

Fair Oaks Historical Society  
General Meeting  
Tuesday January 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Steen following a sensational potluck and the introduction of guests. Ken was awarded a gift certificate for his excellent service. Ken commented that he was proud of the society's recent fund raising efforts (\$7,000 toward the History Center), revival of Fair Oaks history, networking with other history centers, and greater involvement and increase in membership.

**Installation of New Officers:** FO Chamber President Don Troutman installed the new officers for 2010 as follows: President, Ralph Carhart, Vice-President, Trude Vasquez, Secretary, Janet McWilliams, and Treasurer, Joe Dobrowolski. Newly elected President Ralph Carhart introduced Appointees and Standing Committee Chairs. Following, Ralph shared his vision and goals for 2010.

**Historical Moment:** Pete White shared stories from a 1953 San Juan Record. One reporter spread fear that there was marijuana in the area schools; this turned out to be a hoax. Another story featured out of town travels of the McWilliams and Spellman (Janet Spellman McWilliams) families.

**Program:** Vice-president Trude Vasquez introduced Don Woodside of the CSUS Renaissance Society who gave an overview of varied Spring programs offered by the society. Primarily targeting seniors, the society offers on and off campus seminars and activities. Cost of membership is \$60 a year and \$35 for a half year.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Joe Dobrowolski announced that his report was in the January Newsletter. Dues paid: 31 renewals prior to the meeting; 40+ at the meeting. \$150 collected from raffle and wine.

**Auditor:** Pete White announced that financial records are up to date. Pete congratulated Joe Dobrowolski for his excellent work.

**Past President:** Ken Steen offered kudos to the Sacramento Area History Consortium for its productive exchange of ideas. He commented that Elk Grove has an excellent center..

**Dinner:** Warren and Judy Blomquist promised to reward us with the best potluck in town.

**Ways & Means:** Claudia Thorn encouraged members to donate to upcoming raffles.

**History Center:** Lois Frazier called for docents to work at Spring Fest, the Chicken Festival, and June through November at the History Center's second Sunday's opening.

**Newsletter:** Marilyn Pearce has served as editor for six years. She called for a replacement for the upcoming April edition.

**Parliamentarian:** June Melvin told us that an annual (2010) budget should be presented at our January meeting. Auditor Pete White promised that this would be ready for presentation at our April meeting.

**Soup Night Fundraiser:** Claudia Thorn announced a \$7,000 profit from the November event. There were a number of one time expenditures. Claudia recognized the hardworking committee. Plans are in motion for the next event, 1st Friday in November.

**New Business:**

It was moved by Lois Frazier and seconded by Dick Easterbrook that the Society accept a recommendation of an ad hoc committee and Executive Board approving and authorizing expenditure of \$1500 for sponsorship of Fair Oaks Bluff Plaza Display Panel. Following discussion, it was amended to underwrite the expenditure of up to \$1500 for the display panel. (Moved, Lois Frazier, seconded, Dick Easterbrook) Motion passed.

Next meeting of FO Historical Society will be April 27, 2010. Executive Board meeting will be March 30 at the home of President Ralph Carhart.

Meeting adjourned by Ralph Carhart.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Easterbrook for Janet McWilliams, Secretary