

# RESCUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Regular Meeting

May 11, 2013

Saturday 10:00 a.m.

1. **Call to order:** 10:05 a.m. by Bill Teie  
**Present:** Joyce Greene, Francis Carpenter, Bill Teie, Cheryl Yee, Rodi Lee, Beverly Cullop, Bob & Linda Van Gundy, Shirley McBeath, Hohn & Helen Carlson, Regina Bronson, Marlene Perry, Anne & Larry Holms, Linda Emery, Lynn & Jim Losch, Cherinn & Ryan Henry, MJ Leonard, Jim Luse, C.J. SmithIII, Joe Crowdis, Phillip Lee, Kris Payne, Andrew Webster.
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Accepted due to guest speaker
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion: Joyce Greene to adopt the minutes as written, Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Francis Carpenter. Approved
4. **Board Members Reports**
  - a. **President:** Betty January has been working Mary at the El Dorado Historical Museum and there is a meeting of the Historical Societies of El Dorado County scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at the R.S.L.S. Hall in Rescue. The Historical Societies of El Dorado County will get a portion of the hotel tax money from the county. The money will be used to draw visitors to share El Dorado County's historical offerings. A new county court house will not happen in the near future due to the historical importance of the current one. The world gold panning event for 2016, will be held in Placerville. Bill Teie said he would like to put together a small trail guide brochure to help visitors navigate through our local area. The booklet would highlight places of historical interest. Bill stated the Randy Young offered to help with memberships and would like to help with necessary cleaning at the local cemeteries. Bill also said the fence at the Rose Springs cemetery needs repair.
  - b. **Vice President:** Joyce Greene thanked Rodi Lee for the walking tour of wild flowers. Bill Teie said he would like to see more similar tours.
  - c. **Treasurer:** Beverly Cullop reported a current bank balance of \$6,075.19. Carp asked to be reimbursed for \$245.20, \$151.36 was for the last newsletter and \$93.84 for stamps. Motion Joyce Greene to reimburse Carp \$245.20, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> Beverly Cullop. Approved. Bill Teie asked that money be allocated to provide a small luncheon for the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the historical societies. The board agreed to the idea but an amount was not set. Beverly said information needs to get to the web master, Jim Steelquist so visitors to the web will know what we are doing.
  - d. **Secretary:** No report
  - e. **Historian:** Carp brought shared his grandfather's violin. He said that the map on the wall of Rescue is also available in color, Carp still has the black and white copies for sale. Bill Teie said having a place to display our historical items would be nice. There was discussion that the topic had come up in the past and a location was never chosen.
  - f. **Web Master:** No report

**Old Business:**

- a. **Pleasant Grove House:** The board discussed possibly inspecting the property with the assistance of the Rescue fire chief.
- b. **Local Cemeteries:** Bill Teie said a date will be schedule and announced to begin cleaning up our cemeteries
- c. **Bus Tour:** Bill Teie talked about scheduling a day for a bus tour. He would like to see two tours offered on the day, one would visit the south side of Rescue, the second would visit the Luneman side of Rescue. The group discussed asking for a fee for non-members.

**6. New Business:**

- a. **Linda (Mc Beath) Van Gundy:** Linda opened her discussion explaining the photos, documents, two ship logs, and journals she brought to share. Her talk focused on James Russell. There are 69 journals he wrote during 1864 and 1891 that Linda has read. We were fortunate to have her share highlights for an hour. James Russell of Nantucket Island of Massachusetts, was born May 13, 1830, he died 1930 at the age of 100. His journals documented also the 183 day sailing trip from Nantucket around the horn to California, and illnesses of fellow passengers. He wrote of home remedies that consisted of brandy, opium and other additives. In the year 1850, California experienced a severe drought which is written in his journal. There were also writings of the civil war and the assassination of Lincoln and the observance of his death held in Placerville. Russell had a home at the base of Pine Hill. His wife Ellen, who he courted for eight years through letters, had three children. Russell had many professional and useful skills, one was he dug graves at the Jayhawk Cemetery in Rescue. He and his wife were laid to rest there. Linda will be publishing a book with this information and more, we will be watching for it.

7. **Good to the order:** The Clarksville Historical Society had possibly the last Clarksville Day this weekend due to the property changing hands.
8. **Next meeting date and adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Upcoming meetings dates are; August 16<sup>th</sup>, and November 9<sup>th</sup>. The location for the meetings is the R.S.L.S Hall and the time is 10 a.m., the board will notify members of any changes.

Submitted by:

Cheryl Yee,  
Secretary