted.

Elk Grove Preservation Committee: Dennis reported that the City of Elk Grove has no historic resources designated and they are requesting those deemed historically significant Federally be so designated by the City. They have filed a use permit for one of the small buildings in Old Town.

Black Tie and Santa/ Fashioned Christmas: Susan reported that the paperwork for the grant has been submitted. Pam reported that the house is almost completed and working on finishing up both inside and outside. There was a concern from some about having both Kwanza and Chanukah displays in the house. Stan determined that "Old Fashion Christmas" be the focus and not to include cultural references at this time. John and Pam mentioned how difficult it has been to get help setting up the grounds outside. There have been a couple of workdays with help, but for the most part, a few have worked a lot of hours. There needs to be more help to continue in the future.

Spring Tea: Susan reported that Barb and Mary will be decorating including the tables for this next tea. A possible theme is the Secret Language of Victorian Flirtations.

Founders Day: Founders Day will be held September 14. She requested a scholarship based on an essay.

Old Business

Walls for Pop-up Canopies: Pat to check with Susan Saner to see if they have been ordered.

Election reminder: Election for Board positions will be held November 20 at 6:30 at the location of Lace and Ivy. Susan H and Pat will take care of drinks, Lace and Ivy will supply cake.

New Business

Brown Property: Stan reported that a letter had been received to purchase the property. Dennis along with several others at the meeting had received letters from the same company. It was determined to not respond.

Wightman Estate: Dennis reported that they have been helping clean out the estate. He received a bit of paperwork from Ruth and has been reviewing it.

Digitizing the Elk Grove Citizen: Dennis reported that an organization has notified us that they will digitize the Citizen for free, but would have access to it. He and Jeanette will check on this.

Back Seat for Golf Cart: John reported that a back seat for the golf cart has been requested. Susan Hernandez made a motion for up to \$350 to purchase such seat with a second by Dennis Buscher. Motion passed with 7 votes.

Communications and Announcements:

Roberta handed out a flier for “Family Discovery Day” to be held on January 20th, 2024 from 9am to 1pm and sponsored by the Elk Grove Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Days Saints. She would like an Historical Society booth at the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 P.M.