

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026 (Approved 2/9/26)

Board Members Present/Absent

Elected Name	P	A	Appointed Name	P	A
President Barbara Claire	x		Rhoads School Dir. Roberta Tanner	x	
1 st Vice-President Jalyne Callori	x		Webmaster Selene Bendeck	phone	
2 nd 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 Buford, John Frassetto, Laura Laney, Jessica Gutierrez, Louie Silveira, Dinah Withrow, Annaclare Entrican, Eric Sturges and John Adlesperger (both from CSD).

Meeting called to order at 3:01 PM by President Barbara Claire. Quorum was established.

Introductions were made and Barb handed out business cards to new Board members.

Appointments to the Board: President Barbara Claire made the following Board appointments. Webmaster as Selene Bendeck, Facilities Director as David Chalmers and Rhoads School Director as Roberta Tanner.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve December 8, 2025 minutes made by Jalyne Callori with a second by Melissa Pugliese. Peggy abstained, Motion passed.

Public Comment: Jessica Gutierrez shared the Girl Scout patch that was designed for work accomplished at the Elk Grove Historical Society. They are organizing an event to create bags for the homeless.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Signers on the accounts at El Dorado Savings Bank will be: Barbara Claire, President; Jalyne Callori, First Vice President; Jeanette Lawson, Treasurer; and Betty Wilson, Assistant Treasurer. Bret Bartholomew, past President and Michael Vargas, past First Vice President are removed as signers on the accounts. A motion was made by Pam Phelps to approve the Treasure's Report with a second by Jalyne Callori. Motion passed.

Reports

CSD Report: Eric reported that CSD was in the final stages of the park's Master Plan including moving the Rhoads School to Heritage Park. The pillar on the porch at the school is being inspected and will be worked on. Picnic tables will be moved. The grounds are ready to work on the yards' landscaping for both Heritage Park and the school. There was a discussion about closing the gate to the Museum's parking lot when there is an event. They will keep the gate closed.

Docent/Volunteers: Dinah passed out a sheet for the Board members to sign up as lead docents for the First Saturday museum openings.

Donations/Acquisitions: No report

Facilities Report: Barb stated that the last person to leave needs to check that all doors are locked including Foulks House, bathrooms and Jail. She will check on getting the old alarm removed. Instructions for the new alarm will be written up. Names, key numbers will be listed and stored in the safe. John reported that there are extra controls for the summer kitchen lights in the control panel. Each control will operate one light. The control on the wall operates both lights.

Historian: No report

Membership report: Attached. The report has been sent to Board members.

Newsletter: Louie included a special edition of the Old Fashioned Christmas Non-Profit Organizations that decorated trees.

Preservation Committee: Dennis discussed the removal of the historic oak grove on Elk Grove Blvd. The City did approve for the builder to remove the trees with the caveat that they pay to fund future tree planting. Work on the Taverner House is beginning and will become a restaurant. A report justifying a change to a historic building will have to be completed for the iron fence placed at Tule.

Publicity/Social Media: In 2025, there were 500 plus new followers on the Historical Society's Facebook page. Selene will be taking over this position and will begin a marketing campaign. She will compile a contact list.

Publishing: Barb is creating a flyer for 1st Saturday openings as well as for the Speaker Series.

Rhoads School: Roberta reported that 52 classes have been scheduled for this year. They will be holding a Board meeting on February 2nd at Miles Diner on East Stockton. Roberta asked for input regarding 3 lanterns that were possibilities for purchase. They are planning a 50 celebration of the school's move from Sloughouse to the park.

Webmaster: Selene has been appointed to this position.

Youth Activities: Laura requested to store a loom that can be used for display on 1st Saturdays. Facilities said it could be stored in the blacksmith end of the barn. She will be hosting children's activities for 1st Saturdays.

Event Reports

Old Fashioned Christmas: Pam shared that a few more than 1660 people attended the event. Income was \$16,767.24 with expenses at \$7,084.13 leaving a profit of \$9,683.11. Expenses were held at a minimum this year. As usual, people enjoyed the event including the lights, cookies, Santa and Kid zone. It was very successful thanks to the many people that donated their time preparing for and working the event. Susan Saner reported that the Museum Store took in \$3,380 during the event and another \$1,200 for Nov and Dec from the Red Door.

Big Day of Giving: Selene will be heading up this event. She'd like to host a soft launch.

Spring Tea: Jalyne and Barb will be co-chairing the 2026 event and will be hosting a meeting in the summer kitchen on January 28th from 1-3. Louie requested poster and information.

Old Business

Dec 2024: 1.) Gutters, no change, contractor not yet contacted. 2.) A contractor looked at the basement leak and made suggestions, no follow-up. However, the area where the leak is stemming from, has been identified and a fix is being attempted. 3.) No report on the warped barn door.

Jan 2025: The Foulks house roof where the leak stemmed from has been repaired. David will check on this. The ceiling needs to be painted.

Jan 2025: Badges were ordered and passed out. Louie to follow up on new ones.

March 2025: See Dec 2024.

June 2025: 1.) Rhoads school received garbage cans. 2.) The ground where the tree fell has been leveled. 3.) The shed is still in need of cleaning out.

August 2025: Jeanette received a quote for 3 sides on the covered wagon structure. Would like a quote for four sides and include facilities in the meeting.

September 2025: Project for the back entry was discussed. Will wait on concrete, but it was decided to get a quote for decomposed granite on the entryway.

November 2025: David will work on an age-appropriate surround for a fridge to be placed in the kitchen.

November 2025: 1.) Jeanette continues working on getting an appraisal for the Brown property. Peggy asked to see a copy of the appraisal agreement. 2.) CSD is working on the porch at the Rhoads School. 3.) Contractor to be contacted after the holidays to measure for a wood facade for the bathrooms.

Compost for flower beds: CSD will bring in the Spring.

French Drain by the basement door: See Dec 2024

Reese School Project: Susan Saner working on this.

Review of the Bylaws: Dennis Buscher to work with a committee. Barb, Peggy, Mary and Selene volunteered to help.

Update of Policies and Procedures: Jalyne reported that this will be suspended until the Bylaws are revised.

Museum Cleaning: \$350 previously approved. Cleaning scheduled for January 27th.

Theater Chairs: John Ross brought in 3 chairs from Elk Grove's first theater. Pam to follow up on the cost of getting them repaired.

Rose Plaques: Louie shared costs of various plaques to replace those of some of the roses. The Board requested additional information.

New Business

Monthly Cleaning of the Museum: Barb reported that the ladies quoted \$290 for cleaning monthly. The Board discussed the cost and possibility of having the cleaning done quarterly. Barb to follow up.

Increase Board approval on checks: Jeanette requested the check writing cap without Board approval be changed from \$200 to \$300. The Board discussed that costs have risen on many items such as printer ink. Pam Phelps made a motion to increase the authorized check writing amount from \$200 to \$300 with a second by Melissa Pugliese. Motion passed.

Robo Calls: The Board discussed whether or not the Robo calls were effective and whether they should be continued. Each call averages about \$45. There is no idea as to its effectiveness. Selene said there are less expensive options and will check them out.

General Meeting Location: The church where the meetings are held charge \$75 per session. The Board decided to hold future meetings at the Museum. Will see how that works out.

Paper towels in the bathroom: Check with Jim and Stan if towels are being ordered.

Supply Cabinet for Ladies' Restroom: Most supplies are kept in the men's restroom. Peggy has one that could work in the ladies' room.

Dues are Due: Dues will be delinquent on March 1st.

Adding Non-Profits to the Museum's email list for events: Can use the Chambers non-profit list.

Elk Grove Monopoly Game: A purchase of games to be sold at the museum was discussed. Purchase requires a minimum of 60 games at \$12.50 each for a total of \$750. It was decided not to purchase the game. As for the Elk Grove puzzle, the City says they are waiting for an order.

Chamber Function: Barb announced that the Chamber is holding their recognition event on January 16th at District 56. The Historical Society is donating a basket for auction.

Announcements:

Annual planning meeting for the Historical Society will be held on January 19th from 10-2 in the summer kitchen.

Uplift's Mardi Gras will be held February 7th at the Pavillion. Contact Susan Hernandez for tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M. by President Barbara Claire.