

## Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**February 9, 2026 (Approved 3/9/2026)**

Board Members Present/Absent

Elected Name	P	A	Appointed Name	P	A
President Barbara Claire	x		Rhoads School Dir. Roberta Tanner	x	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President Jalyne Callori		x	Webmaster Selene Bendeck	phone	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Peggy Forseth-Andrews		x	Facilities Director David Chalmers		x
Treasurer Jeanette Lawson	x				
Recording Secretary Pam Phelps	x				
Corresponding Secretary Melissa Pugliese	x				

Members attending: Dennis Buscher, Susan Saner, George Kepley, Mary Bulford, John Frassetto, Laura Laney, Louie Silveira, Dinah Withrow, Sue Pricco and Tina Reiland.

Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM by President Barbara Claire. Quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve January 12, 2025 minutes made by Jeanette Lawson with a second by Melissa Pugliese. Motion passed.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Jeanette requested to add Elk Grove Historical Society insurance to New Business. Pam Phelps made a motion to approve the agenda as edited with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:** none

### **Board and CSD Reports**

**Rhoads School:** Roberta reported that per the School's by-laws, they will be supplying the Recording Secretary with a copy of their minutes. She said they are working on the 50-year celebration of the School's move to Elk Grove Park. They are inviting all alumni to the event.

**Facilities Report:** The sides for the covered wagon are ready; however, the structure needs a few adjustments before they can be installed. Jim is obtaining a quote for the wooden siding to be installed on the bathrooms. No word on the alarm yet.

**CSD Report:** No report

**1st Vice President:** Starting in February, the General Meeting will be held in the summer kitchen of the Museum. February's speaker will be Andrew Saunders whose topic is the Lincoln Highway.

**2nd Vice President:** No report

**Treasurer's Report:** Attached. A motion was made by Melissa Pugliese to approve the Treasure's Report with a second by Barbara Claire. Motion passed. A motion to approve the annual budget was made by Melissa Pugliese with a second by Roberta Tanner. Motion passed. The Board had previously reviewed the budget at the planning meeting.

**Recording Secretary:** No report

**Corresponding Secretary:** Melissa reported that she will be sending out letters to all new members as well as the General Meeting guest speakers.

**Webmaster:** Selene reported that she will be installing an upgrade to the website. She sent out a questionnaire to Board members. It was requested that it be sent to all Society members, so she will add it as a link on the website.

### **Support Positions/Committee Reports**

**Docent/Volunteers:** Dinah reported that 16 guests toured the Museum on February's 1st Saturday event.

**Bylaws Committee:** Will be setting up a meeting date for the committee to review.

**Donations/Acquisitions:** No report. Jim Entrican has made contact with James Hall's great grandson who will be donating some old pictures taken by James Hall.

**Society Historian:** Dennis did say that a directory of the Sacramento area was published every 2 years starting in 1850 and which are held at the State Library in Sacramento.

**Historic Preservation Committee:** Dennis reported that they are concerned about preserving rural areas where someone is requesting to build.

**Grant Writer:** Stan is working on the new grants for the year due in February.

**Membership:** Attached.

**Museum Gift Shop and Book Store:** Susan Saner reported that the 1880 book sold and that the booth at the Red Door has been profitable.

**Newsletter:** Louie is completing the next newsletter.

**Publicity/Social Media:** Selene reported that she created an Instagram account for the EGHS which is connected to the EGHS Facebook's account.

**Research Library:** Louie reported that the Library is continuously being added to.

**Room Care Coordinator:** No report.

**Society Publication Editor:** No report

**Youth Activities:** Laura reported that she would be setting up an origami activity for youth that attend the 1st Saturday event.

### **Event Reports**

President Claire announced that she would include an event on the agenda 6 months prior to the event unless the event Chair requested otherwise.

**Big Day of Giving:** Selene reported that the Society has been registered for Big Day of Giving. The long-term goal is to fund the Rhoad School's scholarship program. She is looking for a short-term goal. After discussion, the Board chose to fund the 50 Anniversary

event. Jeanette suggested that Big Day of Giving funds might be used to have Groundworks look at the brick facade of the Museum. Selene is creating publicity to go out to the membership and Chamber members.

**Spring Tea:** Barb reported that a committee meeting was held last week and flyers are prepared. The theme will be "Parlor Games".

**Yard Sale:** The yard sale will be held June 25th - 28th. Donation collection will begin the weekend after Mother's Day. Roberta will send the name of someone who would like to be contacted to volunteer and Barb will forward a list of interested volunteers. Dennis and Susan will be holding an estate sale on March 20-22.

**Barn Raising Banquet:** Event to be held August 21st.

### **Old Business**

**Museum Cleaning:** The Board discussed having the Museum cleaned quarterly: January, April, July and October. A motion was made by Pam Phelps to approve \$1550 for the annual cleaning of the house, jail and bathrooms with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed.

**Brown Property Appraisal:** Jeanette reported that she has been unable to contact the appraiser. Will try sending a certified letter. Sue Pricco said she might be able to help.

**Robo Calls:** Selene contacted another service provider. Board discussion ensued.

**Supply Cabinet for Ladies' Restroom:** Jalyne working with Deanna on getting and storing supplies.

**Rose Plaques:** Louie working on this.

**Fountain Plaque:** There had been a question about the original plaque that was on the fountain. He has found the plaque and will ask the family if they would like it.

### **New Business**

**Board Meeting Date and Time:** A proposal was made to change the date and time of the Board meetings to accommodate members who are still working. The Board discussed the item; however, no changes were made at this time.

**Event Grants:** Refer to the item under Support Reports.

**Chamber Leadership Project:** Jim and Stan are submitting a proposal to the Chamber for work to be done at the Rhoads School.

**Community Outreach Program:** Jeanette suggested that the Historical Society host a free event to bring people into Heritage Park. A date of July 31 was determined; a committee of Jeanette, Tina, Pam and Sue was created. Barbara Claire made a motion to fund up to \$600 for the event with a second by Pam Phelps. Motion passed.

**Portable PA System:** Jim Entrican donated this system to the Society.

**Historical Society Insurance:** Jeanette reported that the Historical Society will no longer be covered for Accident Insurance as of April. Suggested that the 1st or 2nd VP take this issue on. Dennis will check the Bylaws.

**Announcements:**

Roberta announced that Cara has a website titled "Once Upon a Time".

Rotary Club's Taste of Elk Grove will be held April 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M. by President Barbara Claire.