

LAKE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Board Meeting Saturday October 3, 2020  
Ely Stage Stop & Country Museum – Barn

Present: Marilyn Holdenried, Bill Lane, Fred Castaldo, Georgett Egel, Lee Cook, Jim Marschall, Bonnie Skee, Suzanne Schutz, Phil Smoley, John Parker, Cheyanne Parker, Laretta Aro and Jerry Marquis.

The meeting was called to order at 10am by President Marilyn Holdenried who led us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 12, 2020 minutes were reviewed. Georgett advised the name of the organization we are collaborating with for Trunk or Treat is the Clear Lake Riviera Community Association, not the Clearlake Rivera HOA. Jim moved to approve with the correction, Georgett 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Our current balance is \$31,240.62. Fred reviewed the expenses. The propane tank needs to be filled and Suzanne will take care of that. Bonnie made a motion to approve, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.

Director of Public Outreach: We currently have 74 individual, 65 households and 95 lifetime members.

Director of Ely Stage Stop: Bill checked with the County and found they don't just use one security system company. One that they use is High Valley. Bill will check on prices. The native garden project led by Jerry Marquis is moving along slowly due to the weather and the smoke in the air.

John had suggested to Bill that a brick floor in the Blacksmith shop is an option. After thinking about that for a while he thinks that would be a good choice. He feels it will cost approximately \$4000 for the bricks, rock base and sand along with a fabric base. John moved to approve spending up to \$4000 for this project, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Suzanne knows of a possible donation of bricks for other projects and will check with the parties involved. Bill said we would certainly be able to use them. Bill is meeting with Michelle Knutson in Lakeport who is interested in donating a walnut huller.

Director of Events: After checking with the Model A Club, Suzanne learned they haven't had a meeting yet. She passed on the information Lee suggested at the last meeting. Suzanne and Lee will continue to work on that. Laretta Aro, who is now in charge of merchandise for Ely was introduced.

The awards ceremony that was planned for October 18, 2020 has been cancelled. Too many docents and volunteers are not comfortable with a crowd.

Museum Collections: John & Bill have been moving farm equipment around on the grounds. Pete Chappars is working on a scan code (QR code) for each piece of equipment.

Book Sales: Phil received a \$70 online book sale in addition to the \$100 sale to the Chamber of Commerce.

Rotary Landscape Project: UC Master Gardener Jerry Marquis noted that his group was recognized at the State level for the project they are doing at Ely! Jerry is the incoming president of the Kelseyville Sunrise Rotary Club. The club applied for a \$4000 grant for landscaping at Ely.

Jerry indicated he will need help with the signage for the plants and possibly funds for that. John suggested combining the \$500 we have for interpretive signs for the farm equipment with the funds Jerry has for plant signage, and use it for the plant signage. Jerry also could use some help digging the walkway.

Fiddler's Jam: The Fiddler's Jam is planned for tomorrow, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Suzanne has put together a basket to raffle, Jim picked up the pumpkin pies to sell by the slice.

Halloween: The drive through Trunk or Treat will be held on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> from 4 – 6pm. All need to wear masks and gloves and also a costume.

New Members: Marilyn emphasized the need for new members and volunteers with skills needed for our organization. It was suggested to put it on Facebook and for each of us to look around to see if someone we already know might be a good fit.

Nominating Committee: Fred Castaldo, Jim Marschall and Bonnie Skee were appointed.

Ten Year Ely Anniversary: Our 10 year anniversary is scheduled for July 17, 2021. Bill and others feel we need to go big for this event! Marilyn suggested we hire Dave Stamey, who is a well-known cowboy singer and entertainer. He charges \$2000 and we will need to find sponsors to cover the cost. Lee moved to create a committee, Georgett 2<sup>nd</sup> and it was approved. I believe Marilyn will be the chair of the committee.

Konocti Chronicles: Georgett would like to step down from this position as she has too much on her plate and is working full time. We need to be looking for someone with the skills necessary to take over this assignment. Georgett agreed to get one more publication out before the end of the year. She has about 75% of it done.

Georgett wanted everyone to know that John is now an honorary member of the Koi Tribe. His Indian name is Tsowi Noxo AKA dirt man!

Jim just wanted to make sure everyone knows that we all work together. We have a great group of docents and volunteers and we need to treat each other with respect.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Skee, Recording Secretary