

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 14, 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 st Vice-President Michael Vargas		x	Webmaster Louis Silveira	x	
2 nd 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, David Chalmers, John Frassetto, Susan Saner, Dennis Buscher, Susan Hernandez, Rosemarie Miller, Laura Laney and Nathaniel Copos.

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM by President Bret Bartholomew.

Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Jeanette Lawson with a second by Cindy Mahon. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve March 10, 2025 minutes made by Cindy Mahon with a second by Stan Lake. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Nathaniel Copos of the Historic Preservation Committee was introduced.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Jeanette reported that she is working on insurance coverage for: the Blacksmith Shop, Jail, Foulks' House, and the Summer Kitchen. These areas have not been covered by insurance. \$5,800 in insurance for the contents of the house and school has been paid. After discussion, it was decided that coverage for contents should be: Blacksmith Shop and storage at \$50,000 and Jail at \$25,000. Check coverage for the Foulks' House at \$25,000 and \$40,000. A motion was made by Jeanette Lawson for up to \$12,000 for insurance coverage including the Brown property coverage with a second by Bret Bartholomew. Motion passed. There needs to be an inventory of the contents of the buildings. Jeanette requested a reimbursement to Louie for \$445.99 for ink cartridges. Motion made by Bret Bartholomew with a second by Pam Phelps. Motion passed. A check to Louie for Big Day of Giving postcards in the amount of \$213.31. Motion made by Cindy Mahon with a second by Bret Bartholomew. Motion passed. \$270.00 to Louie for 10 Bill Cartwright books. Motion made by Pam Phelps with a second by Bret Bartholomew. Motion passed. To Susan Saner in the amount of \$396.41 for Red Door items. Motion made by Bret Bartholomew with a second by Pam Phelps. Motion passed. To Susan Hernandez for round tables in the amount of \$599.42. Motion made by Bret Bartholomew with a second by Cindy Mahon. Motion passed. I

CSD Report: Eric reported that the Heritage Park grounds were aerated and seeded. Irrigation issues have been resolved. He thanked those that helped with the planting along with the student leadership group. The stump for the anvil has been placed at the school. The Board thanked CSD for their work in Heritage Park and the Rhoads School.

Rhoads School: Roberta reported two additional docents have been trained. The porch still needs bids for foundation repair. She thanked CSD for the yardwork. She will notify CSD

where to place the picnic tables. Dave filled holes from the ground squirrels. The tree was treated for aphids. One day, 4 policemen stopped to play with the students. They had several visitors on April's First Saturday. They would like to increase the number of classes for next year. 55 classes scheduled for this year. Roberta asked for new business cards.

Facilities Report: Planting has been completed. A company is coming to test an upgrade for the Wi-Fi. Dennis agreed and John will meet with them. Still discussing concrete for the additional tent and working on cover for the wagon. A motion was made by Bret Bartholomew to approve up to \$27,000 for the wagon cover with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed. Facilities questioned Eric about the parking issue for the museum when there is an event at both the museum and the park. It was agreed that they would not unlock the gate on Saturdays. The museum staff would unlock it for events.

Committee Reports

Newsletter/ Webmaster: Louie reported all is updated. Notify Louie about any community events that were attended.

First Saturday: Was steady and more families with children visited the museum. Discussion about using a trifold as a handout as the self-guided tour book is a lot to print. It was suggested that the self-guided tour booklet could be informational and published to be sold in the museum store. Pam, Barb and Louie will work on this.

Donations/Acquisitions: Dennis said we'd like to receive items from the area. Bret shared a bottle from the Elk Grove Water Works.

Elk Grove Preservation Committee: Dennis said they will be discussing an update on 2 items at this evening's meeting.

Historian: No report

Membership report: Attached. No response from reminder letter that was sent out.

Publicity: Will work on promoting the tea.

Youth Activities: The girl scouts requested that they have a campout for 4/26-27th. There would be 10 girls and 5 adults. The Board approved the campout, with no fire.

Event Reports

Big Day of Giving: Event to be held May 1st. Will have wine and hors d'oeuvres. Online donating will start tomorrow. Louie will send information to the Chamber for mailings.

Black Tie and Santa/Old Fashioned Christmas: No report

Founders Day: Roberta asked for suggestions for speaker topics. Question as to whether or not to include book signing. Louie said Elizabeth Pinkerton has decided on the Historian of the Year.

Raise the Barn: A meeting was held and a decision to have a live auction, silent auction and raffle depending on donations received. Event is scheduled for August 22nd. There will be country music. Bret discussed legacy donations.

Speaker Series: Louie reported that this year is booked and there are two open dates for next year.

Spring Tea: Susan H. reported that there are 14 full tables, but sales are slow this year. She said Zeffy asked for an \$8 donation, but there is a way around it. Jessica's girl scout troop will be serving.

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

Old Business

Community Events: Paws for a Purpose fundraiser was cancelled. Taste of Elk Grove Rotary fundraiser is 4/19. Rotary is holding a Beeb and Reef bash on 9/27. Tickets are \$100. History Days to be held 5/2-5/4 at the Mahon Ranch.

Stagecoach Cover: See Facilities report.

New Business

Plaque: Brand plaque to be written up.

Concrete Pad for tents: See facilities report.

Communications and Announcements:

A memorial for Ken Miller will be held at 4PM on July 5th at the Mahon Ranch.

Dennis and Susan S. are working on a sale to be held April 24th-27th. They need help on the days of the sale.

Louie shared a thank you letter from Bill Cartwright. Susan S. requested some books for the store.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:18 P.M. by President Bret Bartholomew.