

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 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 J Lawson		x			

Members attending: Susan Saner, George Kepler, Mary Buford, John Frassetto, Jalynne Callori, and Laura Laney.

Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM by President Bret Bartholomew.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve November 10, 2025 minutes was made by Bret Bartholomew with a second by Barbara Claire. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Barbara Claire asked for approval to pay \$887 for the front porch repair. Motion was made by Bret Bartholomew with a second by Pam Phelps. Motion passed. A request was also made to pay \$349.34 for the service of the fire extinguishers. Motion was made by Bret Bartholomew with a second by Barbara Claire. Motion passed. Request to pay Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce dues of \$207. Motion was made by Pam Phelps with a second by Barbara Claire. Motion passed. Barbara reported that donations were received as follows: \$500 from June Daeling in memory of Cindy Mahon for the Barn Project, \$1,000 from Tom Mahon earmarked to the Barn Project, and \$5,000 from the Sandy Russell trust account. Louie Silveira made a motion to add the \$5,000.00 to the Barn Project with a second by Barbara Claire. Motion passed. A motion was made by Barbara Claire to approve the Treasurer's Report with a second by Roberta Tanner. Motion passed.

Rhoads School: Roberta reported that one more school had signed up with nine schools pending.

Facilities Report: John reported that water was coming into the basement through a pipe in the panel. Puddy has been placed around the pipe. A generator has been brought in to help with power during Old Fashioned Christmas.

CSD Report: No report

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Louie reported that the site is updated. He has put the newsletter and minutes on the website. Speakers' information is also posted.

First Saturday: No report

Donations/Acquisitions: No report

Elk Grove Preservation Committee: No report

Historian: No report

Membership report: Attached.

Newsletter: Is done. 22 have been mailed.

Publishing: Barb is working on a book about the Elk Grove House. She has made a map of Heritage Park for the Old Fashioned Christmas handout.

Publicity: Barb has been posting information about Old Fashioned Christmas on sites. Has noticed that the City of Elk Grove is referring the event to others. There are 2706 followers on Facebook.

Youth Activities: No report

Event Reports

Big Day of Giving: Bret announced that he would not be chairing this event. Louie said registration starts in January and that he would register the Historical Society.

Black Tie and Santa/Old Fashioned Christmas: Jeanette reported that income for the Black Tie event was \$15,066.47 with expenses of \$5,014.32 leaving a profit of \$10,052.15. Pam reported that the first weekend of Old Fashioned Christmas was successful with about 480 guests, almost a 100 more than last year. The Illumination Festival didn't seem to impact the event.

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. He would like to move the bike to the Historical Society. Louie will contact Jim.

Speaker Series: Louie reported that the laptop, projector and screen are downstairs.

Spring Tea: No report

Yard Sale: No report

Old Business

Back gate entryway: No report

Dickens Faire Booth: The Historical Society had a booth at the Dickens Faire on Saturday, November 29th. It was very successful with many contacts made. Thanks to Laura, Sean and Pam for manning the booth and Jim for setting it up.

Illumination Festival: On December 6th, the Historical Society had a booth at the festival. Thank you Tina for a prime spot. Again, lots of good contacts made. Thank you to Bret, Mary and Anna for manning the booth.

Brown Property: No update reported

New Business

Election results: Bret announced the new Board members as follows: President Barbara Claire, 1st Vice President Jalynne Callori, 2nd Vice President Peggy Forsythe-Andrews, Treasurer Jeanette Lawson, Recording Secretary Pam Phelps, Corresponding Secretary Melissa Pugiese.

Board Discussion Items: The Board discussed cleaning of the museum. They also discussed a plaque for the roses as the old ones are in need of repair/replacement. Possible dates in January for a planning meeting were also discussed. Barb will follow up on this.

Announcements:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 P.M. by President Bret Bartholomew.