

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 11, 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, Susan Saner, Annaclare Entrican, Jim Entrican, George Kepler, Dave Chalmers, John Frassetto, Dinah Withrow, Jalyne Callori, Mary Buford, Susan Hernandez, Jessica Gutierrez, and Laura Laney

Meeting called to order at 3:01 PM by Vice-President Michael Vargas

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Jeanette reported that the yard sale netted approximately \$25,000. \$20,000 to be given to the barn project. The General Restoration account has about \$100,000 and she'd like to move \$20,000 in addition to the \$30,000 into the Barn account. Louie Silveira made a motion to move the \$30,000 and \$20,000 from the General Restoration account into the Barn account with a second by Roberta Tanner. Motion passed. Jeanette also said that since the Covered Wagon project was complete, she would be deleting that line item. The cement work for the back was previously approved for \$12,000 and the bill came to \$9,850. Jeanette is requesting \$250 to the Chamber in order to participate in the Citizen of the Year decision and \$342.52 for printer ink. Pam Phelps made a motion to approve the two expenses with a second by Roberta Tanner. Motion passed.

Rhoads School: Roberta reported that 23 classes have signed up for the next school year with 17 more waiting to be scheduled. There is a school from El Dorado Hill that is new to the program. Rhoads School will be participating on 9/17 at 1pm for the Bells Across America to commemorate the signing of the Constitution. Roberta said that invitations to participate in the program will be mailed this year. They have received 19 applications for scholarships. There will be a Board meeting on Oct 6th at 9am at Original Mikes where they will be voting on scholarships. She questioned Eric about the plaque and he responded that CSD is working on it.

Facilities Report: A tent has been erected to protect the floors and tables. There was a question about the Reese School. Susan Saner responded that the project will happen. There was also a reminder that paper towel dispensers in the restrooms need to be replaced. Roberta said she still

has items that were donated and need to be picked up. Jeanette reported that she would contact JS Canvas Company about getting a quote for the roll down sides for the wagon structure.

CSD Report: Eric reported that CSD needs school attendance information from Roberta. The Leadership group would like to come back for a project or work day. The plaques are being replaced. Eric met with Stan about the school's porch. There was a question about watering the plants in Heritage Park. Eric will check out.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Louie reported that Barb has agreed to take over the position in January.

First Saturday: Dinah reported that the First Saturday in August was very busy. They also gave a private tour to Carlton.

Donations/Acquisitions: No report.

Elk Grove Preservation Committee: No report.

Historian: No report

Membership report: Attached. The report has been sent out.

Newsletter: Louie reported that the newsletter will be out in a week. He would like bios of anyone running for a Board position. He also reported that he will be stepping down from this position. There are 6 papers published a year.

Publishing: No report

Publicity: Barb emailed a report to the Board. Attached

Youth Activities: Jessica Gutierrez reported on the Girl Scouts and that she has been appointed by the Girl Scout organization to be a Community Liaison. She'd like to meet with a team from the Historical Society to create a plan whereby the girls can earn badges. Mary Buford and Louie Silveira volunteered. Laura reported that plans are being made for Founders Day youth activities.

Event Reports

Big Day of Giving: Susan Saner said she would set up the snacks for the day for about \$150. Louie asked if the Historical Society wanted to continue to participate as he would need to register. Michael will check with Bret.

Black Tie and Santa/Old Fashioned Christmas: Postcards are being developed for school district approval and printing.

Founders Day: The brand plaque is coming. Jim will give a talk about the brands. Susan H. is working on getting the blacksmith demonstration. A decision was made not to have the authors' tables at the event. Mary will bring the podium.

Raise the Barn: Jim reported that Pacific Auction Company (PAC) will be supplying, setting up items for both the live auction, which they will charge, and silent auction.

Speaker Series: October's speaker will be . So far speakers scheduled for next year include Elaine Farber, Andie Saunders and Linda Werther.

Spring Tea: No report

Yard Sale: No report

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 District 56.

Stagecoach Cover: Reported in Facilities Report.

New Business

Brown Property Sales: After discussion about selling the Brown Property, Stan Lake made a motion that the Board would like to explore the possibility of selling the property. With a second by Pam Phelps, the motion passed.

Volunteers: Jeanette sent out a letter to the membership requesting the need for volunteers and an event they'd like to participate in.

Christmas Parade: Pam discussed the possibility of the Historical Society to participate in the City's Christmas parade as advertisement for the Old Fashioned Christmas. She will check out information.

Back Entryway: A discussion about putting down decomposed granite in the entry by the back gate was discussed. The cost would be \$7600 without labor. No decision was made.

Announcements:

The Historical Society will again host a booth at the Mormon Family History Discovery Day on February 7, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M. by Vice-President Michael Vargas.