

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2024 (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 Michael Vargas	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, Susan Saner, Annaclare Entrican, Laura Laney, and Mary Bulford.

Meeting called to order at 3:11 PM by First Vice - President Michael Vargas.

Approval of Agenda: Museum shades added to Old Business. Susan Hernandez made a motion to approve the agenda as amended with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Passed with unanimous consent.

Introduction of Amy Labowitch (AL Resources) - Vice-President Vargas introduced Amy Labowitch and discussed his and President Lake’s meeting with her regarding publicity work for the Historical Society. She explained that she has over 30 years’ experience and currently works primarily for non-profits with publicity and social media needs. Cost would be \$350/mo. Susan Hernandez made a motion that the Historical Society contract with AL Resources up to \$350/mo until the end of the year with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve February, 2024 minutes made by Pat Lake with a second by Roberta Tanner. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer’s Report: Attached. Jeanette reported large expenditures of: \$511.11 for a vacuum cleaner and \$4000.00 for a down payment on the shades for the museum. Additionally, expenses to be reimbursed of \$293.17 for a blower and lights and \$257.96 for the Foulks House. Jeanette requested a budget for the Foulks house. Susan Hernandez made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report including expenses to be reimbursed with a second by Pat Lake. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Rhoads School: Roberta reported that Caleb Greenwood school canceled their field trips and read a letter sent by one of the parents voicing concerns about racial injustices. Roberta reiterated that the program is a “living history” program and recreates Elk Grove history of the late 1800’s. Board consent was to let it ride for now. The fence around the school is in need of repair. Roberta will contact Eric. She reported that the Historical Society sent out 1099s to docents. Jeanette will follow up on this issue. The school is in need of one more fire starter by the end of the year.

CSD Report: No report

Facilities Report: Vice - President Vargas read a letter stating that there needed to be a cell communicator installed for the museum alarm. John said he met with a gentleman about the situation and made a phone call. The cost would be roughly \$7,202.75 for Johnson Control with a deposit of \$4,321. Board requested to discuss this with Jim. Susan Hernandez made a motion with a second by Jeanette Lawson to meet the requirement for upgrades for a cell communicator. Motion passed with one opposition and 6 for.

Membership report: Report attached. Jim Entrican requested \$250 for membership dues notices. Pat Lake made a motion with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Committee Reports

Newsletter/ Webmaster: Louie is working on the next newsletter and the web is updated.

Elk Grove Preservation Committee: No report

Spring Tea: Susan Hernandez reported that they have sold 45 tickets. They are in need of silent auction items. A tea meeting will be held on March 12, 10:30 am at the museum.

Yard Sale: Susan Saner reported that a container has been delivered. The yard sale will be held June 20-24th and she will be working with Amy to get volunteers to help. They have received post cards to hand out. Proceeds for the event will go to the covered wagon project with remainder to the barn project.

1st Saturday: Susan Hernandez reported that Dinah Withrow is in charge of docents for the 1st Saturday openings. February's opening saw 5 guests. She reported that information was published in the Citizen and on Facebook.

Old Business

Walls for Pop-Up Canopies: Susan Saner reported that the logos have been adjusted to fit on the panels. Costs will be \$225 each for two of the logo panels and #60 each for two plain side panels.

Storage Shed: John passed out information on two different 10 by 12 Tuff Sheds one being painted and one not painted and which could be painted to match the Blacksmith shop. The shed would include a loft on each end. See attached. Susan Hernandez made a motion to purchase the unpainted shed for a cost up to \$7500 including paint and taxes. Wall at 7 feet. A second was made by Pam Phelps. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Speaker Series: Louie reported that Dr. R. Snick Medicine Show on March 18th. There is no speaker scheduled for April or June. David Lema will be speaking in May.

Barn Project: Jim is requesting \$19,000 to District 56 as a deposit for a fundraiser to be held August 23, 2024. Roberta Tanner made a motion to pay the deposit with a second by Louie Silveira. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Shades: Jeanette reported that she and Pam met with Fonda Window Coverings. The cost of the shades will total \$8,384.73. A deposit of \$4,000 has been made. Board had pre-approved up to \$10,000 for the project. Shades will be installed Thursday, the 14th.

New Business

Foulks House: Pam Phelps made a motion to approve a \$500 budget for work being done by Dinah Withrow in the Foulks House with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed by unanimous consent. Apx \$300 has been spent.

Covered Wagon Plaque: Louie shared wording for the plaque and requested input. He said costs would run about \$1300. Louis Silviera made a motion for up to \$1500 for plaque costs with a second by Pat Lake. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Basement: Pat and Pam reported that they have been organizing some areas of the basement. Pat placed tags on the cabinets and Pam requested that if items were placed on the table, to please put a note on them indicating who and/or what they are for.

Communications and Announcements: Pam read a note from Girl Scout Troop 3842 thanking the Historical Society for the use of the facility and they will return in the summer months.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 P.M.