

## Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2025 (Draft)

Board Members Present/Absent

Elected Name	P	A	Appointed Name	P	A
President Bret Bartholomew		x	Rhoads School Dir. Roberta Tanner	x	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President Michael Vargas	x		Webmaster Louis Silveira	x	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Barbara Claire		x	Facilities Director Stan Lake	x	
Treasurer Jeanette Lawson	x				
Recording Secretary Pam Phelps	x				
Corresponding Secretary Cindy Mahon	x				

Members attending: Eric Sturges, Dennis Buscher, Annaclare Entrican.

Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM by Vice-President Michael Vargas.

**Agenda:** A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Jeanette Lawson with a second by Louie Silveira. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve April 14, 2025 minutes made by Jeanette Lawson with a second by Louis Silveira. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Attached. Jeanette requested approval for the following expenditures: \$459.02 to Louie Silveira for film and audio tapes and Sana Tax Corporation of \$832.00 for taxes. Motion made by Pam Phelps to approve the expenditures with a second by Roberta Tanner. Motion passed. Jeanette also requested a check payable to Julie Strong of \$4,707.77 for estate sales which was one half of total income to date. Motion made by Pam Phelps for approval with a second by Cindy Mahon. Motion passed. Jeanette reported a donation was received from Bob Lent for the Barn Project in the amount of \$25,000.

**Rhoads School:** Roberta reported the number of classes attending in June has dropped. Elk Grove Elementary School has scheduled five classes for next school year. There will be a Board meeting at the school on June 2nd. They currently have \$59.50 in petty cash.

**Facilities Report:** Prepping for the tea has been completed. No word on the cement slab. The lowest bid for the wagon cover was \$26,000 by Scott Lawrence which will be accepted. The need to work on a facilities team to take more responsibility was discussed. Eric suggested their Leadership team might be able to help out. It was stated that each event chair should ensure that there is sufficient help.

**CSD Report:** Eric reported that another plaque in the park had been stolen. They are working with the PD on the case. Jeanette shared that the lease agreement between CSD and the Historical Society shows that CSD owns the buildings and so the Society is unable to insure them. However, the Society can insure the contents. CSD will check this out.

### Committee Reports

**Webmaster:** Louie reported all is updated.

**First Saturday:** No report

**Donations/Acquisitions:** Dennis reported that some donations were received, but probably won't be kept as they are not related to Elk Grove.

**Elk Grove Preservation Committee:** Dennis said that this evening's meeting is cancelled. The red tagged building in Old Town is now in receivership and the City will get the building repaired.

**Historian:** No report

**Membership report:** Attached. Stan reported 1 new member with a total paid membership of 293. A list of emails that were returned were reviewed.

**Newsletter:** Louie working on the newsletter.

**Publicity:** No report

**Youth Activities:** Jessica's Girl Scout troop will be holding their Bridging ceremony on Thursday at 6:30 on the stage. All are invited.

### **Event Reports**

**Big Day of Giving:** Dennis reported income of \$10,217.00. Apx \$4000 online and \$6000 offline. Of the \$6000, \$1400 was received by mail and \$4600 came into the Museum. They had costs of \$85.00 of which one half was to be paid by Strauss. Dennis asked the Board to determine if they would like to continue participating in Big Day of Giving as he will no longer head the event. Dennis requested proceeds from Big Day be disbursed as follows: \$1,000 to Foulks House for repairs, \$2,500 to Rhoads School and the balance to the Barn project.

**Black Tie and Santa/Old Fashioned Christmas:** No report

**Founders Day:** Louie is working on the Historian award.

**Raise the Barn:** No report

**Estate Sale:** Susan S. and Dennis are continuing the work on the Strong estate sale. An extended weekend of May 17th and 18th will be held with most items half off. Sales to date were \$16,135 of which half will go to the Historical Society.

**Speaker Series:** Louie reported that Harry Cadura would be discussing the impact of soccer on the community. June's speaker will be Mr. Bartholomew who will be discussing the incorporation of Elk Grove.

**Spring Tea:** All went well. There will be a complete report at June's Board meeting.

**Yard Sale:** Will be held June 26-29. Donations will be collected the weekends of 5/16 and continue weekends of 5/23, 5/30 and 6/6. No upholstered furniture.

### **Old Business**

**Community Events:** The Taste of Elk Grove was attended by a few of the Society's members. It was a very nice event. Roberta reported on the History Days held at the Mahon Ranch where Laura talked up Old Fashioned Christmas.

**Bill Cartwright:** Louie reported that Bill has given us 4 signed books, and 10 signed basketballs as well as a \$1,500 donation. He is also giving us a box of 30 signed books.

### **New Business**

**Plaque:** Louie is finalizing a plaque for the brands and will forward to Board members.

**Concrete Pad for tents:** See facilities report.

**Refrigerator:** Jeanette proposed getting a bit bigger refrigerator for the kitchen. Discussion ensued as to whether or not it would be appropriate. A question was brought up about encasing it in something period. No action taken.

### **Communications and Announcements:**

Louie discussed the archive collection of the Elk Grove Citizen. He has received the 2024 bound copies which are in the basement.

Louie also met with Ann Hanna whose Great Great Grandfather, Albert Levitt, had kept diaries. He had 135 acres on Stockton Blvd and Hwy 99 and was a pilot on the Delta Queen. He graduated from Jackson Grammar School in 1896 and Elk Grove High in 1899. The diaries are available in the basement.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 P.M. by Vice - President Michael Vargas.