

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 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, Dennis Buscher, Susan Saner, Mary Buford, Annaclare Entrican, Jim Entrican, George Kepler, Dave Chalmers, John Frassetto, Dinah Withrow, Jalyne Callori, Susan Hernandez, Tina Reiland and Laura Laney

Meeting called to order at 3:01 PM by President Bret Bartholomew

Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda as edited was made by Jeanette Lawson with a second by Stan Lake. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve June 9, 2025 minutes made by Jeanette Lawson with a second by Barbara Claire. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Jeanette did open a CD with an interest rate of 3.9% for 12 months for the amount of \$150,000. She noted how much more interest was being made with the CD than just in savings. A motion was made by Pam Phelps with a second by Barbara Claire to pay taxes to the IRS in the amount of \$1016.87. Motion passed. A motion was made by Barbara Claire with a second by Stan Lake to approve the Treasure's Report. Motion passed.

Rhoads School: Roberta reported that 10 classes have signed up for the next school year. There are 5 docents and 2 in training. She talked about the school openings and repairs. There is a desk in need of fixing and the stairs are starting to separate. There will be no Board meeting in August. Roberta went to Edna Batey and made a presentation to a class there. Bret asked for outreach information about Rhoads School and program.

Facilities Report: Stan handed out a list of projects and discussed these. It was requested that the alarm system be added to the list. Jim talked about the cement pad for the 20x20 tent. He will contact the contractor to obtain a new quote as the area has been changed. The structure for the covered wagon is being worked on.

CSD Report: Eric reported that the plaques for the school and in front of the museum are being replaced. He discussed the Strauss Festival which will be held soon. He was asked about a timeline for the park's master plan. He discussed a pad for the picnic tables at the school.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Louie said that he'd received warnings that others were trying to hack into the website, so he increased the security for \$10/month. Barb has agreed to take over the website for next year.

First Saturday: Dinah reported that she would like to meet with Roberta to coordinate docents for both the school and museum. Bret suggested an outreach program to obtain docents.

Donations/Acquisitions: Dennis reported that the Historical Society has received a 1900's Doctor's buggy. It is being stored at David Chalmers. Also received donations of antique linens and he'd like to know where they came from.

Elk Grove Preservation Committee: No report.

Historian: No report

Membership report: Attached. There are 5 new members.

Newsletter: Louie waiting for three articles.

Publishing: Barbara reported that she is working on the Heritage Park book

Publicity: Barb reported that the Barn Project event is on Facebook, the Historical Society's website, and several other social media sites.

Youth Activities: Jeanette informed the Board that the insurance company would no longer cover live animals at the events. Pam notified Laura that Jessica has also requested an Historical Society badge for the girls. Laura to contact Jessica.

Event Reports

Big Day of Giving: Dennis reported they'd received all donations from Big Day distributions which included \$138 from Golden One Credit Union.

Black Tie and Santa/Old Fashioned Christmas: Jeanette has sent out a letter requesting donations for Black Tie and Santa.

Founders Day: Susan Hernandez passed out a tentative schedule for the event. She questioned if the Rhoads School would be open and a need to obtain docents. Time for the event was discussed and decided upon 11-4. The Board wanted the Blacksmith to be working. Author tables will also be set up.

Raise the Barn: Jim will be placing signage around town. He also asked the Board and those present to help sell tickets. Tickets can be purchased online. Jim reported that a barn meeting was held and the food was chosen. Bret shared an invoice for the food which needed a deposit to be paid in the amount of \$5,626.76. There was a question as to the total bill as it was not the same amount that was presented at the meeting. A motion was made by Barbara Claire with a second by Jeanette Lawson to pay the deposit. Motion passed. Barb to add the veggie option to the online ticket purchase.

Speaker Series: Some discussion as to whether or not to continue the monthly meeting.

Spring Tea: Susan Hernandez reported that the tea was a success and that apx. \$8,000 was made. She said Barb will be taking over as Chair of the event. Susan was thanked for her 6 years of Chairing the Spring Tea.

Yard Sale: Dennis thanked the donors and all the volunteers, about 75, that worked the event. Gross sales were \$33,400 and expenses about \$8,000. It was the largest sale to date.

Old Business

Community Events: Elk Grove Lions Club will be hosting Burgers and Brews. Tickets are \$50 or \$375 for a table of 8. To be held August 23 at the Wackford Center. Elk Grove Rotary is hosting a Beef and Reef at the SES Hall, September 27th. Tickets are \$75.00.

Brown Property: Bret reported that an appraisal was only valid for 24 hours. Jeanette shared comps in the area. It was suggested that the property could be listed as commercial. Jim to check if there is still an offer available.

Brand Plaque: Louie sent information that to obtain a plaque like the others in Heritage Park, the cost would be \$1432.50. A plaque composed of a different material would cost \$834.93. The Board wanted the plaques to be consistent. A motion was made by Bret Bartholomew with a second by Roberta Tanner in the amount of \$1432.50 for the purchase of the brand plaque. Motion passed.

Stagecoach Cover: Reported in Facilities Report.

New Business

Strauss Festival: Barb reported that the Strauss Festival committee would allow the Historical Society to have a tent at the festival this year. Tina will be in charge of obtaining volunteers. Bret shared that they would like the Historical Society to provide parking attendants, tents, chairs and tables. Jim asked about electrical cords.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 P.M. by President Bret Bartholomew.