

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 8, 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: Susan Saner, Annaclare Entrican, Jim Entrican, John Frassetto, Dinah Withrow, Mary Buford, Dennis Buscher and Laura Laney.

Meeting called to order at 3:7 PM by President Bret Bartholomew.

Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda made by Barbara Claire with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve August 11, 2025 minutes made by Bret Bartholomew with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Insurance for volunteers has been cancelled, however there is coverage under the general insurance policy. Barbara Claire made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with a second by Roberta Tanner. Motion passed.

Rhoads School: Roberta reported that 38 classes have signed up for the next school year with 8 pending. There is a school from El Dorado Hill that is new to the program. 16 applications for scholarships will be reviewed at October's Board meeting to determine who will be receiving the scholarships. Meeting to be held on Oct 6th at 9am at Original Mikes. Roberta also announced that on September 17th, the DAR supported Bells Across America will commemorate the signing of the Constitution. They will be ringing the bell at the school.

Facilities Report: New towel dispensers have been installed in the restrooms. Event chairmen should contact Deanna about the need to clean restrooms.

CSD Report: No report. A request was made to use the Historical Society parking lot for the Veterans parade on November 11th. CSD requested us to use our tables. John and David will coordinate this.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Louie requested bios from people who will be running for Board offices.

First Saturday: Dinah reported that September's First Saturday had very good attendance. There was a question if CSD could notify people that reserve the picnic areas that the Historical Society's parking lot may not always be available.

Donations/Acquisitions: Dennis checked out some items, but didn't accept them. He's also checking out a Jack Hill park sign.

Elk Grove Preservation Committee: Planning of Old Town identified 6 themes. They will be participating in a Mills Act training.

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: Barb will be printing and binding copies of the Daylor book. She also has copies of a book that was part of the Donner Collection. Roberta said there might be copies of that book downstairs.

Publicity: Posting for Dr. Arsenic has been posted on social media as flyers for Old Fashioned Christmas.

Youth Activities: Laura said the Girl Scout display will be up one last time for the October museum opening. There has been a good response to the display. Louie said they are working on the Girl Scout badge.

Event Reports

Big Day of Giving: Historical Society will continue to participate.

Black Tie and Santa/Old Fashioned Christmas: Check with Cindy about Jesse Baker outreach.

Founders Day: The event was well attended. Roberta gave an excellent speech on the history of transportation in the area. Roberta received the Pinkerton Award.

Raise the Barn: Jim reported that the event raised \$57,248.84 with a net of \$41,160.50 to date.

Speaker Series: Bob Crowley will be speaking on the Stevens, Townsend, Murphy wagon train party.

Spring Tea: Will be held May 9th, 2026.

Yard Sale: Will be held the last weekend in June. The Mix estate sale will be held Sept 19, 20 and 21 from 8-2.

Old Business

Brown Property Sales: The Board would like to know the value of the property. No decisions have been made.

New Business

Volunteers: Some feedback from the mailings has been received. One list to be made up.

Back gate entryway: A quote of \$80/sq yd - about \$7,800 for decomposed granite materials. Roberta Tanner made a motion to obtain a quote to prepare the ground with a second by Louie Silveira. Motion passed.

Dickens Faire Booth: Check with Amy about getting a booth for November 29th from 10-5.

Announcements:

Louie had the Elk Grove Citizen address changed to the PO box.

Roberta will be representing the Historical Society at the Citizen of the Year determination meeting.

Community Events: Giant Pumpkin Festival will be October 3,4 and 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 P.M. by President Bret Bartholomew.