

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 10, 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 vacant	-				

Members attending: Susan Saner, George Kepler, Dinah Withrow, Dennis Buscher, Tina Reiland, Eric Sturges, Mary Buford, John Frassetto, and Laura Laney.

Meeting called to order at 3:04 PM by President Bret Bartholomew.

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

Approval of Minutes: Barbara Claire corrected the spelling of Stephens under Speaker Series. Motion to approve October 13, 2025 minutes as corrected made by Jeanette Lawson with a second by Stan Lake. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Bret acknowledged Louie Silveira who was named Elk Grove's Citizen of the Year. Naman Sharma of CSD introduced himself.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Jeanette reported the balance was down \$5000 due to expenses for the Barn event. Scholarships for the Rhoads School have begun to be disbursed. Jeanette requested taxes of \$5,298.22 be paid for the Brown rental property. Bret Bartholomew made a motion to pay the taxes with a second by Roberta Tanner. Motion passed. She also requested \$218.57 to purchase 2 ink cartridges. Roberta Tanner made a motion for the ink with a second by Pam Phelps. Motion passed. Jeanette reported that \$1000 was received from the Citizen of the Year awarded to Louie and will be applied to the Barn Project. Stan Lake made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with a second by Roberta Tanner. Motion passed.

Rhoads School: Roberta reported that 15 classes have attended this year with 30 schools scheduled and 15 pending. Three additional classes requested scholarships. Roberta said the school was in need of slate boards. Roberta asked Eric about the porch. Eric has discussed with CSD the situation and said it may qualify as a safety issue. Picnic tables will be moved this winter. Roberta questioned if the school could be power washed prior to February.

Facilities Report: Stan reported that the alarm system has been installed and he is in the process of training people on its usage. The museum front porch steps have been repaired. Jim has asked a contractor to measure for a wood facade for the bathrooms. Barb asked Eric if CSD had compost that could be spread around the flower beds. There was a question about a French drain that had been previously discussed to be placed by the basement door. Inez from Chicks in Crisis is interested in volunteering with gardening.

CSD Report: Eric said that the veterans' parade was being held tomorrow. A request was made of CSD to leave the gate into the park open on 11/30 in case any attendee to the Black Tie event had to park in the park.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Louie reported that the site is updated.

First Saturday: No report

Donations/Acquisitions: Dennis requested the deacquisition of the sewing machine that was in the Markofer room. It was tagged #8 and was incomplete. It has been replaced by another machine. Jeanette Lawson made a motion to deacquisition the #8 sewing machine with a second by Barbara Claire. Motion passed. Inez from Chicks in Crisis has some artifacts from her ranch. Will send pictures. Louie reported that a lady from the Graham family would like to meet with the Historical Society.

Elk Grove Preservation Committee: Dennis reported that the Tule coffee shop in Old Town replaced the white picket fence with an iron one and therefore cited. The committee will make a decision on approval or not.

Historian: No report

Membership report: Attached.

Newsletter: Louie has added the candidates running for Board positions to the newsletter.

Publishing: No report

Publicity: Barb has been working on getting information out about Black Tie and Santa as well as the Old Fashioned Christmas events.

Youth Activities: No report

Event Reports

Big Day of Giving: No report

Black Tie and Santa/Old Fashioned Christmas: Jeanette reported that tickets for Black Tie and Santa have been selling. Pam reported that setting up for Old Fashioned Christmas is ongoing. Have had issues in getting help for outside set up.

Founders Day: No report

Raise the Barn: It was announced that Bill Cartwright has a motorcycle he is donating to be used as an auction item.

Speaker Series: Louie reported that eight speakers are needed each year for the speaker series. He has six scheduled for the upcoming year.

Spring Tea: No report

Yard Sale: John Frassetto reported that an Uncle Sam air tube man was received in error and can be used for the yard sale and other events.

Old Business

Local Authors: To piggyback on previous discussions about having local artists highlighted, Dinah reported that Michael Freitas requested a book signing for his children's book. Jeanette will follow up.

Back gate entryway: Item tabled.

Dickens Faire Booth: The Historical Society will have a booth at the Dickens Faire on Saturday, November 29th.

Illumination Festival and Parade: Pam reported that the Historical Society will not be participating in the parade, however, will host a booth at the event on December 6th.

Brown Property: Jeanette will contact an appraiser for the property. She said the cost would be \$700 and the board has previously approved \$1000.

New Business

None reported

Appointments: Brett appointed Jeanette Lawson as interim Corresponding Secretary until the end of the year. Board approved.

Announcements:

Jeanette requested that if she sends an email or phone message to one of the members to answer, that she be notified when the request has been handled.

Susan Saner requested that a different refrigerator be placed in the kitchen. Discussion ensued. A question was asked if the historic one could be fixed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 P.M. by President Bret Bartholomew.