

## Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**March 10, 2025 - Approved April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Board Members Present/Absent

Elected Name	P	A	Appointed Name	P	A
President Bret Bartholomew	x		Rhoads School Dir. Roberta Tanner	x	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President Michael Vargas	x		Webmaster Louis Silveira	x	
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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: Mary Buford, John Frassetto, Jim Entrican, Eric Sturgis, and Susan Saner.

Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM by President Bret Bartholomew.

**Agenda:** A motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Cindy Mahon with a second by Michael Vargas. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve February 10, 2025 minutes made by Bret Bargholomew with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:** Ramona Scarborough of the Elk Grove Citizen introduced herself and husband Chris.

**Treasurer's Report:** Attached, Jeanette reported that \$15,000 of General Operating funds has been transferred to the Reserve account and \$25,000 transferred to the Barn account. After talking to the Chamber, Jeanette said having the Chamber do the Society's mailings will save money. A post office permit will no longer be required saving \$550.

**CSD Report:** Eric reported that they are working on the Heritage Park grounds list. They will obtain volunteers to plant the flowers. An arborist will be working on the heritage trees in the park. CSD is hiring a consultant to work on a master plan for the park which will be done in phases beginning Spring of 2026. Expanding the Heritage Park footprint including expanding parking will be included. Roberta asked about replacing the tree that shaded the Rhoads school grounds. Eric said that could be done.

**Rhoads School:** Roberta reported 4 more schools attending. Have expanded the reach to Davis, Shingle Springs and Folsom. Roberta said that their program is the only program that does what they do. There are 2 new docents. Bret requested a list of schools and districts that participate.

**Facilities Report:** John reported that CSD repaired the water leak and he and Jim fertilized the roses. He also reported that a contractor is writing a bid to fix the storm doors to the basement. Jim asked CSD if they could aerate the grass.

## **Committee Reports**

**Newsletter/ Webmaster:** Louie will start posting how the Historical Society is participating in community events. Notify Louie of events coming up so he can calendar them. A note from the President will again be included in the newsletter.

**First Saturday:** Docents reported a good turnout at the museum, but no one at the school.

**Elk Grove Preservation Committee:** Bret reported from Dennis that the Taverner House is being remodeled for a restaurant. The red tagged building is under legal action to get it repaired.

**Historian:** A question arose about providing better internet to the house. Need more information.

**Membership report:** Attached, 1 new member.

**Policy and Procedure:** No report

**Publicity:** Bret has been posting on the Society's Facebook account.

## **Event Reports**

**Big Day of Giving:** Event to be held May 1st from 12-4. There was a discussion on whether or not to participate in the Food Bank's hosting of nonprofits that day. Jim said that the Society obtained new members when they participated at the Project Ride hosting in the past.

**Black Tie and Santa/Old Fashioned Christmas:** Jeanette reported that she needs about 60 bottles of white wine for the Black Tie event. It was suggested she contact Rick Henderson at Total Wine. A meeting was held to discuss last year's events and ideas for next year. About 39 nonprofits will be contacted for decorating trees. There were 14 this last year. Bret suggested that the Society ask for donations from local businesses once at the beginning of each year for sponsoring events for the year.

**Founders Day:** Louie working on a plaque for the brands.

**Speaker Series:** All slots for 2025 have been scheduled. Linda Wheatl, who is doing research on the Foulks, will be at the museum on Monday and Tuesday.

**Raise the Barn:** Park expansion will be included for this event.

**Spring Tea:** Mary reported that she and Barb will be doing the decorations. Tickets are selling.

**Yard Sale:** Will be held June 26-29. Donations will be collected during the last three weekends in May or coordinated with Susan or Dennis. No upholstered furniture.

## **Old Business**

**Bill Cartwright Event:** There have been 27 books sold to date on Zeffy and 93 people registered to attend. The event will be held from 11-4. The Elk Grove Unified First Foundation notified 60K people about the event. They are also in partnership with the Society and will cover half of the costs for a photographer. A motion was made by Bret Bartholomew for \$400 for the photographer with a second by Louie Silveira. Motion passed. Michael Vargas made a motion for up to \$400 for food and water with a second by Jeanette Lawson. Motion passed.

**Community Events:** Martinis and Merriment to be held this coming weekend. Paws for a Purpose fundraiser on April 11th. Taste of Elk Grove on April 19th -\$55. American Legion Post 55 is hosting an event on 5/10 from 5-9. Bret is the MC.

**Membership Benefits:** Bret posed some ideas for membership benefits and discussion ensued. An ad hoc committee was formed to come up with ideas to present to the Board. Members are: Jeanette Lawson, Susan Saner, John Frassetto, Mary Buford, Roberta Tanner and Bret Bartholomew.

**Museum Accreditation/Reciprocal Museum Membership:** The Museum is listed on Yelp. No new information to add.

**Stagecoach Cover:** Jim received a bid of \$27,000 - \$10,000 for materials with the remainder for labor. The Board requested another bid.

### **New Business**

**Dedicating a 2026 Plaque:** The Sheldon Mill is in need of a walkway so it isn't ready for a plaque.

**Zeffy:** There was discussion about the Society's interaction with Zeffy. Bret said that Barb is the only person that should contact Zeffy.

**Concrete Pad for tents:** One bid was received and discussed by the Board. Additional bid will be requested.

### **Communications and Announcements:**

The passing of Ken Miller, past President, was announced.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M. by President Bret Bartholomew.