

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 9, 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, Annaclare Entrican, Mary Buford, Jim Entrican and Laura Laney

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM by President Bret Bartholomew

Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Pam Phelps with a second by Barbara Claire. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve May 12, 2025 minutes made by Jeanette Lawson with a second by Barbara Claire. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Jeanette discussed transferring money to support the Barn Project. She suggested \$50,000 from the Real Estate line item and \$5,000 from the Store line item to the Barn Project. She also suggested opening a CD with El Dorado Savings in the amount of \$150,000 with a rate of 4.3%. A motion was made by Roberta Tanner with a second by Barbara Claire to transfer the line item monies and open the CD. Motion passed.

Rhoads School: Roberta reported that Rhoads School will hold their Board meeting on Monday. One docent has dropped out and there is another new docent. She discussed the request to the Chamber Leadership group working on the shed at the school who will hold their 50 year anniversary of the move to the park. There are 10 classes scheduled for next year and one remaining for this year. There were 55 classes that attended this year. Firestarters would like a detailed instruction for their job. Roberta shared a painting of the school that was done by Rob Bonslett.

Facilities Report: Stan reported that they are working on prep for the yard sale. The wagon has been moved along the west fence. The contractor that is working on the wagon cover will return after the yard sale. Bret requested a job list review.

CSD Report: Eric reported that quotes to replace the stolen plaques was \$4,000 parkwide. The one at the entrance to Heritage Park was \$3,500 as it was the biggest. CSD has kicked off the master plan for the park. Will begin early next spring. Roberta noted that the Rhoads School was in need of additional garbage cans. She shared a concern about the uneven ground near where the tree fell. She questioned if CSD could contract someone to repair the porch and also asked if CSD could clean up the shed.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Louie said he added a few new items.

First Saturday: About 20 people attended. Dinah is in charge.

Donations/Acquisitions: Dennis said they are pulling some items from the yard sale. Louie said Elizabeth Pinkerton donated a binder from Leslie Haynes. He also said that yearbooks for 1944 and 1945 have been received.

Elk Grove Preservation Committee: Dennis reported that a new bar in Old Town Elk Grove will be opening. The red tagged building under receivership by the City will be restored and updated. The Taverner Residence will become a restaurant.

Historian: No report

Membership report: Attached.

Newsletter: Louie waiting for one article.

Publicity: Barbara reported that postings on social media and facebook showed 724 views for the speaker series in June, 758 views for the tours and 5,182 views on the yard sale.

Youth Activities: Laura reported that Troop 3842 would like to start meeting at Heritage Park beginning 9/5 from 4:30-6 every other Friday. The girl scouts would like to create a badge referencing Heritage Park.

Event Reports

Big Day of Giving: Dennis reported that all monies had been recorded. Apx. \$1,400 was donated prior to the event. May's donations will be received by the end of June. Bret requested Dennis to write up duties so the Historical Society can continue to participate.

Black Tie and Santa/Old Fashioned Christmas: Jeanette will be sending out a request for Black Tie and Santa donations sometime in July.

Founders Day: There was a question as to whether local authors should be invited to participate. Roberta Tanner will give a talk on the topic of old time travel. The Brand Wall will be dedicated as well as the Pinkerton Trophy awarded.

Raise the Barn: Jim handed out a flyer regarding sponsorship and donations. Discussion ensued and the Board requested a change to the In-Kind Sponsorships. Instead of reading "will receive benefits" will be printed as "will receive recognition". Jim said he'd like to clear \$500,000 from the Brown Property. There was a discussion about having it appraised by an outside assessor. Motion was made by Jeanette Lawson to approve up to \$1,000 for an appraisal of the Brown Property with a second by Pam Phelps. Motion passed. Bret to acquire the appraisal.

Estate Sale: Dennis said the first weekend brought in about \$16,000 and the second weekend about \$5,500. For a total of \$21,584. The Historical Society will receive \$10,841.94.

Speaker Series: Louie reported that on Monday, Hal Bartholomew will speak on the incorporation of Elk Grove.

Spring Tea: Barbara reported that there was \$8,645 net income. Susan Hernandez will be stepping down as chair and Barb will be taking over for the 2026 tea.

Yard Sale: Will be held June 26-29.

Old Business

Community Events: There will be a memorial for Ken Miller to be held at 4PM on July 5th at the Mahon Ranch. Bret and his father Hal are hosting an event on 6/29 from 12-5 at Christopher Cellars to celebrate 25 years for the City of Elk Grove. The Historical Society would like to have a booth at the Strauss Festival again. Barb to make a contact.

Stagecoach Cover: Reported in Facilities Report.

New Business

Plaque: Louie to have information at the next meeting.

Concrete Pad for tents: See facilities report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P.M. by President Bret Bartholomew.