



# CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE



## 2019 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session  
Rincon Valley Grange Hall  
Santa Rosa, California

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# 2019 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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The California State Grange.

This Journal covers the period of September 26, 2018 through October 6, 2019

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## 2019 OFFICERS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

<i>OFFICER</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>County</i>
PRESIDENT (Master)	Kent Westwood	Mendocino County
VICE-PRESIDENT (Overseer)	Jan Saxton	Monterey County
LECTURER	Katie Squire	Kings County
STEWARD	Vince Scholten	Sonoma County
ASSISTANT STEWARD	Brandon Nebitt	Kern County
LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD	Suzi Laskowski	Kern County
CHAPLAIN	Barbara Geiger	Santa Clara County
TREASURER	Christina Webster	Sonoma County
SECRETARY	Lillian Booth	Butte County
GATEKEEPER	Jini Reynolds	Mendocino County
CERES	Ellie Bruce	Mendocino County
POMONA	Lauren Linkemyer	Santa Clara County
FLORA	Emily Turnquist	Santa Cruz County
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1 YEAR	Erica Kroesen	Mendocino County
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2 YEAR	Martha Stefenoni	Sonoma County
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 3 YEAR	Will Shaw	Trinity County
MUSICIAN	Wendy DeWitt	Mendocino County

# CONVENTION SCHEDULE

144th Annual Session of the California State Grange  
Rincon Valley Grange Hall, Santa Rosa, CA



**SATURDAY, October 12, 2019**

**9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

- Registration Open
- Registration will be closed for Lunch and the Talent Show

**9:00 am – 5:00 PM**

- Expo Open to Receive Entries

**10:00 AM**

5<sup>th</sup> Degree Team Practice – Steven Hood, Director

**11:00 AM Welcome**

Kent Westwood, State Master

**11:15 AM Workshops**

- New Delegates Orientation
- Resolution Committees Meet

**12PM-1PM Lunch** – On your own.

**1:00 PM**

- Resolution Committees Meet

**1:30 PM – Guest Speaker:**

**Emily Lunscombe** “Sustainability in the Face of Climate Change”

Emily Luscombe received her BA in Environmental Studies and Anthropology from Connecticut College in 2000 before attending the Flinders University of South Australia and obtaining a Masters of Environmental Management. She worked in education and environmental compliance in Australia before returning to California where she has been working as a Tribal Environmental Professional for over six years. She is currently the Environmental Director at the Cahto Tribe of Laytonville Rancheria, a Technical Peer Review Committee member for the North Coast Resource Partnership, and a representative for the EPA region 9 Tribal Operations Committee. Her work covers climate change, sustainability, solid waste, waste quality, habitat, air quality, outreach, drinking water, wastewater, grant management and other related topics.

**3:00 PM – Talent Show Set Up**

**3:30 PM Grange’s Got Talent!!**

State Lecturer: Katie Squire

**5:00 PM Expo Entries Close**

**5:30 PM Dinner – On your own.**

**6:30 PM – Registration Opens**

**7:00 PM** (Registration Closed)

Opening of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange in the Sixth Degree.

\*\* Sixth Degree Members \*\*

- Admit 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members who hold a ticket for the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Degrees.
- Receiving Honored Guests
- Roll Call of Officers
- Preliminary Credential Report
- Presentation of the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Steven Hood, Director
- Presentation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Martha Stefenoni, Director
- Closing of the Grange
- Celebration Feast of Flora

**SUNDAY, October 13, 2019**

**8:00 AM TO 9AM -Registration Opens**

DELEGATE Registration Closes at 9AM.  
*All other members may still register to attend the Session.*

**8:00 AM to 9:00AM**

- Resolution Committees Meet

**9:00 AM Memorial Service**

Barbara Geiger, State Chaplain

**10:00 AM**

Opening of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session in the Sixth Degree.

- Lower to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and admit 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members
- Receiving Honored Guests
- Roll Call of Officers
- Reading of the Minutes of the previous day
- Final Credential Report
- Communications
- Adopt Convention Rules
- Approval of Convention Schedule

**State Master's Annual Address**

Kent Westwood, Master/President,

California State Grange

**11:45 AM Lunch**

\*\* Ticket required for lunch \*\*

**12:00PM**

- Deadline for acceptance of late resolutions (See Convention Rules)

**1:15 PM Reconvene Session**

**Guest Speaker – Trathen Heckman**

**– Daily Acts**



Trathen Heckman is the founder and Director of the Daily Acts Organization.

He serves on the Board of California Water Efficiency Partnership, is a founding member of Climate Action Petaluma and serves on advisory boards for a number of other local and regional resilience-focused initiatives.

Trathen helps people and groups reclaim the power of their actions to regenerate self, nature and community. He lives in the Petaluma River Watershed with his wife, daughter and chickens, where he grows food, medicine and wonder while working to compost apathy and lack.

**2:30 PM**

- Audit & Budget Committee Report
- Adoption of the 2020 Budget
- Nomination of Officers
- Appoint Election Committee
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**3:00 PM Break**

**3:30 PM Reconvene Session**

- Review and approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meetings.
- State Secretary's Report
- State Treasurer's Report
- Resolution Committee Reports

**4:00 PM Election Polls Open**

**5:00 PM Dinner Break**

\*\* Ticket Required for Dinner \*\*

**7:00 PM Reconvene Session**

- Resolution Committee Reports
- Directors Reports

**9:00 PM**

- Closing of the Second day of Session in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

**MONDAY, October 14, 2019**

**8:00 AM Registration Open**

**9:00 AM Opening of the California State Grange in the 4th Degree**

- Introduction of Honored Guests
- Roll Call of Officers
- Reading and approval of the Minutes of the previous day
- Election Committee Report
- Announcement of Run-off Elections (if any)
- Resolution Committee Reports

**10:15AM Break**

**10:30 AM Reconvene**

**Special Guest Speaker:**

**Susan Noah**, National Grange Executive Committee Member, Oregon State Grange Master/President



- Resolution Committee Reports

**12:00 PM Lunch**

\*\* Ticket Required \*\*

**1:30 PM Reconvene Session**

**Keynote Speaker: Brian Weller**

*With 40 years of consulting experience in 20 countries, Brian has secured clients from many Fortune 100 companies. He is a professional facilitator, keynote speaker and a specialist in business development and applied cognitive science. Brian is a passionate environmentalist, master meditation teacher, artist and theater set designer. He has contributed to three books on applied cognitive science and lives with his family and cats in the redwoods of Northern California.*



- Resolution Committee Reports

**3:15 PM Break**

**3:45 PM Reconvene Session**

- Autumn Leaves Report
- Grange Insurance Association – Tom McKern, President, Board of Directors.
- Legal Update – Jeff Skinner, Attorney, Schiff Hardin LLP
- Resolution Committee Reports

**5:30 PM Dinner**

\*\* Ticket required

**7:00 PM Reconvene Session**

- Honor Military Veterans – Katie Squire, State Lecturer
- Resolution Committee Reports

**8:30 PM**

Closing of the Third day of the Session in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

**TUESDAY, October 15, 2019**

**8:30 AM Opening** of the final day of the State Session in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

- Roll Call of Officers
- Approve the Minutes of the previous day.
- Resolution Committee Reports
- Completion of Remaining Business

**9:00 AM**

**Expo Entries Released**

**11:30 AM Installation of Officers**

**Resolution of Appreciation**

**1:00 PM**

**CLOSING OF THE 144th ANNUAL  
SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA  
STATE GRANGE**

**'TIL WE MEET AGAIN"**

October 3 -6, 2020

Orangevale Grange Hall

5805 Walnut St, Orangevale, CA

# STANDING RULES OF THE CONVENTION

## California State Grange *Standing Rules 2019* 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session

The Standing Rules will apply only to the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting of the California State Grange, Rincon Valley Grange Hall, Santa Rosa, CA October 12-15, 2019

**REGISTRATION FEE WAIVER:** The Registration Fee shall be waived for Junior Grangers, those under the age of 5 years of age and invited guests.

**BADGES:** No one will be admitted to the meeting without a badge which signifies their registration fee has been paid (except as noted above), and that the member is a member of a Grange in Good Standing.

**DELEGATE REGISTRATION:** Closing date and time for "Delegate Registration" shall be Sunday, October 13th at 9:00 am. Any Delegate requesting to register after that date and time, shall only be seated with the approval of the State Master.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Deadline:** The last deadline for the acceptance of late resolutions shall be Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 12:00 PM. Late resolutions shall only be processed if the Resolution Committee votes to accept them. Late resolutions, if accepted, shall lose the identity of the Grange submitting the resolution and will be identified as a Committee Resolution.

**Committee Presentation:** In presenting the resolutions on the Session floor, the Committee spokesman will present any amendments by the Committee; read only the "Resolved" portion of the resolution; and then state the Committee's action. If the Committee recommendation is to reject the resolution, the Committee Spokesman will briefly explain the reason for the Committee's action.

**Amendments to Resolutions:** All motions to amend resolutions from the floor, which are excessively long (i.e. more than 20 words), shall be presented in writing to the Secretary's Station in order to accurately enter the amendment into the minutes.

**Resolution Introduction:** A new resolution shall not be brought to the floor for a vote unless it has been in the hands of the Delegates for at least four (4) hours. A new resolution is one that has not been included in the initial Resolution packet. (California State Grange Bylaws Article XIV, Section 2. 14.2.1)

**Resolutions to Amend the By-Laws:** Shall not be combined in Committee. Per Article XXI, only properly submitted resolutions can be acted upon. All others will be declared out of order.

**MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** All motions from the floor, which are excessively long (i.e. more than 20 words), shall be presented in writing to the Secretary's Station so as to be accurately entered into the minutes.

**FLOOR DEBATE:** Shall be limited to two (2) minutes per delegate on any given question. Only the maker of a motion may speak twice.

**OFFICER & DIRECTOR REPORTS:** Any written reports from Officers and Directors shall be submitted to the Secretary's Station prior to the close of the session for inclusion in the Journal of Proceedings.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Board of Directors shall have the authority to approve the minutes of the final day of session.

**NEXT ANNUAL SESSION MEETING SITE VOTING:** The place of meeting will be determined by a majority vote of the Delegate body at least one or two years in advance. Location(s) will be included on the ballot for Election of Officers.

## DELEGATES TO THE 144<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSION

### Pomona Granges Represented

<b>POMONA GRANGE</b>	<b>DELEGATE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
Kern County Pomona No. 26	Darlene Wingfield Paul Hyland	Master Selected
Kings County Pomona No. 28	Steven Hood Ann Larson	Master Selected
Mendocino County Pomona No. 10	Eleanor Bruce Virginia "Jini" Reynolds	Selected Selected
Monterey County Pomona No. 17	Emily Casterson	Selected
Sonoma County Pomona No. 1	Amy Crawford Jim Crawford	Selected Selected

### Subordinate/Community Granges Represented

<b>SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE</b>	<b>DELEGATE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
Anderson Valley Grange No. 669	David Norfleet Laura Baynham	Mate Selected
Aptos Grange No. 800	Randy Turnquist Robin Turnquist	Master Spouse
Aromas Grange No. 361	Lynn Mello Jacqueline Palmer	Master Selected
Bennett Valley Grange No. 16	Vine Scholten Lawrence Jaffe	Selected Selected
Central Union Grange No. 559	Katie Squire Leroy Squire	Master Selected
Coyote Grange No. 412	Mattea Ezgar Heather Stern	Alternate Alternate
De Sabla Grange No. 762	LoRee Lampke	Selected
Dows Prairie Grange no. 505	Julie Rhodes Joseph Rhodes	Master Spouse

Fort Bragg Grange No. 672	Marilla Peeler	Selected
Golden Empire Grange No. 806	Sydney Sue Hunt	Master
Grover City Grange No. 746	Craig Rulison Betty Carroll	Selected Selected
Humboldt Grange No. 501	Maurice Viand Kathy Moley	Master Spouse
Laytonville Grange No. 726	Barbara Eberhardt Anne Asperger	Selected Selected
Little Lake Grange No. 670	Rachel Britten Earlene Gleisner	Master Selected
Marshall Grange No. 451	Gerald "Buzz" Chernoff	Selected
Mattole Grange No. 569	Michael Evenson Ellen Taylor	Master Selected
North Fork Grange No. 673	William "Will" Shaw Chad Smith	Master Selected
Ono Grange No. 456	Bobbi Tucker	Selected
Orangevale Grange No. 354	Christina Webster Gerald "Jerry" Macklem	Master Selected
Prunedale Grange No. 388	Barbara Geiger Ingermarie Bevans	Master Selected
Redwood Valley Grange No. 382	Jeff Box Clint Kelley	Master Alternate
Rincon Valley Grange No. 710	Janis Jordan Clint Mitchell	Master Selected
Rio Linda Grange No. 403	Linda MacCracken Marian Sales	Master Selected
Rosedale Grange	Suzi Laskowski	Selected
San Luis Obispo Grange No. 639	Reginald "Reg" Corella	Master

Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange No. 503	Lauren Linkemyer Mack Ellis	Selected Selected
Sebastopol Grange No. 306	Laura Shafer Gary Abreim	Selected Alternate
Springfield Grange No. 523	Augstin Rodriguez David Evans	Selected Selected
Western Yolo Grange No. 423	Frank Nichols Marian Nichols	Master Spouse
Whitesboro Grange No. 766	Robert Canclini Marialice Canclini	Master Spouse
Windsor Grange No. 410	Anne Marie Pitts Charley Betschart	Master Selected
Wyandotte Grange No. 490	William "Bill" Booth Lillian Booth	Selected Selected

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEES

### AGRICULTURE & WATER

- Vince Scholten, Chairman Sonoma County
- Michael Evenson Mendocino County
- Augustin Rodriguez Monterey County
- Mack Ellis Santa Cruz County
- Maurice Viand Humboldt County

### AUDIT & BUDGET

- Christina Webster, Chairman Sacramento County
- Lillian Booth Butte County
- Jan Saxton Monterey County
- Rachel Britton Mendocino County
- Gary Abreim Sonoma County

### CITIZENSHIP & TAXATION

- Erica Kroesen, Chairman Mendocino County
- Anne Asperger Mendocino County
- Edwina Hood-Woolard Kings County
- Laura Baynham Mendocino County
- Robert Smith Mendocino County

### CONSERVATION

- Ellen Taylor, Chairman Mendocino County
- Marilla Peeler Mendocino County
- Leroy Squire Kings County
- Joseph Rhodes Humboldt County
- Dave Evans Monterey County

### EDUCATION & HEALTH

- Steven Hood, Chairman Fresno County
- Rosaura Flores Sonoma County
- Lynn Mello Monterey County
- Dwight Winegar Humboldt County
- Ellie Bruce Mendocino County

## GRANGE LAW & GRANGE GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

- Joseph Stefenoni, Chairman Sonoma County
- Inger Bevans Monterey County
- Jini Reynolds Mendocino County
- Lanny Cotler Mendocino County
- Barbara Eberhardt Mendocino County
- Carl Evans High Desert Grange, Nevada

## LABOR, JUDICIARY & TRANSPORTATION

- Jeff Box, Chairman Mendocino County
- Randy Turnquist Santa Clara County
- Ann Pitts Sonoma County
- Chad Smith Trinity County
- Julie Rhodes Humboldt County
- Bob Canclini Mendocino County

# MINUTES OF THE 144<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSION

## DAY 1

### CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

On October 12, 2019, the first day of the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session began with Registration of Delegates and members. Linda MacCracken, Marian Sales, LoRee Lampke, and Jerry & Linda Macklem greeted everyone as they came in, presenting them with registers to sign, badges, bags, binders, and bunches of other fun stuff.

Opening remarks were made by Worthy Master Kent Westwood who introduced Convention Chairman, Martha Stefenoni, who made several housekeeping announcements.

Master Kent advised the delegates there was lots of work to do, and to enjoy meeting new people this week.

#### **New Delegates Workshop and Refresher:**

Joseph Stefenoni, Bennett Valley Grange, presented an orientation and information to the New Delegates and a refresher for all participating. The Delegates do the business of the Grange and using parliamentary procedure helps keeps things in order.

#### **Resolution Committees**

Resolution Committees met for a short time after the workshop, getting organized and starting to review the resolutions assigned to them.

#### **Special Speaker**

Emily Lunscombe presented information on sustainability in the face of climate change. She spoke of ground water and how the water moves through the ground, filtering as it goes. If the water doesn't filter deep enough, it is time to have your well water tested. She discussed how there are filters for bacteria, but not effective on pharmaceuticals. Emily even admitted that she won't drink the water in Las Vegas specifically because of the amount of recreational pharmaceuticals that can be in the water.

#### **Grange Got Talent!!!**

Katie Squire, Lecturer of the California State Grange presented the Grange Got Talent afternoon. Lawrence Jaffe, Sebastopol Grange sang an original song "The Grange Convention Song of 2019", Earline Gleisner told the story of "My Mother, My Child", Elise Englehardt, Coyote Grange, sang "Today"; Suzanne Davis, Ono

Grange, gave her speech "The Grange is Sustainable", and the Nuestra Herencia Mexicana Dance Group from High Desert Grange (NV) performed Mexican Heritage dances.

The Best of Show is the High Desert Grange (NV) group who are now eligible to perform at the National Grange Convention.

Resolution Committees met at the close of the talent show until dinner break.

### **OPENING OF THE 144<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION.**

At 7:15 pm, the first day of the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange was opened by the officers of the California State Grange. Worthy Flora, Emily Casterson, presented the Flag of our County with the aid of the Assistant Stewards, Steven Hood and Suzi Laskowski.

### **Roll call of officers.**

Assistant Steward, Steven Hood pro tem and Martha Stefenoni Musician pro tem are serving for this Session. All other officers are present.

### **Preliminary Credential Report:**

The Worthy Secretary, Lillian Booth, gave a preliminary credential report and advised there is a quorum present.

### **Honored Guests**

Susan Noah, National Grange Executive Committee Member and Master of the Oregon State Grange and Brother mark Noah, Past Master Oregon state Grange and "First Dude"

### **Exemplification of Degrees:**

#### **Fifth Degree of Pomona**

Sixteen Candidates received the Degree of Pomona from a team under the direction of Steven Hood. The Graces for this team have all held the office of Flora in the California State Grange, reuniting them after several years apart.

Master	Steven Hood	Kings County
Overseer	Erica Kroesen	Mendocino County
Lecturer	Leroy Squire	Kings County
Steward	Mitch Clouse	Sacramento County
Asst. Steward	Joseph Stefenoni	Sonoma County
Lady Asst. Steward	Martha Stefenoni	Sonoma County
Chaplain	Christina Webster	Sacramento County

Treasurer	Lauren Linkemyer	Santa Clara County
Secretary	Jini Reynolds	Mendocino County
Gatekeeper	Ellie Bruce	Mendocino County
Ceres	Rosemary Hansen	Shasta County
Past California State Grange Flora 1986 to 1989		
Pomona	Sara Dahlgren	Sacramento County
Past California State Grange Flora 1995 to 1999		
Flora	Ann Larson	Kings County
Past California State Grange Flora 1969 to 1975		
Exec. Comm. 1	Jeff Box	Mendocino County
Exec. Comm. 2	Mack Ellis	Santa Clara County
Exec. Comm. 3	Paul Hyland	Kern County
Musician	Lillian Booth	Butte County
Specter	Bob Clouse	Sacramento County
Court Lady	Suzi Laskowski	Kern County
Court Lady	Darlene Wingfield	Kern County
Court Lady	Inger Bevins	Monterey County
Court Lady	Samantha Hood	Kings County

### **Sixth Degree of Flora**

Seventeen candidates received the Degree of Flora presented by the Officers of the California State Grange.

The first day of the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange closed in the Fourth Degree.

At the conclusion of the evening, the State Grange Officers and members marched to the dining room to partake in the Feast of Flora.

Fraternally submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary, California State Grange

## DAY 2

### Day 2 of the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session

On October 13, 2019, the second day of the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange began with a Memorial Service led by the State Grange Chaplain, Barbara Geiger.

Members honored

- Ed Komski, Master of the California State Grange and Past Master of Rainbow Valley Grange;
- Johnny Squire, Past Subordinate Grange Master; Past Master of Fresno-Madera Pomona Grange and Kings County Pomona Grange, Past State Grange Deputy, and Past California State Grange Executive Committeeman;
- Lee Geiger, Past Master of the Monterey County Pomona Grange, and Past California State Grange Gatekeeper;
- Manuel Luis, Past San Joaquin County Pomona Master
- Bob Lange, Past Master Grover City Grange, and Past California State Grange Executive Committeeman.

The member assembled sang "Amazing Grace". Sister Barbara sang Lee Geiger's favorite song, "How Great Thou Art". Steven Hood and Joseph Stefenoni both gave readings. The memorial service closed with the assembly singing "God Be With You 'til We Meet Again".

Kent Westwood, Master, California State Grange, opened the Grange in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree at 10:00 am.

#### **Roll call of officers.**

Roll call of officers found all officers present.

#### **Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Day**

Secretary, Lillian Booth, read the minutes of the First day of the Session. It was moved by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, to adopt the minutes as corrected. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Minutes will be published in the Journal of Proceedings.

#### **Convention Rules**

Convention rules were reviewed by the Delegates. It was moved by Steven Hood to adopt the Convention Rules. Motion seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Convention Rules adopted.

## **Approval of the Schedule:**

Two corrections were noted. (1) Will add a Foundation Meeting on Monday afternoon. (2) the address for the Orangevale Grange for the 2020 Session is incorrect. Please change it to 5807 Walnut Ave, Orangevale, CA.

It was moved by Lillian Booth, Wyandotte Grange #495, to adopt the Convention Schedule. Seconded. No debate. Vote taken. Motion carried. Schedule as amended adopted.

The Assistant Stewards passed out resolutions 2019-018R, 2019-019R, 2019-038, 2019-039 have been distributed at 10:00 am. Only 2019-038 and 2019-039 have the four-hour rule pending before processing.

Worthy Master Kent asked the Worthy Overseer, Jan Saxton to preside.

Sister Jan introduced Master Kent Westwood to present his Master's address

After the Master's address was completed, Earline Gleisner, Little Lake Grange, moved to accept the Master's Address for the year 2019. Seconded. Motion carried. Address adopted and will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

## **Resolution Committee Reports**

### **Audit & Budget Committee, Christina Webster, Chairman, reporting**

#### **2019-036 RESTRICTED FUNDS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE**

Committee Recommendation is favorable as amended (by a \$10,000 mistake in addition).

Debate. Information requested.

It was moved by Motion to amend by Steven Hood, Kings County Pomona Grange, to add a section for Convention supplies and equipment in the amount of \$5,000. Second by Lanny Cotler. Discussion. Motion carried. Amendment adopted.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Jan Saxton, as a member of the Board of Directors, explained the membership development concept is a large pot because everything we do results in getting our name out in the world. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

#### **2019-022 - INVESTMENTS**

Committee Report favorable as amended. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

#### **2019-020 - BANKING**

Committee Report is favorable as amended.

It was moved by Bill Booth to refer this resolution to the Strategic Planning Committee to review and research to report back next year. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Division of the House called. Standing vote taken by the

Assistant Stewards. Yes: 28 No 19. Motion carried. Resolution referred to the Strategic Planning team.

#### **2019-015 – TREASURER – ADDITIONAL DUTIES COMPENSATION**

Chairman requested to read the Whereas for this resolution. The Master agreed. Entire resolution read. Committee report is favorable. Discussion included questions on duties and how much time is spent on duties. Currently the Treasurer is spending 10-15 hours per week after her regular work day. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

The Grange was put at recess for the Lunch break. The Bible was closed on the Altar by the Assistants. Return by 1:30

Session called to order.

#### **Special Guest Speaker**

Trathen Heckman – Daily Acts organization, was introduced by Lawrence Jaffe, Sonoma County Pomona Grange. Trathen is the leader of the Daily Acts and is involved in emphasizing creating food in small spaces. They have created small food-producing homes, yards and parks. Daily acts is improving neighborhoods and communities one yard at a time. In their first year Daily Acts transformed 634 yards and spaces. And ten years later, they have completed 100,000+ projects were registered. This is the Power of Community.

Trathen told those assembled that climate change is not being embraced as a reality for an organization, city, government, society. Not taking in the honest facts to process into solutions. The Daily Acts have a full plate – they are still supporting fire survivors in the area. There is currently not any plan in place to align with the science to make a difference. We can affect an enormous amount of transformation. Must embrace the grief and heartbreak of the situation to make progress.

We need the youth and people in the streets to push the issues, work to develop a voice and solutions. Develop art, music, and story-telling. Do barn raisings. Be a Community.

Trathen was thanked by Worthy Master Kent Westwood and presented Trathen with a Grange t-shirt which was made from 50% recycled materials.

Brother Kent asked the Assistant Stewards to escort Linda & Jerry Macklem and Linda MacCracken & Marian Sales. They were thanked for their incredible service to the State Grange and the work they've done at the Headquarters Building.

#### **Audit & Budget Committee Report – Christina Webster, Chairman, reporting**

#### **Resolution 2019-038 – COMPENSATION FOR ADDITIONAL DUTIES**

Committee report is favorable. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

### **Budget presentation – by Treasurer – Christina Webster.**

Sister Christina reviewed the income and expenses from budgeted to actual and the differences. She answered questions and gave a good explanation of the details of the budget.

It was moved by Steven Hood, Kings County Pomona Grange, to adopt the 2020 budget as presented. Seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. Budget Adopted.

Christina advised the members can come and see her if anyone would like to see the budget and financial information.

### **Nomination of Officers**

Brother Kent asked Bob Clouse, Past Master California State Grange, to preside for the nomination of officers. Frank Nichols, Western Yolo Grange will be the chairman of the Election Committee.

#### *Master:*

Kent Westwood                      Mendocino County

#### *Overseer:*

Martha Stefenoni                      Sonoma County                      (declined)

Jan Saxton                                  Monterey County

#### *Executive Committee 3 years*

Will Shaw                                  Trinity County

Steven Hood                              Kings County

Brother Kent recessed the Session while the ballots were being prepared.

Session called to order at 3:40 PM. Assistant Stewards opened the Bible on the Altar.

Raffle prizes were drawn.

### **Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meetings**

It was moved by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, to accept the minutes and approve the actions of the Board of Directors. No questions and no discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. One abstained. Minutes adopted.

### **State Grange Secretary's Report**

Lillian Booth, Secretary of the California State Grange gave her report.

It was moved by Steven Hood, Kings County Pomona Grange, to accept the report and indicate a standing ovation was given by the Delegates for her work. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report to be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

### **State Grange Treasurer's report:**

Christina Webster, Treasurer of the California State Grange. Her report was the Audit & Budget report and resolution. The Audit & Budget Committee consisted

of Christina Webster, Lillian Booth, Jan Saxton, Rachel Britton, and Gary Abreim. Christina thanked the committee for their work.

It was moved by Katie Squire to accept the Audit & Budget Report and the Treasurer's report. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted and will be printed in the Journal of proceedings.

## **Labor & Judiciary**

**Jeff Box, Chairman, reporting**

### **2019-001 ACCESS TO CALIFORNIA STATE BEACHES**

Committee Report is favorable

Discussion. Vote taken. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

### **2019-003 BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN RAILWAY RIGHTS-OF- WAY**

Committee Report is favorable.

It was moved by Vince Scholten to amend the Resolved by adding the words "within existing right of ways, excluding incorporated city limits", seconded. Discussion.

It was moved by Kathy Moley, Humboldt Grange, to add the words "and subject to the approval of local communities". Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved by Katie Squire to recommit the resolution to the Labor & Judiciary Committee. Seconded. No debate. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution recommitted.

### **2019-006R SPEED LIMIT SIGNAGE**

Committee report is favorable as rewritten. Discussion

It was moved by Marilla Peeler to amend the resolution to add the words "speed limit" between "implement" and "signage". Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor for discussion.

It was moved by Charlie Betschart, Windsor Grange, to delete "for adoption" at the end of the second Resolved. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

## **Grange law / Grange Growth & Development**

**Joseph Stefenoni Chairman reporting**

### **2019-011 PRESERVATION OF OUR GRANGE RECORDS**

Committee report is favorable.

Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

**2019-012 AUTHORITY TO CLOSE OUT A CONSTITUENT GRANGE**

Committee report is favorable as amended and requires 2/3 vote for adoption.

Discussion answering questions from the membership.

2/3 majority needed. Aye: 31 Nay: 1. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

The Session was recessed for the Dinner Break at 5pm

Session was reconvened at 7:15 pm.

The Election Committee announced the Election results:

Master: Kent Westwood - 65 votes

Kent Westwood declared elected.

Overseer:

Martha Stefenoni - 1

Jan Saxton 58

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Jan Saxton declared elected

Executive Committee

BLANK- 1

Will Shaw 37

Steven Hood 24

Will Shaw declared elected.

**2019-013 AMEND ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECTION 2**

Committee report is favorable. Requires 2/3 majority. Standing Count taken. 45

Aye: Nay: 3 Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

**2019-016 – AMEND SECTION 4.6.10(A) OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE DIGEST OF LAWS**

Duties of Executive Committee

Committee report is favorable. Discussion.

It was moved by Ellie Bruce to amend the resolved to read "only in times of emergency or immediate need." Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment adopted.

Resolution as amended on the floor. No debate. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

**2019-017 – AMEND 4.3.5(B) OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE DIGEST OF LAWS**

Committee report is favorable as amended. No discussion.

Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

**2019-028 – HONORING RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY IN THE GRANGE**

Committee report is favorable.

No debate. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

**2019-035 – AMEND ARTICLE IV ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE FORM OF BY-LAWS FOR SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGES.**

Committee report is favorable.

No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

**2019-037 – CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

Articles of Incorporation read on the floor. Committee recommendation is favorable.

Much discussion. Buzz Chernoff, Marshall Grange, wants many members involved in the Foundation activities and not just run by the Board of Directors. This can be discussed tomorrow after everyone has a chance to read the by-laws of the Foundation. Debate continued.

The Previous Question was moved by Steven Hood, Kings County Pomona Grange. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Debate closed.

Resolution on the floor. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

**2019-039 – RESOLUTION TO REDEFINE WHAT IS A FAMILY FOR THE PURPOSES OF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP.**

Committee report is favorable with grammatical correction on line 18.

Discussion.

It was moved by Christina Webster, Orangevale Grange, to add "Domestic partnership". Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor.

It was moved by Lillian to delete "one of whom is the head of the house". Seconded. Vote taken. Carried. Resolution as amended on the floor. Discussion.

It was moved by Vince Scholten to put in a time out period, so we know when we are no longer their parents. Withdrawn.

It was moved to change Section C to separate dependents add a separate section. No second to the motion.

Discussion continued.

It was moved by Christina Webster, Orangevale Grange, to recommit to the Grange Law committee. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution sent back to committee.

**Grange Builder Awards** were given out for a net increase in membership over the last 12 months.

**Cookie – Auction – to benefit the talent winners.**

Cookie Auction with two auctioneers in the house. Proceeds to go to help the Nuestra Herencia Mexicana Dance Group from High Desert Grange (NV), as our Best of Show Talent Winners.

An Auctioneering challenge is made!! – between Joseph Stefenoni and Rachel Britton. The challenge is to see which auctioneer can raise the highest dollar value for a plate of cookies. If Rachel wins, Joseph will give up a bottle of wine from his personal collection. If Joseph wins, Rachel will get him a bottle of wine. Hey bidder, bidder...

And the race was on. Who won? Stand by for the next episode. (And watch out for that sniper bidder who keeps getting Joseph between the SO and the LD!)

**Resolution Committee Reports**

**Citizenship, Taxation, and Transportation**  
**Erica Kroesen Chairman reporting**

**2019-004 – FRRA AND FOIA REQUESTS**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

**2019-007 – REFERENDUM MONIES**

Committee recommendation is unfavorable.

It was moved by Christina Webster, Orangevale Grange, to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Seconded. Vote taken. Vote is too close to call. Division of house called for. Standing vote taken. Yea: 21, Nay: 19.

It was moved by Bill Booth to postpone this resolution indefinitely. Seconded. Standing vote taken. Aye: 23, Nay 21. Motion carried. Resolution postponed indefinitely.

Call for the orders of the day.

Verification the Delegates had resolutions passed out: 2019-040, 2019-041, and the proposed Foundation By-laws.

The second day of the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange closed in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree at 9:45 pm.

Fraternal submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange.

## DAY 3

Day 3 – 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – Rincon Valley Grange Hall, Santa Rosa, CA

On October 14, 2019, the third day of the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual session of the California State Grange opened by the State Officers Marching in wearing Super-Hero Granger Capes. After the opening ceremony, the State Master Kent Westwood declared the Grange open in the Fourth Degree.

### **Roll Call of Officers**

The roll call of officers was conducted with each State Officer saying what their Super Power, or their Super Hero was. Master Kent said his superpower was the ability to bring such a diverse group of people together in the Grange for the betterment of everyone.

### **Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous day were read by State Secretary, Lillian Booth.

It was moved by Katie Squire to approve the minutes with one correction. The election results were read with Martha Stefenoni receiving a write-in vote, but it was really Martha Stewart. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Minutes adopted.

### **Susan Noah – National Grange Executive Committee Member and Master of the Oregon State Grange**

Brother Kent introduced Susan Noah, National Grange Executive Committee Member and Master of the Oregon State Grange. Sister Susan brought us greeting from the National Grange. She said the members of the California State Grange give her hope for the future of the Grange. Being here this week, she has seen how hard work and perseverance can push through trials.

National Grange programs are continuing to expand. She asked everyone to get their email in to the National Grange so they can be in touch with the membership. The cost of mailing newsletters and information is costly. The new magazine, C Day, has a great deal of information. You can subscribe through the National Grange website or by calling the National Grange office. Cost is \$16.00 per year and it is an excellent publication.

The National Grange is getting with the times – with everyone having a cell phone now, the National Grange discontinued the 800#. The new number for the National Grange is 202-628-3507.

Susan said that she takes pride in the fact the National Grange has a building where you can see the White House from. But the building is getting older and needs continuous maintenance. Recently had to put a new roof on the building for \$145,000. The Heating and Air is now in and working properly. The tenants are happy the staff is happy, and Susan is freezing. The National Grange is looking for donations to the Building Fund, through the Grange Foundation and are tax

deductible. Susan thanked the members and Granges who have sent donations for the National Grange Building fund

She is impressed the California State Grange is one of the few States still growing. Kent and Ed would brag how they had thousands returning to the Grange and Granges returning to good standing. It gives her a renewed hope for the organization seeing how we have handled it all so well and diligently persevered.

Susan and Mark, the first Dude, were given a Grange shopping bag full of California goodies, and thanked for attending our State Session.

### **Legislative Report – Michael Evenson, Chairman Reporting.**

Michael Evenson was introduced as the Legislative Director for the California State Grange.

Resolutions and policy are set by the Resolution process. During the year, the members would inform Michael of what was happening with active legislation. Where we had Grange policy, we would get involved. Two measures specifically have passed and been signed by the Governor. One of them is the Public Banking in California. We became connected with the other organizations and people who were supporting this. What surprised him the most was that the urban areas were supporting the legislations. We made connections through this. The urban areas were so appreciative of what a rural organization could do to assist them.

Burton Eller, National Grange Legislative Director, always says "Grange is the voice of Rural America." We have the added benefit of engaging in legislative causes. This puts us outside of our Hall. We stay inside too much.

We supported Public Banking and now we support Industrial Hemp. All of the groups supporting the measure were so happy the Grange was on the same side. Being out there is how other organizations see us. Michael wants us to work together. If you hear about legislation about something you care about, check the Grange policy – it is in your binder. We can work on it. Remember that a voice can be magnified – together.

Michael was given a standing ovation for the work he did this last year.

## **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Agriculture & Water Committee – Vince Scholten reporting**

#### **2018-025 – BIO TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS**

Committee report is unfavorable. Chairman advised reasons are (1) the resolution is very vague and (2) is already present policy.

No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution is lost.

#### **2019-002 – ADMINISTRATION OF FAIRS**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

**2019-005 – NUTRIA**

Committee report is favorable as amended. Discussion.

It was moved by Katie Squire to amend by adding "Go on record" in the resolved. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

**2019-008 – HEMP FOR PERSONAL USE**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution is adopted.

**2019-027 – GLYPHOSATE BAN**

Committee report is unfavorable. Already in our policy.

Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution is lost.

**2019-025 – NEONICOTINOIDS**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

**2019-018R – SHAKE OUT**

Committee report is favorable as rewritten.

Kathy Moley, Humboldt Grange, requested an amendment to add "participate in and register for the Annual Great Shake out" Accepted by the Resolution committee as a friendly amendment. There are over 20-million people who are participating in this now. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as rewritten and friendly amendment, adopted.

**2019-19R THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE AND ITS SUBORDINATE GRANGES AND GRANGE MEMBERS REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE IN THE TSUNAMI EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND WHERE APPROPRIATE TSUNAMI EVACUATION DRILLS**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Discussion. Request to define "Support" – the Chairman advised that by putting this in our policy the Granges can take this as a community service project and start working in their communities.

It was moved by Katie Squire to amend "shall educate our membership about the" and encourage, delete "state Granges". Seconded. No discussion on the amendment. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

**Education & Health****Steven Hood, Chairman reporting****2019-040 UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE**

This subject is currently in the State Grange policy as unfavorable from 1994. The committee discussed the issue and are submitting this Committee Resolution.

Committee report is favorable as written. Discussion. Standing vote taken. Yes: 24. No: 27. Motion is lost. Committee report rejected. Resolution is rejected.

#### **2019-041 FREE HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS**

Committee report is favorable as written. Extensive discussion.

It was moved by Rachel Britton to insert "policy of using public dollars to provide" before "free admission" changed to "public funds". Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Discussion.

It was moved by Kathy Moley to add "and lobbies for" between "supports and "California's return". Seconded. Vote taken. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor for discussion.

It was moved by Christina Webster to move the Previous Question. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Debate closed.

Resolution 2019-041 as amended is on the floor for a vote. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

Committee Chairman Steven Hood gave his final report – Thanked committee Rosaura Flores, Lynn Mello, Dwight Winegar, and Ellie Bruce. Committee work is complete.

Lunch recess called at 12:15pm

Reconvene at 1:35 pm

#### **Facilitation of Strategic Planning Team**

Brian Weller was introduced to the members as the facilitator for the Strategic Planning team. Brian told the Delegates about the process used by the Team to determine the goals and areas of focus in each group. Christina Webster designed and published the Strategic Planning Team reports, providing copies to the delegates. Brother Kent presented Brian with a Grange Superhero cape and thanked him for his work with the California State Grange.

Break was called.

#### **Autumn Leaves Report – Ukiah and Vacaville**

Ukiah Autumn Leaves report made by Bob Canclini and Kent Westwood. Rosemary Hansen reported on Vacaville Autumn Leaves. Both retirement homes are in good financial health and are continuing to be updated as needed.

#### **Grange Insurance Association – Board of Directors President Tom McKern**

Brother McKern brought greetings from the Grange Insurance Association. Brother McKern was raised in rural Washington and has been a member of the Grange

since he was a young man. The Grange Insurance Association is continuing to hold its own in the insurance market, but fires and winds continue to cause losses throughout the western states where GIA does business. He wished the California State Grange the best in continuing to rebuild the membership.

### **Legal Update**

Jeff Skinner was introduced to the delegate body to offer an overview of our current standings of the cases in California.

Jeff advised that he brings good news. The settlement with the insurance company in the State Case is complete and just waiting for signatures. The terms of the settlement are \$3,050,000 to be split with the National Grange and releasing Bob McFarland from all of the cases.

Next phase is to focus on bringing back the Subordinate Grange property to the local Subordinate Grange or the California State Grange. Lawyer for Bennett Valley Grange and the Guild was disqualified. He appealed to the Supreme Court of California on the Bennett Valley Case so that is held until the first of the year.

Redwood Valley Grange – The Grange controls the property. The Guild has been filing fraudulent deeds and we have filed to remove those from the property. They are going through a lot there and need your support.

Marshall Grange – Linda Chernoff was sued in the Marshall Grange case. Hearing is set for January 3, 2020 to hear the Motion for Summary Judgement

Since June the California State Grange has filed 11 revocations and lawsuits where the Grange property is being held by the Guild. 5 Granges have contacted us to get back in good standing, reorganize and be back in the Order. 2 Granges are going to fight it (1) Pilot Hill Grange and (2) San Luis Obispo Grange. Other Granges have not responded yet – deadlines have not passed

Everything we do is about restoring the order. These are fraternal brothers & sisters who went to the Guild. The door is still open to return.

Will keep you posted on the Grange lawsuits. Most Courts will grant a Summary Judgement. Jeff is very confident that we will be ultimately successful in getting Granges reorganized.

It has been the patience, perseverance, and resoluteness of the members of the State Grange to get us where we are now. On 4/5/2013 the State Grange had the building in Sacramento and \$3.2 million mostly in Custodial Funds. Between the what the Receiver recovered and the settlement, those Granges with Custodial funds will be completely whole again.

Floor Question: Bob McFarland is representing himself as “The Guild – formerly the California State Grange”.

Answer: It could be Bob or it could be the way the reporter is writing the article. There is a provision in the settlement where we notify them they have 10 days to stop and, if necessary, we can file suit to stop him if we want to.

The settlement agreement itself is not confidential. But there is no sense in putting anything on social media until it is completely signed. All agreements will be transparent. Antagonizing the Guild folks serves no purpose. Many do not know what really happened. Nothing confidential about this yet.

Question from the floor. How does the settlement effect the actions about establishing the new Foundation? Answer: Several insurance policies were involved including the former Foundation. The Heartland Foundation has questionable transactions. It is better to form a new Foundation.

Law suit involving Boutin Jones – took \$600,000 in Grange monies and took \$200,000 after the tentative judgment was made to freeze the accounts. They filed an Anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) motion which was denied and is currently under appeal.

Bob McFarland is restricted or enjoined from influencing the legal matters with any other suits going on now. He is not allowed to suggest he properly controlled the 1946 Corporation after April 2013. He showed up at every lawsuit before, and now he is not involving himself.

If anyone hears anything involving McFarland, let Kent or Lillian know so it can be investigated.

Question from the floor: Is there anything we can do to help the vagrant Granges to come back.

Answer: If the Charter has not been revoked, encourage them to return to good standing. Freshwater Grange has expressed interest in returning to the Grange. Bayside Grange still has a charter, let them know it is ok to come back. There are a number of people in this room who were formerly in the Guild. No reason that they cannot come back. Goal is to get them back to growing the Grange.

Question: On the Guild side – who is paying the attorneys and can those attorneys, if not paid, put liens on the Grange property.

Answer: We filed a notice of pendency of action to add to the chain of title that there is a complaint letting them know we say that property belongs to us. Do not believe there will be any well-funded attorneys involved with these cases.

As part of the settlement, we are going to have to fix some of the documents with the 1946 Corporation. We had to create the 2014 corporation to hold its property and operate under. We have always declared the 1946 corporation it was ours. We created a 2014 corporation as the vehicle to conduct business for the California State Grange.

We will need to fix the names on the tax exemptions on the IRS, in the by-laws and just general business of the Grange.

Jeff will be available this evening and will answer questions as needed. Brother Kent thanked Jeff for his work on behalf of the California State Grange. Kent presented Jeff with t-shirts and a Grange Superhero cape.

It was moved by Katie Squire that the reports of Ukiah Autumn Leaves, GIA, and Vacaville Autumn Leaves be accepted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Vote taken. Motion carried.

## **Resolution Committee Reports**

### **Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development – Joe Stefenoni reporting**

#### **2019-009 – RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE 1946 CORPORATION**

Committee report is favorable as submitted.

No debate. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution is adopted.

#### **2019 – 010 – RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE 1946 CORPORATION – ALTERNATE**

Committee report is favorable as submitted.

No debate. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution is adopted.

#### **2019-014 RESOLUTION GRANTING LIMITED AUTHORITY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Per request of the Chairman, Jeff Skinner explained the California State Grange has three corporations – the 2016 Corporation which was taken to preserve the name when the Guild was court-ordered to abandon it. Then we need to decide what to do with the 1946 and the 2014 Corporations. Because the settlement is not finalized yet, the Board will need to move ahead as quickly as possible to correct all of these. Not sure if the bank accounts will be affected, but have to find out. This is the purpose of this resolution and then the Board will be back next year to report on all of these.

Committee report is favorable as amended.

No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

#### **2019-045 REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE FIRST FOUR DEGREES**

Committee report is favorable as presented.

Discussion. Question as to why the High Priest of Demeter is not referred to – Answer is the Assembly cannot appoint committees and the Assembly maintains custody of the Unwritten Work.

Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

#### **2019-039R DEFINE WHAT IS A FAMILY FOR THE PURPOSES OF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

Committee report is favorable as rewritten. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted as rewritten.

Committee Chairman, Joseph Stefenoni made his final report. Grange Law considered 13 resolutions all of which were adopted. Joseph thanked his team: Inger Bevans, Jini Reynolds, Lanny Cotler, Barbara Eberhart, Carl Evans from High Desert Grange Nevada.

It was moved by Katie Squire to accept the report of the Grange Law Committee. Seconded. Motion carried. Report adopted. Committee is complete.

### **Agriculture & Water Committee, Vince Scholten, Chairman reporting**

#### **2019-042 NORTH AMERICA WILD HORSE STATUS**

Committee report is favorable as written. Discussion.

It was moved amend by Heather Stern, Coyote Grange, on line 21 to add "with sustainability in mind". Seconded. Discussion.

Point of information: Christina Webster, Orangevale Grange. Only the Resolved is published in the Legislative Policy handbook. The Whereas statements will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

Discussion continues.

Vote taken on the amendment. Motion failed. Amendment failed.

It was moved by Rachel Britten to amend after the word "Act" adding "prioritizing balanced eco-system management" Seconded. Motion by Leroy Squire to amend the amendment by putting the words as " amend the act to prioritize balance ecosystem management or repeal the act"; Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken on the amendment to the amendment. Motion carried. Amendment as amended is approved.

The amendment as amended is before you. Vote taken on the amendment. Motion carried. Amendment adopted

Resolution as amended is on the floor. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended is adopted.

The Assistant Stewards closed the Bible on the Altar.

Recess for dinner called at 5:50 pm. Reconvene at 7pm.

Assistant Stewards opened the Bible on the Altar at 7:10pm.

### **Honoring Veterans Program**

Brother Kent introduced Katie Squire, California State Grange Lecturer, to present the Honor Veteran's program for the evening.

Katie told us the story of how the Armistice Day came to be celebrated commemorating the signing of the treaty between the Allies and Germany thus ending World War I on the 11th month, on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, and became the Veterans Day we know now.

Veterans Honored at our Session are:

Paul Hyland – US Army (Rosedale Grange)

Craig Rulison - US Army (Grover City Grange)

Lanny Cotler – Foreign Service Reserve Officer – CIA (Little Lake Grange)

Frank Nichols – US Navy - Korea (Western Yolo Grange)

Bill Booth - US Navy (Wyandotte Grange)

Maurice Viand – US Navy (Humboldt Grange)

Charley Betschart - US Navy (Humboldt Grange)

Bob Canclini – Korea – US Army (Whitesboro Grange)

Reg Corrella– US Airforce Special Forces 13 years. (San Luis Obispo Grange)

Paul Hyland asked the members to remember that 22 Veterans commit suicide every day. There are free programs to help them. If you know anyone, all they have to do is call.

Lanny Cotler – shared that he served in a Special Forces branch and told us things that he had never said before. He stressed it has to do with feelings of patriotism and how we feel about the service in our country. Some branches of service have low rates of suicide, but the Special Forces Reserve has one of the highest.

Reg Corrella said that there are wounds. We need to move ahead from the wounds and move to healing. Reg asked to let the healing begin and is excited about the Grange and how it is moving forward.

Bill Booth said that out of sorrow comes some happiness. After losing the family home in the Camp Fire, a couple of weeks later he received a package from the National Grange Lecturer, Chris Hamp. She had arranged to have his Quilt of Valor replicated and replaced which was lost exactly one year after it was first awarded to him. Bill applied for his replacement service medals and just two weeks ago, he received those. He thanked everyone for their kindness and concern.

Charlie Betschart shared that his brother got him out of jail and took him to enlist and the next morning he was in boot camp. After his enlistment was over, he was home for 19 days, had not unpacked, and re-enlisted.

Session recessed for the California State Grange Foundation Meeting. See minutes under that heading.

The Session of California State Grange was called back to order.

## **Resolution Committee Reports**

### **Resolution 2019-037**

Having voted in the majority, Christina Webster moved to reconsider Resolution 2019-037. Seconded by Steven Hood. Resolution as passed only had 6 original Directors for the California State Grange Foundation. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution on the floor.

It was moved by Katie Squire to amend the Resolution by adding California State Grange Treasurer, Christina Webster, to the initial board of directors of the Foundation and change Will Shaw's name to William. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment adopted.

It was moved by Katie Squire to accept this resolution. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

### **Agriculture & Water Committee** **Vince Scholten, Chairman, Reporting**

#### **2019-043 CULTIVATION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP**

Committee report is favorable.

No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

#### **2019-044 RECLASSIFICATION OF MARIJUANA**

Committee report is favorable. Discussion.

Chad Smith, North Fork Grange moved to amend the resolution to change "Marijuana" to "Marijuana (Cannabis)". Seconded. Vote taken. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

Vince said he was assigned 5 committee members and they worked with 10. He thanked his committee. Names to be printed in the Journal of proceedings.

It was moved by Leroy Squire to adopt the report of the Agriculture & Water Committee. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted.

### **Citizenship & Taxation** **Erica Kroesen Chairman Reporting**

#### **2019-026 SOCIAL SECURITY FOR ALL**

Committee report is unfavorable. Reason given is this is changing from a retirement system that does work to one that does not.

Debate. Previous question was moved, seconded, voted on and carried. Debate closed.

Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution lost

#### **2019-029 SOCIAL SECURITY EMPLOYMENT**

Committee report unfavorable. Reason: it was the same as 2019-026.

Leroy Squire moved to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Seconded. No Debate. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution as written on the floor.

It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to adopt resolution 2019-029. Seconded. Vote taken. Division of the house called: Yes: 20 No 24. Motion lost. Resolution rejected.

Orders of the day were called. The Grange was closed in the Fourth Degree by Master Kent Westwood.

The labors of this day have been long, arduous, and are now closed.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange.

## Day 4

On October 15, 2019, the Fourth day of the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange was opened in the Fourth Degree by the State Officers. Kent Westwood, Master, presiding.

Roll call of officers found all officers present for the Session.

### **Minutes of the Previous Day**

The Minutes of third day of the State session were read by Sister Lillian Booth, State Secretary. It was moved to approve the minutes as read, and seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Minutes are approved as read.

### **Conservation Committee Report Ellen Taylor, Chairman, reporting.**

#### **2019-023 SPECIES SUBJECT TO EXTINCTION**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

It was moved by Katie Squire to strike "these" and add "endangered and". Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment adopted. Resolution as adopted on the floor.

It was moved by Kathy Moley to change "legal" to "legislative". Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion failed. Amendment failed.

Resolution as originally amended on the floor. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

#### **2019-024 ELIMINATION OF PLASTIC**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

It was moved by Michael Evenson to amend the resolution by restoring it to the original without the strike-through done by the committee. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment adopted. Resolution as originally submitted on the floor.

It was moved by Steven Hood to amend by striking "California Congressional Delegation" and replace with "Congress" Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment adopted.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Discussion.

It was moved by Katie Squire to amend to place comma after "public", and add the words "local Granges,". Seconded. A friendly amendment was requested to place "local Granges" before "public" Accepted by the maker of the motion and the second. Discussion Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment adopted.

Resolution as amended on the floor.

It was moved to add "entering" on line 26. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment adopted.

Resolution as amended on the floor for discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report as amended, adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

This completed the Conservation Committee report. Chairman Ellen thanked the committee members; Marilla Peeler, Fort Bragg Grange; Leroy Squire, Central Union Grange; Joseph Rhodes, Humboldt Grange; and Dave Evans, Springfield Grange.

It was moved by Katie Squire to approve the Conservation Committee Report and print in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report of the committee adopted and will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

### **Labor & Judiciary Committee Reporting Chad Smith reporting**

#### **2019-003 BROADBAND**

Committee report favorable as amended.

Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted as amended.

Jeff Box, Chairman of the committee, thanked the committee members for their work. Randy Turnquist, Aptos Grange; Ann Pitts, Windsor Grange; Chad Smith, North Fork Grange; Julie Rhodes, Humboldt Grange; & Bob Canclini, Whitesboro Grange. Committee work is complete.

It was moved by Steven Hood to accept the report the report of the Committee and print in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted and will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

### **Citizenship & Taxation Committee Report**

Erica Kroesen, Reporting

#### **2019-021 FIRE INSURANCE**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted as amended.

#### **2019-030 SOCIAL SECURITY**

Committee report is favorable. Discussion

It was moved by Bill Booth to postpone resolution 2019-030 indefinitely. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution is postponed indefinitely.

**2019-031 STATE BUDGET BALANCE**

Committee report is unfavorable. Reason the word "real" is subject to interpretation.

No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report of unfavorable is adopted. Resolution is lost.

**2019-032 FEES, TOLLS, AND TAXES**

Committee report is unfavorable. Reason – Present Policy in the legislative handbook.

Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report of unfavorable is adopted. Resolution is lost.

**2019-033 DEFINE TAX, FEE, TOLL, ETC.**

Committee report is unfavorable. Reason – Present Policy in the legislative handbook.

Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report of unfavorable is adopted. Resolution is lost.

**2019-034 THE CAP**

Committee report is unfavorable. Reason – Too general, every jurisdiction is different and should be able to make their own adjustments to wages.

Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report of unfavorable is adopted. Resolution is lost.

**2019-046 INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE**

Committee report is favorable. Discussion.

It was moved by Katie Squire to postpone this resolution indefinitely. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution is postponed indefinitely.

**2019-047 FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS ENFORCED VIA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

Committee report is favorable.

No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report is adopted. Resolution is adopted.

**Legislative Policy Handbook – Citizenship & Taxation Section**

Committee review is to delete "Elections – Primary", "Tax Deductible Expenses" delete the first paragraph.

It was moved to accept the recommendations of the committee to the Legislative Policy Handbook. Seconded. Discussion.

Past California State Grange Master, Bill Booth, reminded the Delegates that these are amendments to the current Legislative Handbook, it does not remove the policy from use in the Journals of Proceedings.

Vote taken. Motion to accept the committee recommendations was carried.

Work on the Legislative Handbook is complete.

Erica thanked the committee: Anne Asperger, Laytonville Grange; Edwina Hood-Woolard, Central Union Grange; Laura Baynham, Anderson Valley Grange; and Robert Smith, Little Lake Grange.

It was moved by Steven Hood to accept the report of the Committee and enter in the Journal of proceedings. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted and will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

### **Other Business**

Joseph Stefenoni, National Grange Membership Director, told the assembled members he had spoken with the National Grange Legislative Director Burton Eller this morning who sent greetings and congratulations on the diverse topics and the forward-motion the Granges California are taking on legislative matters.

Worthy State Master Kent presented Past officer pins to Randy Turnquist, past State Grange Steward, Bob Clouse, Past State Grange Executive Committeeman, Gary Abreim Past State Grange Treasurer, and Vince Scholten, Past State Grange Steward.

Katie Squire reported that 25% of the Central Union Grange membership entered items in the Expo. The National Grange awarded Central Union Grange the Distinguished Grange Award. She put out a challenge to all the members. You. Are. Challenged. If Central Union Grange can do it, many other Granges can do it.

Grange Building certificates were awarded to Granges who had a membership gain in the calendar year of 2018. Years of Continuous Service were awarded to Granges on the multiple of five years of service. Lists to be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

### **Recess taken for the Grange Foundation Meeting.**

Bobbie Tucker asked the Convention committee to consider having the Convention meetings from Friday to Monday to help the working Delegates take less time off from work. Suggestion will be referred to the planning committee for next year.

Meeting reconvened at 12:45 pm.

## **Installation of Officers**

Upon reconvening, the officers having been elected to office were installed.

### **Installing Team:**

Installing Master:	Bob Clouse
Installing Officer:	Joseph Stefenoni
Installing Chaplain:	Barbara Geiger
Emblem Bearer:	Susan Noah
Regalia Bearer:	Mark Noah
Installing Marshall:	Ellie Bruce

### **Officers installed:**

Master	Kent Westwood	Mendocino County 35 <sup>th</sup> Master of the California State Grange
Overseer	Jan Saxton	Monterey County
Executive Committee 3 year	William "Will" Shaw	Trinity County

The officers were declared installed by the Installing Officer.  
Master/President Kent Westwood took the chair.

Personal Privilege requested by Bill Booth.

Brother Bill Booth congratulated the California State Grange on starting the new California State Grange Foundation and presented a check for \$500.00 for the first donation to the Foundation.

## **Resolution of Appreciation.**

Authors Emily Casterson, Ellie Bruce, and Lauren Linkemyer authored the Resolution.

It was moved by Katie Squire to accept the Resolution of Appreciation as read. Seconded. Vote taken. Resolution adopted with thanks to the Graces for authoring the resolution.

## **Membership Presentation:**

Membership Director, Martha Stefenoni, reporting

Martha explained how the Project Sustenance was created after a discussion with several Granges and the National Grange Communications Director, Amanda Brozana-Rios. Everything the Grange does sustains our communities either with quality produce, Grange dinners, or education and legislation.

At the State FFA Convention, the Grange exhibit booth was themed "Add Your Next Chapter" and inviting the FFA graduates to continue to pursue their goals with the Grange.

From that Convention, a visit was held in May and on Sunday October 6, Master Kent Westwood signed the reorganization application for Turlock Grange #29.

There are 46 Charter members and 21 Junior 1+ members and there are 10 below the age of 5 waiting to become Junior members.

The ages of their membership break down like this

13-21	35% of their membership (Master is 20 years old)
21-40	46% of their membership
40-60	11% of their members
60+	8% of their members.

When you go to develop programs for Granges, you need tool. And 2,500 applications for membership were delivered to Martha's door yesterday. Everyone needs to take some with them to start passing out to new members.

Martha was thanked for her report to the members and for all the work she has done to help new Granges.

Steven Hood asked for a moment of personal privilege. He thanked everyone for their love and care shown to his niece, Samantha Hood this week while he was a State Officer. Samantha has recently come under his custody and the love at a Grange convention was just what she needed.

Worthy Master Kent asked the State Secretary, Sister Lillian if there was any further business for the State Grange at this Session. Sister Lillian advised the business was complete.

Worthy Master Kent proceeded to close the Grange in the Fourth Degree. The Grangers gathered around the Altar and sang the Closing Song, "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again".

The 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange is closed until we meet again in Orangevale, CA October 1 – October 5, 2020.

Fraternally submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange.

# **CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION**

## **Minutes from October 13, 2019**

### **California State Grange Foundation**

First meeting of the California Grange Foundation was called to order by Director, Kent Westwood on October 13, 2019, during a recess of the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange.

Item for discussion is the adoption of the By-Laws

Jeff Skinner, attorney for the State Grange, was asked to talk about the By-Laws for the Foundation and why they were written. He advised the members that during the lawsuits there were some areas of the previous by-laws which were not as clear as they could be. Using that premise, these by-laws were written to make sure that situation did not happen again.

It was noted by Bill Booth that the fiscal year had a typo – it was accepted by the members to correct the fiscal year to January 1 to December 31.

It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to adopt the By-laws of the California State Grange Foundation as presented. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved by Steven Hood to amend Article 3 (Members). By changing "Master/Spouse" to "Two selected representatives". Seconded. Debate. Motion carried. Amendment adopted.

It was moved by Katie Squire to remove the word "Seven (7)" on page 2, Article 4, Section 1. Seconded. Discussion. Extensive discussion. Determined it will be necessary to change the resolution passed during the State Session to add the Treasurer, Christina Webster, to the Articles of Incorporation. Katie withdrew her motion and the second also withdrew.

Question posed to Jeff Skinner Article 10 – Amendments – is there a specific method to amend the by-laws. Jeff recommended the same format be used as the State Grange, except any resolutions would be directed to the State Grange Foundation and acted upon during the Foundation meeting.

Paul Hyland called for the Previous Question. Seconded. Withdrawn by the maker.

It was moved by Rachel Britten to amend the Objectives by adding to additional points:

(g) preservation of farmland

(h) support and encouragement of existing, as well as, beginning farmers and ranchers. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment carried.

By-Laws as amended on the floor.

It was moved by Rachel Britten to amend to strike Bob Clouse and add William Shaw as the original director and to add Christina Webster. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment adopted.

It was moved by Bill Booth to amend at Section 4 page 3, after Vice-President add Secretary, Treasurer and strike 5 and change to 3. This aligns with the current Board of Directors for the State Grange. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment adopted.

By-Laws as amended on the floor.

It was moved by Paul Hyland to call for the Previous Question. Seconded. Motion carried. Debate closed.

By-Laws as amended on the floor. Vote taken. Motion carried. By-Laws of the California State Grange Foundation are adopted.

Foundation meeting was recessed for the purpose of developing a resolution for the procedure to elect Board members. Brother Kent appoint the committee to write resolution for election of officers. Erica Kroesen, Rachel Britten, Jini Reynolds & Steven Hood.

Foundation meeting is recessed until after opening of the Grange on Tuesday morning, October 14, 2019

### **Minutes from October 14, 2019**

#### **Foundation meeting recalled from Recess.**

Meeting was called to order during recess of the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange.

Time certain item resolution:

Election of Additional Directors Resolution was read by Steven Hood.

It was moved by Steven to adopt the resolution. Seconded

It was moved by Christina Webster to amend the resolution to add "Cast" before "votes". Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended on the floor.

It was moved by Lillian Booth to change "More than 25%" to "a simple majority". Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended on the floor.

It was moved by Vince Scholten to add that "the two with the top numbers will be the bottom numbers". Seconded. Discussion. Vince withdrew his amendment.

Resolution as amended on the floor for action. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

Election of additional directors for the Foundation.

Nominations were held.

Steven Hood	Kings County
Chad Smith	Trinity County
Buzz Chernoff	El Dorado County
Bill Booth	Butte County
Katie Squire	Kings County
Lanny Cotler	Mendocino County
Bob Canclini	Mendocino County
Rachel Britten	Mendocino County

Nominations are closed.

Paper ballots were passed to the delegates. Votes were cast.

Election results read by Election Chairman Frank Nichols. 45 votes cast. 23 to elect.

Steven Hood	24	declared elected
Chad Smith	20	
Buzz Chernoff	21	
Bill Booth	27	declared elected
Katie Squire	26	declared elected
Lanny Cotler	9	
Bob Canclini	17	
Rachel Britten	33	declared elected

Martha Stefenoni moved to close the Foundation meeting. Seconded. Vote taken. Foundation meeting is closed.

Fraternally submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Foundation Secretary pro tem

## FOUNDATION RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED:

### **CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION RESOLUTION: ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS**

Be it

RESOLVED That California State Grange Foundation members (as defined in ARTICLE 3 of the bylaws) elect four additional board members from the general membership at the 2019 annual meeting of the California State Grange Foundation. And be it further

RESOLVED That these elections take place through a paper balloting process to proceed as follows:

“Nominations will be made on the meeting floor. All candidates will then be added to the same paper ballot. Delegates will have the opportunity to cast votes for up to four candidates. The top four candidates with a simple majority of possible votes are duly elected.”

And be it further

RESOLVED That foundation directors elected in this manner shall not be already serving on the board of directors of the California State Grange Foundation. And, be it further

RESOLVED At the first board meeting following elections, the board of directors will elect one of the directors to serve as the Chairman of the California State Grange Foundation for the duration of his or her term.

## COMMUNICATIONS



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October 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to the members of the California State Grange for holding your 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session! These events are like family reunions, a wonderful time to have fun with friends, to celebrate your successes, and to set the legislative policies for the coming year.

National Grange's theme for this year is "Grange Heroes for our Hometowns!" We all know those special Grangers who go above and beyond the call to be Do-ers for their Grange and community. But as Grangers, we are all heroes! When the Grange takes on a service project or tackles a legislative issue for the benefit of fellow citizens, that makes all members heroes for their locality. Consider what this theme means to you and then express it to your friends as the reason they too should be a part of us.

The National Grange has a new mission statement: "The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agriculture awareness." An attractive poster with the mission statement is available through the Grange Store for \$5 plus shipping; quantity orders available by contacting [sales@nationalgrange.org](mailto:sales@nationalgrange.org).

Our magazine, "Good Day!" has been a great success, but we need lots more subscribers to be able to continue publication. This is our only print communication with local members, especially those without access to email. You can subscribe online or by calling the National office. If you do use email, I hope we have your email address so you are receiving all the news – the weekly Patrons' Chain, the Legislative Updates, Lecturer's programs, and Sales and Benefits news. Every Granger is part of the team and we want you to be informed and included.

I am happy to say that all systems at the headquarters building are operating properly after a year and a half of repair work. But we're not finished! We are in the process of having a new roof installed to solve the leaks that have been occurring through the winter. Thank you to the many Granges and Grangers who stepped up with donations and loans, but more is needed to get us back on our feet and pay off the loans from State Granges. Please consider a donation to the National Grange Building Fund.

We are gearing up for our 153<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session this November 5-9 in Bloomington-Minneapolis, Minnesota. Registration is open on the website—early bird registration has passed, but there is still time to register for the convention. You won't want to miss this reunion and celebration with Grangers from across the country.

Thank you all for your dedicated work in California to advance the Grange. During this 152<sup>nd</sup> year of National Grange in 2018-19, we remember the rich heritage and amazing accomplishments of our ancestors as they joined together in the Grange. Ours is the best organization in the world and we want to share it with everyone so we can continue the Grange legacy for many years into the future.

I encourage each of you to share your wisdom, enthusiasm, and humor during your State convention. The more you put into your Grange, the more you will get out of it. Our Grange is poised for great success and each one of you will play an important part in our future. Best wishes for a successful State Session!

Fraternally,

Betsy E. Huber, Master

## STATE MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the 144th California State Grange session. I would like to first thank the members of the Rincon Valley Grange for graciously hosting this years' convention.

Coming into this job with Ed's untimely passing has been challenging to say the least. There are a lot of moving parts; some obvious and some not. It is not easy to figure out how all the pieces fit together and work. But, thanks to many of you we have our feet back on the ground and are moving forward.

One of the moving parts involved the monies we were able to get back through the Court Receiver. Ed invested it all in the stock market, including the custodial monies which belong to various Granges. At this time last year, it was doing well, but I began to be nervous having the custodial funds in a volatile market. But since I was seeing signs of the economy sliding downhill, the State Grange Board agreed to pull the funds out of the stock market before it dropped. In removing the money when we did, it resulted in an \$80,000 profit which means the custodial funds made more than they normally would. Those funds are now safe in treasury notes. Now, we need to form an investment policy moving forward.

Our state offices at U Street in Sacramento has had a computer upgrade. The Board determined the cost to replace the in-house servers and software was too high. We have now gone to using the latest hardware and software by obtaining a Cloud Server subscription. Bill Booth has been developed a system to scan all of our policies and records and they are being stored in the cloud. In the near future, you will be able to find existing policies with a word search. Thanks to Bill and Lillian Booth who saved our computers from the Paradise fire while letting their own things burn.

The rental of the building at 2101 Stockton Blvd to the UC Davis Regents for one of their facilities helps keep this organization afloat financially.

Over the last couple of months various Guilds (former Granges) have been contacting us on how to get back in good standing. That process is moving forward. But others have not, and we have started revoking their charters. I am encouraged to tell you that most of them are opting to come back into good standing. We have also had some new Granges starting up and there is interest in some more new startups, High Dessert Grange is back up and running with a lot of kids who are into showing animals. Our Grange Youth Fair Program is growing, with interest from around the state.

I've been visiting as many halls as I can. I have to tell you that there are a lot of halls behind in their deferred maintenance and in poor condition. With the help of our dedicated deputies, we are connecting with them and doing our best to re-instill enthusiasm. We do have our loan program going again to which we have added another feature: we send out a virtual barn-raising notice to the

membership. It is clear that many of our brothers and sisters from more robust community Granges are chipping in to help and by that I mean they are going to help bring down the loan principal. Thanks to all those Granges who have reached out to help their brothers and sisters reduce their loan amount.

Next in my travels it has become apparent that some abandoned halls are now beyond repair and a liability to the State Grange, we are paying property taxes and liability insurance on buildings that are ready to fall down. The Board has decided to sell those properties and invest the funds from those sales to create a granting program to help halls with their deferred maintenance. They will have to put some skin in the game; grants will depend on their fund-raising abilities. Grants will be on a case by case basis. Hopefully, that will be ready to roll out in no more than a couple of years.

Some members have noted that a lot of our thinking and chatter emphasizes the younger generation. This is true. But this does not mean that we are forgetting about our old timers. We need both. We especially need the older members to mentor the younger about Grange traditions.

We need to adapt to a rapidly changing world. The bottom line is we want to make our organization more relevant to the times. How many of you admit that you are not experts when it comes to using social media- Facebook, Twitter, messaging, etc.? How many of you know how much the younger generation now depends on them? We are walking on both sides of the street. As my good friend Lanny Cotler said.

Our young people need to feel that the Grange is relevant, effective and magical. Otherwise—during these uncertain times—they are wasting their time. Our purpose and our attraction should be fiercely linked. But they are not the same”

Now for some exciting news, on Sept. 28th we had a strategic planning workshop in Sacramento. Due to space constraints we were only able to fit 20 people into our conference room. but the group included some 5th generation members to very enthusiastic new members. We now have a road map that makes sense, to move the California State grange forward. The workshop was expertly facilitated by long time professional member Brian Weller from our own Little Lake Grange. Brian is an amazing strategic facilitator. Brian will be here Monday with a report on what we accomplished and give you some highlights from our planning. Very heady stuff but crucial as I think you will agree. The workshop was such a success that we are thinking of making it a yearly event but next year in a larger space so we can invite more members.

It's been a crazy, uncertain, and confusing time. But I do believe that if we hang together as Grangers, we shall stay together as Grangers and thrive.

Fraternally and sincerely submitted,  
Kent Westwood, Master/President California State Grange

## STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Worthy Brothers and Sisters and State Officers,

It is my pleasure to address you today as the Secretary of the California State Grange.

### Membership

Our membership continues to grow, and Granges are returning to good standing. Our current membership is:

Individual Fraternal	3,189
Gold Sheaf Members	185
Family Members	797
Junior 1+ Members	327
Associate Members	29
TOTAL	4,527

60% of the membership records have dates of birth which gives the State Grange the ability to design programs to be relevant to our Grange membership.

From this data, the percentages of our membership by age is:

Under 20	22.5%
20 to 49	26.5%
50 to 79	42.3%
80 and up	8.7%

### Charters Revoked:

Charters are revoked for working in violation of the By-Laws of the National Grange and/or State Grange or for non-payment of dues. There are still over 50 Granges who are in that position in California. We have reached the point where it is a necessity to revoke their charters. All are afforded the opportunity to appeal to the National Grange Master and none have taken that avenue.

Charters revoked this year are:

Lockeford District Grange –

They have requested to return the Grange Hall and property.

This will provide an opportunity to re-organize in that area.

Berry Creek Grange

Clear Lake Grange

Woodbridge Grange

Lake Francis Grange

Atascadero Grange –

This Grange is returning to good standing

Freshwater Grange

Muscoy Grange

Paradise Grange

Mt Vernon Grange

Meadow Vista Grange

Pilot Hill Grange

**Membership Database:**

In discussing the membership database with members throughout the State, it seems there are several urban legends out there regarding the membership database. So let's put the facts out there.

The California State Grange was re-organized with no tools, no business systems in place, no offices. Absolutely nothing. There were 26 Granges, and many more pending returning to the Grange, we needed to begin to rebuild.

Bill Booth, my husband, is a database developer. This was his profession in the IT Department of Butte County. I managed the Public Safety Databases of 2-million records in the Paradise Police Department. Just recently, I managed over 16-million records as the interim Records Manager for the Butte County Sheriff's Office. I have implemented change-overs to new database vendors and periodic upgrades.

In 2014, when the State Grange was in the process of reorganization, Bill and I talked about how to manage the Grange membership information, and how to make it a sustaining program after we are no longer in our current positions with the State Grange. Bill builds most database programs in Microsoft Access, which is a standard program. So the first decision was to design in a known programming language so there is no proprietary language or programming involved. Anyone with Microsoft experience in Access should be able to maintain and continue to upgrade the membership database. The second was to leave instructions for programmers who follow us – which he included in the database programming. The third was to develop something that users of any age could use. Another factor for the future was how to make sure the local Granges could eventually access and update their own Grange records.

What we developed is a user-friendly system, and can produce reports to the Master/President and Secretaries after each quarter's information is received. Master's if you are not receiving a copy of a report after the close of a quarter- it means the Secretary and Treasurer have not sent the reports in.

The database is not just membership. This has developed in to a complete Records Management System. We have expanded the database to include information on corporate status, Grange Hall information, document storage for reports and correspondence. There are over 300 reports already designed to provide demographic, membership, individual Grange detail, years of service, membership gain/loss, and history of a member's individual service in the Grange

**On-Line reporting –**

Through the State Grange website, you have the ability to add new members on-line at any time. You do not have to wait for the end of the quarter. You may also submit your quarterly reports, rosters, and membership lists online as well.

**End-game:**

At some point in the future, the plan is to have a web based front end in order to allow individual Granges to enter their own data. This would then be verified by

the State Grange and then pushed in to the live data. This will take some money of an unknown amount, policy, and firewalls to protect the database.

### **Board Meetings:**

The meetings of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange are open to ALL members in good standing. They are usually held in the State Office and will move around the State as we can.

Minutes and financial reports have not yet been published as much as members would like. In the adverse legal situation we have been in – we have not been able to widely distribute the information. Members may call and ask any questions you wish. We are going to be putting this on the members-only website which will have an individual password for active members.

### **The Cloud & Office Procedures**

When we were able to once again occupy the building in April of 2018, there were no computer hard drives in the servers in the building. Servers can cost from \$15,000 to \$40,000 and are outdated in 5 to 10 years. The State Grange did not have the funds to make that purchase. So we looked for other options.

With research and referrals from Grange members, the Board chose a cloud-based server, with constantly updated software, multiple backups, and firewall security. The Board can now share information and view documents, reports, etc., from any location with connectivity. The Cloud services is done with a contractor. The base set-up cost was \$3,500. On-going costs in operations is approximately \$300-\$400/month.

### **Conclusion**

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as the Secretary of the California State Grange. My family, as always, is a huge support and works tirelessly with me.

My thanks to Linda MacCracken, Marian Sales, Jerry & Linda Macklem, and Bob Clouse who take care of the clerical work and general upkeep of the State Grange Office in Sacramento. My wonderful, creative, daughter LoRee Lampke continues to work as the Assistant to the State Secretary to help keep everything running smoothly. My husband, Bill Booth, is my lighthouse and keeps me between the navigational beacons.

Fraternally submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange

## **STATE TREASURER'S REPORT**

Christina Webster, Treasurer of the California State Grange presented the Financial Reports and the 2020 Budget to the Delegates.

Please see the following pages for details.

California State Grange									
2017 Profit and Loss Comparison Budget to Actual									
& 2019 Profit and Loss Budget									
(Cash Basis)	2019		2019		2019		2019		
	Budget	Notes	Actual	Projected	10/01-12/31	Total	Variance to budget	Notes	2020 BUDGET
<b>INCOME</b>									
Membership Dues	110,184	1	76,050	34,846		110,896	712		113,114
Supportive Membership Dues	100,000	2	72,188	24,063		96,250	(3,750)		96,250
Family Weekend Registration			210			210	210		500
State Session Registration			3,730	600		4,330	4,330		4,500
Investment Income			-	-		-	-		-
Parking			11,981	5,880		17,861			23,520
Building			90,664	34,479		125,144			134,415
Applegate Rent			750	450		1,200			1,800
<b>Rental Income - Sacramento</b>	<b>177,775</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>103,395</b>	<b>40,809</b>		<b>144,205</b>	<b>(33,570)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>159,735</b>
CA Fire Support Fund			3,150			3,150			-
Other Donations			4,555			4,555			-
Legal expenses refunded			1,550			1,550			-
Funds held by receiver			10,509			10,509			-
UCD Expense Reimbursement				24,805		24,805			10,860
Other			14,962			14,962			-
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>34,726</b>	<b>24,805</b>		<b>59,531</b>	<b>54,531</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10,860</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>392,959</b>		<b>290,300</b>	<b>125,122</b>		<b>415,422</b>	<b>22,463</b>		<b>384,959</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>									
Dues to National Grange	40,584	1	-	40,584		40,584	-		58,000
Legal Fees	100,000	5	14,727	30,000		44,727	(55,273)		100,000
Audit	4,000		-	4,000		4,000	-		5,000
Sacramento Property	56,031	6	50,088	6,480		56,568	537		40,000
Personnel Costs	128,020	7	67,196	41,000		108,196	(19,824)		104,176
Travel & Meetings	44,000		23,549	7,850		31,399	(12,601)		40,000
Family Weekend			120			120	120		500
Estimated Officer Stipend			-	4,800		4,800			2,400
<b>EXPENSES</b>			11,751	2,000		13,751			4,000
<b>State Session</b>	<b>12,000</b>		<b>11,751</b>	<b>6,800</b>		<b>18,551</b>	<b>6,551</b>		<b>6,400</b>
Operations	31,000		20,977	6,992		27,969	(3,031)		30,000

Insurance	10,738	8	18,483	5,592	24,075	13,337	25,000
Wisteria Note Payment	19,560	9	-	19,560	19,560	-	19,560
Contract Services	23,000	10	23,170	4,500	27,670	4,670	25,000
Memorial			1,466		1,466	1,466	-
Grange Hall Loans			4,300	5,000	9,300	9,300	10,000
Grange Hall-Property Tax			5,667	3,000	8,667	8,667	7,000
Grange Hall-Insurance			500	-	500	500	1,000
Grange Hall Maintenance	-	11	1,753	-	1,753	1,753	2,000
Grange Hall Recovery & Maintenance	-		12,219	8,000	20,219	20,219	20,000
Total Expenses	468,933		243,625	181,358	424,983	(43,950)	473,636
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(75,974)		46,674	(56,236)	(9,561)	66,413	(88,677)

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

## **CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 APPROVED AT THE 144<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE**

### **Board Meeting Minutes Closed Session - September 21, 2018 Courtyard Marriott Hotel Conference Room**

Roll Call of Officers: Ed Komski, Master/President; Inger Bevans, Executive Committee 1 Year; Bob Clouse, Executive Committee 2 Year; Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee 1 Year, Gary Abreim Treasurer; Lillian Booth, Secretary; all present. Josh Harper, Overseer, absent.

Closed Session was called at 9:00pm. Extensive discussion regarding the status of the current legal cases involving the California State Grange.

No action taken. Meeting closed at 11:00 pm.

Fraternally submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary, California State Grange

### **Board Meeting Minutes - September 25, 2018 Redwood Empire Fairgrounds**

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange was called to order at 1:00pm after the close of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session.

#### **Roll Call:**

Ed Komski, Master/President; Kent Westwood, Overseer; Lillian Booth, Secretary; Bob Clouse Executive Committee 1 year; Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee 2 years; Martha Stefenoni, Executive Committee, 3 years; and Christina Webster, Treasurer.

Master Ed updated the new members of the Board on the history and status of the legal cases of the California State Grange, confidentiality policy, and expectations for the coming year.

National Convention was discussed. Ed and Cynthia will be representing California as Delegates. There will be a California Hospitality Room this year also.

Request from Rosedale Grange to withdraw funds from the Custodial Account to reimburse the costs of Convention for their attendees was presented. It was moved by Bob Clouse and seconded by Lillian Booth to disburse the funds. Vote taken. Aye: Komski, Booth, Clouse, Stefenoni, Kroesen, and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held sometime after the National Convention. Date and time to be determined.

Meeting closed at 2:30 pm.

Fraternally submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary, California State Grange

### Telephone Calls – November 10<sup>th</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Telephone calls were made between Board members to regretfully inform each that Master Ed Komski had a heart attack and died at the National Grange Convention.

Arrangements had been made to fly Aspen Komski, Ed's daughter, and Helen Komski, Ed's mother, to Vermont. They were able to be there before Ed passed away.

By virtue of his office as Overseer, Kent Westwood advanced to the office of Master/President of the California State Grange. The Secretary, Lillian Booth, advised the National Master of this in writing in order for Brother Kent to be seated as a Delegate at the National Session. Martha Stefenoni was appointed as the second Delegate by the Board. Martha and Kent were already both enroute to the National Session.

National Master, Betsy Huber, installed Kent Westwood as the Master of the California State Grange on the first day of the National Grange Session and presented him with the California's Orange Wood Gavel as the symbol of his office.

Words are not enough to express the heartfelt thanks we have for Ed and Cynthia's service to the Grange.

Thank you also to Kent Westwood for accepting the office of Master/President of the California State Grange.

Fraternally and heartbrokenly submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary,  
California State Grange

**Board Meeting Minutes - December 1 & 2, 2018**  
California State Grange Headquarters Building, 3830 U Street, Sacramento

Saturday - Closed Session: 8:30 am to 10:30 am / Open Session: 11 am to 5PM  
Sunday – Closed Session 8:30am to 9:30 am / Open Session 9:30 to 3PM

**1. Roll Call of officers**

Master/President, Kent Westwood; Overseer, vacant; Executive Committee 3 yr., Martha Stefenoni; EC 2 year Erica Kroesen; EC 1 yr. Bob Clouse; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Treasurer, Christina Webster.

**Closed Session** was called at 8:30 am to meet with attorneys at the State Grange Office.

During this meeting, Master Kent Westwood appointed Lillian Booth as the legal liaison and person most knowledgeable for the legal cases. Lillian will now assume the duties that Ed Kowski was doing previously.

**2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.** – Lillian Booth, Secretary

Board agreed to defer reading of these minutes to the January Meeting

**3. Financial Reports** – Christina Webster, Treasurer

Reports were deferred to Gary Abreim. He reported on the invested funds and balances and discussed the difference between realized and un-realized gains or losses in the funds. QuickBooks has not been updated with new information yet.

**4. Communications received**

a. Email Condolence letters

Granges and individuals sent condolence letters and emails on the passing of State Master Ed Kowski.

**5. Director Reports**

a. Non-Profit Compliance Director –

Lillian Booth reporting. It was discussed that Lillian, as the State Secretary, had oversight of the non-profit compliance of the Granges. Lillian is able to automate letters to notify Granges of their filing requirements. She will prepare a form to send to the Secretaries with the necessary steps for annual, bi-annual, or interim compliance as necessary. This will also be available on the website.

*It was moved by Clouse to return the main responsibility for non-profit compliance to the State Grange Secretary's position. Seconded by Webster. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Webster, Stefenoni and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried. Lillian will continue to work with Inger Bevans, as Inger is available, and*

Lillian reported that the Pomona Granges who are not active will have the corporations closed and cancel the IRS Employer Identification Numbers. The non-profit status of most of the Pomona Grange was allowed to lapse under the Guild group filing. The Pomona Grange can establish new corporations as they are organized.

b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

Bill reported that everything is getting back up and running after the fires. There was a very short time to evacuate and we took all of the Grange records that they were able. The office is now back up and able to make updates to the website and the membership database.

Kent had asked Bill to write a tribute to Ed for the website. Bill said it was very hard to write it and instead used the tribute written very well by Derek Schroeder, past National Grange Youth Ambassador from Pennsylvania which appeared in the National Grange Patrons' Chain. This was published on the website.

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

Unable to attend today.

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Lillian Booth reporting. Wyandotte Grange and Dixon Granges helped care for the animals which had been evacuated to the Butte County Fair Grounds in Gridley. They fed, watered, cleaned, and gave lots of TLC to the animals.

Request was made to notify other Granges without Fair Programs when the Youth Fair teams are actively participating in service projects. They would like to help.

e. Youth Director – Emily Casterson

Kent to contact Emily to see if she wants to continue

f. Community Service – Martha Stefenoni

Martha reported she was proud to accept two of the Distinguished Grange Certificates from National Grange for the Rincon Valley Grange and Central Union Grange

Pete Pompper, National Grange Community Service Director was very pleased that California was participating.

California State Grange needs 25% of Granges to turn in a Community Service Notebook. Binder for the report can only be in a 1" binder – no larger. This can be focused on one project your Grange does to highlight the best of your Grange. Tell us you are doing something. We see the projects on Facebook, let us see them in a report.

g. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

i. Membership / Granges

4,481 members. There are 281 Junior 1+ member (6.34%) and Gold Sheaf are 4.5% of the members.

Discussed other ways to use technology for membership growth. Christina reported they obligated one by "Face Time" to Orangevale Grange from Michigan.

h. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

Moving right along. All of the boxes that were in the trailer the Receiver had custody of are now in the building. Receiver kept 5 of them for "Attorney/Client" Privilege.

Jerry & Linda Macklem, Linda & Marian work here at least one day per week, and more. Cleaning, organizing, sorting, and keeping things in order in the buildings.

If a Subordinate or Pomona Grange needs something contact Linda for supplies, etc., before ordering any. There is some surplus of Grange supplies and Linda is happy to facilitate distributing those.

- i. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds –
  - i. Rental Agreement with UC Davis Med Center

Kent reported there lease was in negotiation before he took office. There are two things necessary for completion at the 2101 Stockton Blvd. Signing the agreement is contingent upon a few undetermined items.

- ii. Maintenance

Kent asked to have the landscaping checked by Cochran Landscaping. He also asked to have the leaves blown off the roof.

- iii. GBO Building – V Street

Bob Clouse – was working on possible rentals with the GBO Building. Have talked to two different people who would like to help rent the building next door. Spoke with “Dream Life”, a Non-Profit organization working with young ladies. They viewed the building with Linda.

Bob will interview the two real estate agents for property management services and then refer them to Kent for second interview. Lots of maintenance on the building is necessary.

Tree shared with the neighbor is on the fence line and needs to be removed. Neighbor has been using 5 ft of Grange property as his yard. We were in process to pay 50% of the removal of the tree and put in a fence. The neighbor’s attorney called Bob Clouse and then called Ed Komski, which halted any progress. We need to see exactly where the tree is because it may fall and hit our building. Bob Clouse will contract a tree service for a bid.

- j. Grange Property Report
  - i. Applegate Grange (Merced County)

Need to find an appraiser in the area. Should cost \$300 to \$500. *It was moved by Stefenoni that Lillian be granted to authority to find a local appraiser. Cost not to exceed \$500, and go ahead with appraisal. Seconded by Kroesen. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Webster, Stefenoni and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

- ii. Capay Grange (Tehama County)

At the end of a road in the middle of orchards. No community to support this Grange.

- iii. Coalinga Grange – Bob Clouse

Met with the people in Coalinga with Katie Squire. Bob found that the same issues continue as has been the case since 1997. The Grange is really a church which was renting the building. Bob and Kent will attempt contact with the people in Coalinga Grange.

- iv. Crescent Redwood Grange (Del Norte County)

Bob received phone call from the person who wanted to purchase the Crescent Redwood Grange and had been working with Ed Komski. Property is in escrow now. Found out there is \$2000+ past taxes owed, which is the responsibility of the State

Grange and should come out of our portion of the funds received through escrow. Bob is willing to email the buyer because they already knew about the \$16,000 estimate to repair the roof prior to offering to purchase. Bob will tell them we will pay the taxes and move ahead with the sale.

v. Eastlake Grange (Lake County)

This Grange has been reorganized several times. We have spent lots of time there. There is no water with a pending \$3,000 water bill. Propane tank has been removed. Windows broken. Bob told the members to get estimates to fix windows, include water, include gas, and the State Grange can pay for it. Once the members are moved in and working, it would be a loan to make payments back to the State Grange. No action has been taken by the members. Now a County Supervisor is calling us about the condition of the building. School district had previously contacted Ed to ask if they can purchase the property.

Bob's last conversation with the Master was that no one is attending, but the Grange is not asking for help. Discussion by the Board. It was suggested to check in to the process to sell the property to the school district.

vi. El Camino Grange (Tehama County) – Bob Clouse reporting

Recommendation was to destroy the building. It cannot be restored due to large cracks in the foundation and the basement floods. Fire Department tagged the building for hazards. Abated the weeds and the contractor will give an estimate to bulldoze the building and will need to buy fill dirt for the basement area.

vii. Fair Valley Grange Hall

We have the current tax bill in the name of the State Grange. Corporate Status is dissolved. Have to investigate this one and see what is going on. Christina will be in the area and will check out the area in two weeks and take pictures.

viii. Hornbrook Grange – Siskiyou County

Burned down. Who owns the property? – and was there insurance on the property. Further investigation is needed.

ix. Los Molinos Grange (Tehama County) – no change

x. Maywood Grange (Tehama County) – no change

xi. Millville Grange (Shasta County) – no change

xii. Scott Valley Grange – Etna CA (Siskiyou County)

Bob is trying to put interested parties in touch with each other in the area.

Greenhorn Grange – looks vacant. All identification has been removed from the Hall.

xiii. Tulalake Grange (Siskiyou County)

Will need an appraiser for the property.

xiv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls

1. None

xv. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls

Property taxes pending for Granges. Lillian will begin checking for delinquencies. This was a prior responsibility of Cynthia Kowski.

## **6. Comment Request**

- a. None received

## **7. Old Business**

- a. Report on Granges

- i. American River Grange – already talked about

- ii. Danville Grange –

Dues paid to the State Grange. They are still working on changing their corporate status. Will be added to the National Grange 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter as a Grange in good standing.

- iii. Elk Creek Grange

Is in good standing – and needs letter from attorney to release them from the receivership.

- iv. Freshwater Grange

Were paying dues to the Guild. Not sure what they want to do now. Kent will check on status.

- v. Gold Trail Grange

In good standing – take off next list

- vi. Welcome Grange

In the process still – have to send more information

- vii. Buckeye Grange

Phoned more than once. Need to give their contact information to Kent for follow-up.

- viii. Rohner Grange

Sent letter to the State office stating they were tired and wanted to surrender their charter.

Kent will reach out to them.

- ix. Other Granges to be added to the list.

- 1. Garcia Grange
    - 2. Elk Grove Grange
    - 3. Western Yolo Grange – in the process of returning.
    - 4. Chino Valley Grange – (is the same as Fair Valley Grange) –  
Grant deed in the file. Need to add for liability
    - 5. Golden Empire Grange
    - 6. Healdsburg Grange
    - 7. Sonoma Valley Grange
    - 8. Banner Grange
    - 9. Pilot Hill Grange

- b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review

Redwood Valley Grange – judgment has been filed. All titles have been returned to the Grange.

- c. 2018 Journal of Proceeding – Lillian Booth - Defer to January Meeting

- d. Membership Database Demonstration – Lillian Booth Defer to January Meeting

- e. Board Resolution to cash out stocks held by closed Granges

Was previously assigned to Cynthia Komski – now assigned to Lillian – Defer to January Meeting

- f. California Unclaimed property

Was previously assigned to Cynthia Komski – now assigned to Lillian – Defer to January Meeting

- g. Report on National Convention – Kent Westwood / Martha Stefenoni

Kent and Martha attended this year. Kent served on Grange Law Committee. Learned strategies and how to move resolutions through the process.

There were 10 new Masters. Kent has to go through the new Master training at the 2019 Session because he missed it this year. Kent was the first State Master to ever be Installed at the National Session in the history of the National Grange. Kent reported he was installed by Joseph Stefenoni and Roger Bostwick. He also connected with Mark & Susan Noah from Oregon.

- i. Resolutions from California –

Martha will report on Sunday

- ii. Representation at National Grange

- 1. John Trimble Legislative Intern –

Leroy Squire represented the State Grange well on the Agriculture Committee as an intern.

- 2. Communication Fellows

Lauren Linkemyer and Paul Hyland were sent to the National Grange as Communication Fellows. This program is designed to encourage participation in a news, communications department. All participants were assigned one person to interview and write an article. The team published a newsletter of the National Grange activities each night.

National Grange is looking at partnering with United Health Care. The company will need birthdates and zip codes – not associated with a specific name. It will be used for demographics within a zip code area. No further information at this time.

## **8. New Business**

- a. Meeting of the California State Grange 2016 Corporation.

Master Kent recessed board meeting at 3:55 pm.

The annual meeting of the 2016 corporation, CSG, was called to order at 3:56 pm. Roll call of officers found Master, Kent Westwood, Secretary, Lillian Booth; Executive Committee members, Bob Clouse, Erica Kroesen, Martha Stefenoni; and Treasurer, Christina Fletcher present.

There being no business to come before the corporation, the meeting was declared closed by Master, Kent Westwood at 3:58 pm.

Meeting Closed.

Faternally submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary California State Grange 2016 Corporation

b. Transition of duties to Kent Westwood, President/Master

1. Banking resolution – signatures on accounts

*It was moved by M. Stefenoni that the signatory on banking accounts shall be President, Kent Westwood; Secretary, Lillian Booth; and Treasurer, Christina Webster. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Booth, Clouse, Westwood, Stefenoni, and Kroesen. Nay: none. Motion carried.*

2. Property Management

Kent will be putting together a team for property management. Some services are worth hiring experts from outside. Need to discuss hiring a building manager for the GBO building.

3. Grange Travel / Visits

Kent will be adding Deputy State Masters and is looking at the following:

Lawrence Jaffe in Sonoma County

Dwight Moore – Humboldt County

Mitch Clouse – Sacramento County

Jan Saxton – Santa Cruz County

Kent plans to attend the Rio Linda Grange – January 3, 2019 Installation

4. Invested Funds

Kent will be contacting Jon Frandell, Merrill Lynch broker, on the invested funds, and needs monthly reports. Lillian to mail copies of the statements to Kent.

5. Legal Matters

Interactions with the attorneys and appearance at hearings is now delegated to Lillian.

6. Severance Compensation for the Komski Family

*It was moved by Martha to approve paying Ed Komski's salary for December and Cynthia Komski's current wages for December. The salary to continue for Jan/Feb and continue health insurance for Dec/Jan/Feb. Seconded by Erica Kroesen. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Webster, Stefenoni and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

7. Workers Compensation

Claim has been opened for Ed Komski. State Fund called Lillian to verify the date and location of the event.

At 4:45 pm the meeting was recessed for closed meeting to discuss personnel matters. General session was opened at 5:01 PM. No action taken by the Board during closed meeting.

Meeting was recessed at 5:05 pm to reconvene on Sunday.

**SUNDAY 12/2/18**

Meeting called to order at 9am. All officers present.

c. Memorial for Ed Komski in Northern California – Lillian Booth

1. January 12<sup>th</sup> set for memorial in Southern California

Orangevale Grange has offered to open the Hall to set a memorial and they would do it all. Orangevale Grange will pay the bills for this one.

Discussion of how to contribute to both the Southern California and Northern California Memorial Services. Granges may want to contribute to the memorial reception can send donations to the State Grange and see it is divided appropriately.

*It was moved by Bob Clouse to donate \$500 for the Birthday Celebration of Life in San Diego on 1/12/19. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Webster, Stefenoni and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Kent and Lillian to prepare a Resolution to be read at both memorial services and present it to Cynthia. Ed's legacy is much stronger because he reorganized and revitalized the California State Grange.

d. Orange Trees at State Headquarters- Martha Stefenoni

*It was moved by Erica Kroesen to accept Martha's proposal of two Orange trees be planted in front in honor of Tom Stefenoni and Ed Kowski, both Past State Masters. Seconded by Clouse. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Webster, Stefenoni and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.* Vince Scholten, State Grange Steward will facilitate the purchase and planting of the trees.

e. Information Notebooks for Granges – Martha Stefenoni & Lillian Booth

- i. National Grange Digest
- ii. CSG By-laws
- iii. Form of By-Laws for Subordinate/Pomona Granges
- iv. Other resource information

Martha – presented information on resource binders to actually be presented to the Masters at their installation. The Board discussed the By-law process. They requested the Secretary to put out a checklist of materials needed in a Grange Hall for the first of the year. Also explain Standing Rules of the various Granges vs By-laws at the various Granges. Members do not fully understand the bylaws and the processes.

f. Invitation from Mt. Hamilton Grange – Christmas Celebration

Kent and Iona will attend the Mt. Hamilton Grange event. The Grange performs the traditional Filipino dances at this meeting with traditional foods.

g. Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy for State Officers Representing State Grange – Martha Stefenoni

Request to edit the expense form. Add short report for Deputies to use and what the visit or trip was about. Lillian to work with Christina.

Question was asked if the appointed Deputy State Masters are going to be required to attend the Board meetings? Kent advised he would like them to attend and bring information of what they've done in the interim. Need reports about every six weeks. Could have a small group meeting in conjunction with the Board Meeting dates. Discussion.

*It was moved by Lillian Booth to allow State Grange officers, directors, and deputies appropriate hotel reimbursement and \$.40/mile reimbursement. Seconded by Erica. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Webster, Stefenoni and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

h. Financial Consulting Agreement with Gary Abreim

*It was moved by Bob Clouse to agree to a Financial Consultant agreement with Gary Abreim to be paid \$85.00 per hour, for now. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Webster, Stefenoni and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

i. Officer / Director Planning and Training Meeting

Martha discussed the options of putting together a meeting and team building. There is a need to bring everyone together to make the Grange better. Possible dates – add a meeting the day before or the day after a Board meeting. This would involve lodging costs for some to come a distance. Need to get it on their calendars.

Per Bob Clouse the State officers should be dedicated and committed to the Grange enough that when Kent asks them to attend a meeting, they go.

Comment by Jan Saxton. As officers go out – go out to make friends. The past Heavy-handed, top-down methods do not work with our membership.

Discussion held on the grass roots form of the organization. Need to shift the culture back to the members running the organization, and the Master administering within the by-laws of the organization. Need to have a real revival of back to the land and back to the Grange

j. Assistance for the Master in the field.

Deputy team. Kent will start putting it together.

Mitch Clouse – Sacramento /Northern area

Lawrence Jaffe – Sonoma County

Dwight Moore – Humboldt County

k. Installation of Subordinate & Pomona Officers

January 6 – Humboldt County

Mt. Hamilton – no date yet

January 3 – Rio Linda (Bob Clouse / Christina Webster)

January 26 - Santa Cruz County/Monterey Pomona

January 10 – Little Lake Grange Installation 6:30 pot luck 7:30 meeting

l. Local Grange Training

Discussion already completed.

m. Master's Sash for Cynthia & Aspen Komski

Something to consider. After the State Grange memorial for Tom Stefenoni, Martha was presented with Tom's Sash and a new one was ordered for the Master.

*It was moved by Erica Kroesen to prepare the sash and gavel made by Lee Geiger in a shadowbox Ed Komski to be ready for the memorial on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Bob. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Webster, Stefenoni and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

State Secretary to order a new sash from Mike Warner.

n. 2019 Annual Session Location(s) – Martha Stefenoni  
In discussion with Mt. Hamilton – cannot meet with them until January.

Redwood Empire Fairgrounds -- \$625/day for small building and \$1500 for big building

Rincon Valley Grange – Hall is large enough to accommodate. Can set chairs deep. Large stage. Very large dining room – seat 100 easily and patio in the back. Kitchen is basic – working on it, not health department certified. Have a Farm Bureau BBQ team and local college culinary programs available.

Hotel costs are the issue at Rincon Valley. Will have to bring in Bottled water and port-a-potty trailers for the outside. Putting Expo in the dining room. Will be using the outside to eat. Have tents if necessary.

Steven Hood – has proposals for the central valley. Don't have the support teams in the area. Will be presented at the next meeting.  
Need to bring Granges back to the collaborative efforts for the conventions.

o. T-shirt offer by Mike and LoRee

Mike and LoRee Lampke had all of their screen printing equipment burn in the Camp Fire. They have an opportunity to work with a new vendor who is giving them a hand up. They need to bring three designs to work with the vendor and will provide the shirts at cost to those who have ordered before. *It was moved by Bob Clouse to order 200 shirts. Seconded by Martha. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Webster, Stefenoni and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.* Designs will be sent to the Board for review and approval.

p. Using e-meetings in Subordinate Granges

Little Lake Grange – members want to Skype in when weather is bad. It's already policy by the National Grange. Can also use Zoom. Will find a way to project something in the Hall.

q. Assistant to the State Secretary

The State Secretary requested LoRee Lampke continue as the Assistant to the State Secretary. LoRee performs the usual and customary data entry for the quarterly reports and sends back the statements and dues cards to the Grange Secretaries and Masters. LoRee's hours are more concentrated in the beginning of a quarter and the first of the year. *It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to continue LoRee as the Assistant to the State Secretary at \$15.00 per hour and a 1099 contractor. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Webster, Stefenoni and Kroesen. Nay: None. Abstain: Booth. Motion carried.*

r. Authorize Van driver

Per our insurance policy, the Board has to authorize drivers for the Grange Van. *It was moved by Bob Clouse to authorize Gary Abreim to drive the vehicle. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Webster, Stefenoni and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

*It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to include in the records of the State Grange the authorized drivers of the State Grange vehicle are: Kent Westwood, Master, Iona Westwood, Gary Abreim, Erica Kroesen, Bob Clouse, Martha Stefenoni, Lillian Booth,*

*and the next State Grange Overseer. Seconded by Erica. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Webster, Stefenoni and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

s. Treasurer as voting member on the Board

Lillian noted the Board voted to have the Treasurer's office as an ex-officio member in December 2017 and California Corporate Law states any ex-officio member of a Board of Directors is a voting member.

*It was moved by Lillian Booth to continue the office of Treasurer of the California State Grange as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Webster, Stefenoni and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

t. Overseer

Master Kent advised the Board of his choices of State Grange Overseer. The person will be approached and confirmation by the Board will be by an email vote.

**9. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

- a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings
- b. Other

Martha gave a short report on the National Grange Session and some of the resolutions California sent. Information will be printed on the website.

2019 National Grange Session will be Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota first week of November 2019. Tours are planned for the Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm nearby.

Lillian reported the Concow / Yankee Hill Grange Hall and Paradise Grange Hall both burned in The Camp Fire. Need to get insurance and FEMA information for those Grange Halls.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Faternally submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary, California State Grange.

**Board Meeting Minutes - January 27, 2019**

California State Grange Headquarters Building, 3830 U Street, Sacramento  
Sunday – Closed Session 8:30am to 10:00 am / Open Session 10:00AM to 3PM

Meeting called to order at 10:45 am.  
Pledge of allegiance led by Kent Westwood

Kent introduced Jan Saxton as the appointed Overseer of the California State Grange. Jan was installed by Inger Bevans at a recent ceremony. She was also presented with a home-made pink sash for the installation. Thanks were extended to Jan for serving and to Inger for facilitating the installation.

### **1. Roll Call of officers**

Master: Kent Westwood; Overseer: Jan Saxton; Secretary: Lillian Booth; Treasurer: Christina Webster. Executive Committee 1 Year, Bob Clouse; Executive Committee 2 years, Erica Kroesen; Executive Committee 3 years, Martha Stefenoni

Guests: Dwight Winegar, Lanny Cotler, Will Shaw, Ginger Shaw, Iona Westwood, Inger Bevans, Linda MacCracken, Linda Macklem, Jerry Macklem, and Katie Squire.

### **2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Lillian Booth, Secretary**

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. *It was moved by Kroesen to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Clouse. No discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Stefenoni, Webster, Kroesen, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

### **3. Financial Reports –**

Reports of invested funds and check registers were passed among the Board and members attending the meeting.

### **Communications received**

#### **a. Greenview / Scott Valley Grange (Siskiyou Co.)**

Letter received from two members of Scott Valley Grange aka Greenview Grange stating they were no longer responsible for the Grange because they have closed it. They also advise the roof is blowing off of the Grange Hall and needs to be secured. Will Shaw to contact the Grange to see what needs to be done. Hall has been under the purview of the Guild until this communication was received.

### **4. Director Reports**

#### **a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Lillian Booth / Inger Bevans**

Lillian is tracking the non-profit compliance of the Grange and coordinating with Inger on the Granges who need help.

#### **b. Communications Director – Bill Booth**

Bill reported on the Grange Records that were secured during the Camp Fire and brought out while evacuating. The backup disks were kept at an offsite location which also burned. Bob Clouse offered the Orangevale Grange Hall safe as a location to store any backups of the data for the State Grange.

Comcast will be contacted to set up the cable for network and wireless in the building.

#### **c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire**

Expo Book is in the process of development. There will be an Auction Authorization added to the book this year for any items to be sold during the Auction. This is being done to avoid any miscommunication about auctioning or retaining items.

Some local Granges are having their own Expo in their areas. The more we inspire them the more they work in their communities.

Katie made a request to purchase First Place ribbon pins. These are available through Monroe Classics. The pins were designed by California and are now being used by Granges in other states.

State Grange Lecturer report: The Youth and Juniors will need a conference in order to compete at the Regional level for the Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song contests. The idea has expanded into having the Junior/Youth/Families over a weekend in June. The entire family can come (all ages). Katie is in discussion with Prunedale Grange to have the conference in their hall June 21-25, 2019.

*It was moved by Webster to have Katie proceed with arrangements for Youth/Junior/Family conference at Prunedale Grange in June. Seconded by Kroesen. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Stefenoni, Webster, Kroesen, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Lillian reporting – Palermo Grange, Manzanita Grange, Wyandotte Grange are showing in Butte County. Other Granges are showing throughout the State. We need to get more information out to other areas in California.

e. Youth Director – Emily Casterson

Kent to contact her.

f. Community Service – Martha Stefenoni

Martha and Lillian met with Amanda Brozana-Rios, National Grange Communications Director. Lauren Linkemyer, State Grange Pomona, also attended. Discussion centered around what to do to promote Grange in California. We focused on what Granges do best - Feed people.

Project Sustenance has been added to the agenda for consideration by the Board.

g. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

i. Membership / Granges

Report of final Consolidation – Kings River Grange & Central Union Granges

Due diligence has been made by both Granges to finalize accounting. It was moved by Booth to give final approval of the consolidation of Central Union Grange and Kings River Grange. The consolidated Grange name will be Central Union Grange. Seconded by Saxton. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Stefenoni, Webster, Kroesen, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried. Consolidation approved. The custodial fund name currently listed as Kings River Grange will be changed to Central Union Grange.

h. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

i. Mail slot in the building.

1. GBO Building / Main building

Mail slot needs to be installed on the 3830 U Street Building. Mail is currently be placed into the night deposit slot in the GBO building. Slot is not wide enough for magazines and causing problems. Need one in our building.

Need a records retention/destruction policy for the State Grange. There are years of old checks, bank statements from closed Granges and other items which are no longer relevant.

There is oversized furniture in all the rooms at the GBO building. Linda is proposing a Grange yard sale for materials we don't need any more. Need to clean out some offices.

Jerry Macklem requested a step stool. Board authorized purchasing two step stools, one for each building.

- i. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds –
  - i. Rental Agreement with UC Davis Med Center
    - 1. Invoicing for Janitorial Services

Kent will finish the agreement with UC Med Center this week. Janitorial will be invoiced to them. Seismic report is still in process

- ii. Maintenance

Lillian voiced a concern over how much Linda is being called out to take care of the building. Discussion on having an actual property manager available to take care of property. Bob Clouse offered to help Linda with the property for now. Ideas discussed included having an officer manager to handle all of these things for us. Bob will continue to work with property management until the right person is found to do the job.

- iii. GBO Building

There is a potential tenant for that building. They want to paint the outside of the building. Tenant is a non-profit which will teach presentation skills to young women. Building will be used evenings and weekends so parking will not be a consideration at this time.

Rent will be \$1500/month with \$1500 security. Kent has negotiated 4 months free rent for the work they will do to improve the building. Rent will be \$1500 per month thereafter for 8 months. We will shampoo carpets after they paint. Outside color and any inside colors have to be approved by the Board,

- j. Grange Property Report
  - i. Applegate Grange (Merced County)
    - Appraisal needed
  - ii. Capay Grange (Tehama County)
    - 1. Appraisal needed

Kent and Bob recently viewed the property. There is a skunk living in it. They discovered brand new locks on the door and the Hall is listed as an active Guild Hall. State Grange is paying the taxes on the property. An appraisal is needed for the property. The hall is out in the middle of the orchards. Suggestions to talk to the neighboring properties and to check to see if there is a reversion clause on the property. Bob has a copy of the deed to the building.

- iii. Crescent Redwood Grange (Del Norte County)
    - 1. Offer received for purchase of property.
    - 2. Emails received re: Escrow pending – have been sent to Bob Clouse.

This last week, the escrow company sent letter to the Secretary asking for specific documents including a certified copy of the by-laws. Lillian will send those out this week.

iv. Eastlake Grange (Lake County)

1. Request from Superintendent of Schools to purchase property

Property is getting too run down. The members have not stepped up to take care of the building. Kent will visit the hall and inventory the interior.

Lillian was directed to write to all of the members and advise them the Grange is closed. Lillian is also to write to the Superintendent of School regarding their interest in purchasing the property.

v. El Camino Grange (Tehama County)

1. Demolition permit pending

Fire Dept rejected the practice burn. Already voted to demolish the building. Biggest expense will be to fill in the dirt. Demolition needs to be arranged as soon as we can determine the cost.

vi. Fair Valley Grange - Christina

Met with Letty Roman. Eaves are rotted out of the building – paid \$800 to have the bees moved from inside the building and the bees have started another hive. \$8,000 has been paid for new carpet. Building was built in the 1950's. There used to be a gas hookup but no line coming in. Kitchen drains out to the outside.

The building appears to be a liability hazard. It is a block building and has had no seismic review. The State Grange is legally liable for the building. Discussion held to determine if there is a viable community in the area to build membership.

Lunch Break was called at 12:00pm

Session reconvened at 12:45 pm.

Kent Westwood presented Inger Bevans with her Past State Grange Executive Committee pin and thanked her for all of the years of service she has provided to the State Grange.

Report on Granges Continued

- vii. Los Molinos Grange (Tehama County)
- viii. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)
- ix. Millville Grange (Shasta County)

Kent announced Will Shaw has been appointed as Deputy State Master for the North East part of California. He will travel to the Granges on the list for the Northern areas.

Bob stated Anderson Grange, in good standing, would like to attract new members. They need help and mentoring.

- x. Scott Valley Grange – Etna CA (Siskiyou County) – See Communications

Will & Ginger Shaw offered to go to the Hall to see what they can do. Bob will give information to Will with contact information.

xi. Tulelake Grange (Siskiyou County)

1. Need appraisal

No change in reporting. Updated members on the situation.

xii. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls

1. Jacinto Grange Hall – request made 1/25/19 for loan or grant.

Phone call was made to the State Secretary stating they need to update the duct work in the Hall. The bid is \$6,800. Discussion to fully amortize any loans to make the payments easy for them, with a 4% interest rate.

Jan Saxton moved to loan Jacinto Grange \$5500 for their hall, as soon as Lillian receives the bid documentation; loan to be fully amortized at 4%. Seconded by Bob Clouse. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Stefenoni, Webster, Kroesen, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

xiii. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls

1. December 2018 Grange Hall Taxes paid.

Paid approximately \$4,000 in property taxes for closed Grange Halls.

**5. Comment Request**

a. None received

**6. Old Business**

a. Report on Granges

i. American River Grange

Grange has complied with all of the requests for information. Kent will determine the amount of back dues. He has been trying to reach Jeff Goldman, the current Master of American river Grange.

ii. Welcome Grange

Still in process of getting documents and arrange for payment of dues.

iii. Buckeye Grange

Has reached out earlier to return to good standing. Lillian to send contact information to Will Shaw.

iv. Danville Grange

1. Non-Profit needs to be amended

Inger advised she will work with them.

v. Elk Creek Grange – Bob and Kent

Pending vote by the members to give up their charter March 1<sup>st</sup>. Still some light there to put the Grange back together.

It was moved by Bob Clouse that the news article to be published in the local newspaper will suffice as their notice to the California State Grange that they want to surrender their charter. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Vote taken: Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Stefenoni, Webster, Kroesen, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried. Motion carried.

vi. Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange – Martha

The Grange accomplished their elections. They are still struggling with their Grange identity. Next Sunday will be Pomona Installations. Inger Bevans was doing audit per request of Ed Kowski. There are missing documents. Jan will work with Inger in the future.

vii. Garcia Grange

No new information.

viii. Elk Grove Grange

Are on the list for information only.

ix. Western Yolo Grange – in the process

Records are with Lillian. She will advise Kent on the amount of dues owed and work with the Grange to accommodate financial needs.

x. Chino Valley Grange – (is the same as Fair Valley Grange)

Already discussed.

xi. Golden Empire Grange – have all of their records. Dues have been paid.

Need to get the documents back to them. Are in good standing and will be removed from this list.

xii. Healdsburg Grange

Ballet company is the only ones in the Hall. There was some discussion if the hall had been sold to them.

xiii. Sonoma Valley Grange

Name has been changed to Sonoma Springs Community Hall. All the Guilds are pulling down the Guild sign and putting up Community Hall.

xiv. Banner Grange

Information only

xv. Pilot Hill Grange

Information only.

xvi. Mt. Bolivar (Siskiyou)

Letter will be written from Jeff Skinner to the Grange. They have published they are converting the Hall from Grange to "Community Hall" and will be changing the deed. A copy of the letter will be sent to Will Shaw.

xvii. Atascadero Grange (Atascadero Agricultural Hall)

Now the Atascadero Agricultural Hall.

b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review

General review given by Lillian regarding court cases.

c. 2018 Journal of Proceeding – Lillian Booth - Pending

d. Membership Database Demonstration – Lillian Booth - Pending

c. California Unclaimed property - Lillian Booth

Continues to be unclaimed property on the Escheated website. Lillian will be working on this

d. Grange Foundation 2019

Discussion regarding establishing a new Foundation. Resolution in 2017 was passed to establish a new Foundation, Jeff Skinner has offered to write the articles of incorporation. The Board will have the final approval. It was moved by Saxton to start the process of incorporation a new foundation for the California state Grange. Seconded by Webster. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Stefenoni, Webster, Kroesen, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

e. Grange Travel / Visits

None planned.

f. State Officer & Director Mentoring Training

Discussion regarding holding a training meeting in conjunction with the next Board Meeting. It was decided to have the Closed Session on Friday 3/1, Training on Saturday 3/2, and Board meeting on Sunday 3/3.

g. Celebration of Life for Ed Komski in Northern California – Lillian Booth

Celebration of Life we held yesterday at the Orangevale Grange Hall. Cynthia and Aspen Komski attended. There were many happy memories shared about Ed and how tirelessly he worked for the Grange. Thank you to Orangevale Grange for hosting the event.

h. Orange Trees at State Headquarters- Martha Stefenoni

Orange trees will be planted at the State Grange Headquarters as a memorial for Tom Stefenoni and Ed Komski, both Past Masters of the California State Grange. Orange trees will be purchased locally. Vince Scholten will plant them at the optimum time. We will try to announce the planting and have a ceremony at the time.

i. Information Notebooks for Granges – Martha Stefenoni & Lillian Booth

Martha and Lillian are working on the development of Information/Resource handbooks for the Granges. These will include updated copies of bylaws, applications and other information necessary to help a Grange.

j. Local Grange Training & Mentoring

1. Jacinto Grange – no date set

k. State Grange Session - Martha

1. 2019

Martha received an invitation from Rincon Valley Grange in Sonoma County to host the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session. It was moved by Martha to accept the invitation from Rincon Valley Grange for the annual Convention, dates to be October 12-15, 2019. Saturday through Tuesday. Seconded by Bob Clouse. Discussion regarding facilities, costs, housing, and logistics. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Stefenoni, Webster, Kroesen, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

## 2. 2020

Christina is talking to her Board of Directors about Orangevale Grange for 2020. Steven Hood has also obtained a great deal of information for facilities in the Fresno County area.

### I. T-shirts order design approval

Designs were reviewed. Consensus for a revised design was sent to LoRee Lampke for production when they obtain their equipment.

## 9. New Business

### a. Master's conference – Kansas

Focus of the National Grange – why isn't the National Grange resonating with the public? Kent and Iona will be attending.

Next meeting – Legislative Action discussion by the Board.

### b. FFA Convention – April 2019

Martha and Lillian requested the ability to attend the FFA State Convention in Anaheim in April as direct outreach to FFA members. This would include preparing, setting up and staffing an information booth during the Convention. It was moved by Webster to send Martha & Lillian to attend the FFA State Convention in Anaheim in April. Seconded by Kroesen. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Stefenoni, Webster, Kroesen, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried. Theme will be "Life Beyond the Jacket".

### c. Youth/Young Adults get together for contests

Completed during Katie's report this morning.

### d. Project Sustenance

During lunch, the proposed Project Sustenance was reviewed and input was received from members. Those revisions were presented. It was moved by Kroesen to move forward with Project Sustenance as a brand for the California State Grange. Seconded by Webster. Discussion. Martha announced Lanny Cotler will be in the review process. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Stefenoni, Webster, Kroesen, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

### e. Consolidation Request

#### 1. Bellevue Grange & Bennett Valley Grange

Letter received from the Secretary of the Bellevue Grange requesting Consolidation with Bennett Valley Grange.

*It was moved by Clouse to allow the consolidation of the Granges if letter is received from Bennett Valley Grange. Seconded by Saxton. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Stefenoni, Webster, Kroesen, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

### f. Fire donations

There has been over \$4,000 received in donations for Grange members who are Fire victims. Currently \$2,650 is tagged for the Booth Family. Discussion of other members who are also in need. Don Lauenroth from Whitesboro Grange was also identified.

It was moved by Saxton to issue a check to the Booth family in the amount of \$2,650 donated in their name for the fire fund. Seconded by Webster. Vote taken. Aye:

Westwood, Clouse, Stefenoni, Webster, Kroesen, and Saxton. Nay: None. Booth abstained. Motion carried.

It was moved by Saxton to send \$1000 to Don Lauenroth from Whitesboro Grange. Seconded by Kroesen. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Stefenoni, Webster, Kroesen, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

#### **9. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

Discussion on the Mission Statement. State Master has been asked to submit ideas for a Mission Statement to National Grange. A slightly edited version of the California State Grange Mission statement has been submitted

Martha will be going to the National Grange Legislative Fly-In and taking resolutions from the State Grange to the members of the legislature.

There was discussion on lobbying and having a lobbyist for the Grange.

Meeting closed at 4:00 pm

Fraternally Submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary, California State Grange

## Board Meeting Minutes - March 3, 2019

California State Grange Headquarters Building, 3830 U Street, Sacramento

Closed session was called on Friday March 1, 2019 at 7:00PM in the small conference room of the State Grange Headquarters.

Present were: Master/President Kent Westwood; Overseer, Jan Saxton; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Executive Committee 3yr, Martha Stefenoni; 2yr Erica Kroesen and 1yr Bob Clouse. Treasurer, Christina Webster absent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM. Actions to be reported at the Open Session of the Board meeting on Sunday.

Saturday March 2, 2019 The Grange Essentials training session was conducted for Deputy State Masters, State Grange Officers and Directors. Session was facilitated by Martha Stefenoni and Lillian Booth.

Open Session of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange was called to order at 9:00am by Master/President Kent Westwood.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brother Kent.

### **1. Roll Call of officers**

Master/President Kent Westwood; Overseer, Jan Saxton; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Executive Committee 3yr, Martha Stefenoni; 2yr Erica Kroesen; 1yr Bob Clouse, and Treasurer, Christina Webster.

Guests attending were:

Linda MacCracken, Linda Macklem, Jerry Macklem, Katie Squire, Leroy Squire, Reginald Corella, Dwight Winegar, Steven Hood, Inger Bevans,

### **2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Lillian Booth, Secretary**

- a. Journal of Proceedings – Day 4 9/25/2018 (Not Complete)
- b. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on January 27, 2019 were read.

Corrections were noted. It was moved by Martha approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Bob C. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Stefenoni, Westwood, Kroesen, Webster, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

#### **c. Closed Session report.**

It was moved by Martha to direct the State Secretary, Lillian Booth, to open bank accounts with Chase Bank and begin depositing funds with the First Quarter dues reports. Seconded by Saxton. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Stefenoni, Westwood, Kroesen, Webster, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

### **3. Financial Reports –**

- a. Invested Funds. No report
- b. Check Registers were presented by Lillian for review and approval

It was moved by Bob to accept the financial information. Seconded by Erica. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Stefenoni, Westwood, Kroesen, Webster, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

### **4. Communications received**

Letter from Bellevue Grange requesting consolidation with Bennett Valley Grange.  
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### **5. Director Reports**

- a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Lillian Booth / Inger Bevans

Granges have been contacting Inger that have been dropped off the group list and cannot file this year. Danville Grange was put back under the Group, so they lost the 501c3.

Lillian will check on the current group lists, review the status of the Granges who have been dropped off the old group and verify they wish to be added to the current Group Exemption held by the State Grange.

- b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

Brother Bill reported he has updated the website and it now only shows the active Granges. The Cognitio Forms were updated, and Secretaries can now add several members at one time when they are obligated and do not have to wait for the end of the quarter to update the membership lists.

Bill verified the keypad for the door was put in when the building was done and is not part of the network.

He also reported Comcast was installed and priced for a three-year contract for the building.

- c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

Katie reported the update to the Expo Book has been worked on. Will be ready in the next week to be released. She contacted Mike Warner for a price on the award ribbon pins. These have not been on his web site. Katie will need to order 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon pins. There are sufficient funds in the Expo account to cover the costs.

The Expo Theme is: "Heroes". Photos can even include Quilt of Valor photos – those are Heroes.

Everyone connected with the California State Grange is requested to promote the Grange Expo – especially to the members/Granges who are coming back.

- d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Not attending

- e. Youth Director – Emily Casterson

Not attending

f. Community Service – Martha Stefenoni

All Grange logos have to have the trademark sign on them. Once that is verified, then the Project Sustenance logo will be sent out.

g. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

i. Grange Database Demonstration

The Membership Database was demonstrated by the State Secretary and the Developer, Bill Booth. Areas shown were membership, former members, quarterly reports, demographics, scanned images of documents attached to the Granges, and various Grange statistics.

ii. Membership / Granges

1. Consolidation Request Approval – Bellevue Grange and Bennett Valley Grange.

Letters were received from both Granges requesting consolidation. Financial statements were waived because funds for Bennett Valley Grange is currently held by the State Grange. It was moved by Clouse to approve consolidation of the Granges. Seconded. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Stefenoni, Westwood, Kroesen, Webster, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Letter of the approval for Bennett Valley Grange will be completed and hand-delivered today with the Grange Seal. Letter of approval for Central Union Grange will be completed today and hand-delivered today with the Grange Seal.

h. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

i. Mail slot in the building.

1. GBO Building / Main building

Mail slot to be installed on Tuesday at the 3830 U street. Linda will notify the mail carrier to now deliver mail at the 3830 U Street address.

ii. Records Retention and Destruction Policy

Discussion was held regarding the number and type of documents currently stored in the GBO Building and upstairs at the Headquarters. A Retention and Destruction policy needs to be created for the State Grange Records.

Master Kent appointed Christina Webster, Martha Stefenoni, Linda MacCracken, Linda Macklem, Bob Clouse, and Lillian Booth.

Chairman will be Linda MacCracken. Need to go through documents and set a meeting to discuss specifics.

i. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds –

i. Rental Agreement with UC Davis Med Center

1. Invoicing for Janitorial Services

Lease has been negotiated with UC Davis. They do not want to sign until the seismic report is done. Depending on the report, they may have to vacate during the work. UC Davis had an engineer do the inspection. Roof is not adequately secured to the walls of the building for a seismic event. There will be a negotiation over who will initially pay for the repairs – CSG may have to front the money and be paid back in a lease, reimbursed directly, or UC Davis may pay directly.

Visitors to the meeting were updated on the rental situation of the 2101 Stockton Blvd Building.

- ii. Maintenance
- iii. GBO Building

In the GBO building, there is a crack in one of the large windows that needs to be looked at. Lessee will not occupy the building until the insurance has been secured.

If insurance cannot be secured, then we will contact one of the attorneys who has been calling us for space.

Parking lot spaces are rented month to month. A draft of a short contract agreement for parking rental has been drawn up. Lillian to send draft to the Board for review and then implementation.

- j. Grange Property Report
  - i. Applegate Grange (Merced County)
    - 1. Appraisal needed
  - ii. Capay Grange (Tehama County)
    - 1. Appraisal needed
  - iii. Crescent Redwood Grange (Del Norte County)
    - 1. Offer received for purchase of property.
    - 2. Emails received re: Escrow pending
    - 3. Escrow to Close 03/31/2019

Escrow officer can email to Kent at his office. He has Notary on staff, and it can be completed.

Lillian will call escrow company regarding the documents they have requested. Documents will be sent on Monday.

- iv. Eastlake Grange (Lake County)
  - 1. Previous request from Superintendent of Schools to purchase property
  - 2. Clean out Kitchen Equipment

Kent stated they will start cleaning out the building between the middle and end of April. Need to review the corporation and have the corporate officers changed. Kent to contact the former Master. PG&E will be shut off when the equipment has been moved.

- v. El Camino Grange (Tehama County)

Bob has name of person to bid to demolish the building. Bob wants to speak to the next-door neighbor to see if they want to purchase the property. Building is in such disrepair it needs to be taken down.

- vi. Fair Valley Grange

Martha did not get to call Letty this month. This is not an active Grange. Suggestion to get an appraisal and let Letty have first right of refusal to purchase the property. Reg Corella is interested in going to look at the area. Reg will go to assess the community for interest in a Grange.

- vii. Los Molinos Grange (Tehama County)
  - No change.

viii. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)

Appraisals need to be done on the properties in Tehama County. Will need a Brokers opinion in the local areas. Jan Saxton assigned to work with Randy Turnquist and get information on how to appraise and sell these halls.

ix. Millville Grange (Shasta County)

Will Shaw will check on this property. There are signs that now say "Community Hall"

x. Scott Valley Grange – Etna CA (Siskiyou County)

Will Shaw has seen the property. He would like permission to take off the AC unit and close the window. Needs to repair the roof. He will be getting a recommendation for repair and reseal the edges. He will attempt to obtain the keys to the building. When it folded, someone has the keys.

Motion by Clouse to allow Will Shaw to authorize repairs as necessary and secure the keys. Seconded by Saxton. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Stefenoni, Westwood, Kroesen, Webster, Saxton, and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Lillian to change the corporation

It was moved by Clouse to take the money from the sale of Crescent Redwood Grange and place it into a special fund to pay the property maintenance of closed Granges. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Discussion. Monies would reimburse the State Grange for the expenses to maintain the halls with taxes and repairs. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Stefenoni, Westwood, Kroesen, Webster, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

xi. Tulelake Grange (Siskiyou County) – Need Appraisal

xii. Thermalito Grange Hall

1. Rumor of possible sale

Referred to Jan Saxton and Randy Turnquist for review.

xiii. Greenview Grange/Scott Valley Grange

In process for now.

xiv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls

xv. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls

Approximately another \$4,000 will be owed for April 2019

## **6. Comment Request**

a. None received

## **7. Old Business**

a. Report on Granges

i. American River Grange

Kent will call Shirley Thomas

ii. Welcome Grange

Sent check and paperwork. Will verify with Kent they are in good standing.

iii. Buckeye Grange

Send contact information to Kent.

iv. Danville Grange

1. Non-Profit needs to be amended

Lillian to check on the status of being in a group – Per Inger's comments.

v. Elk Creek Grange – Bob and Kent

Bob has the copy of the building insurance contract. No fire insurance on the building. \$5300 on personal property. \$1-mil liability. Locks will be changed today. Approached by Marty and his wife who will be caretakers and rental agents. He said if he finds 11 more people can they continue as a Grange. There is a Rangeland association up there with about 80 members. They have approached Bob about 3 rental dates. Bob will try to work with them to see if they can be Grange members.

Marty will change locks after March 1. He will secure an estimate to rebuild wheelchair ramp to meet codes. Marty will make it long enough to meet current ADA codes. And get the propane tank approved because the gauge is broken. Marty will find out if it is owned or rented.

Bob and the Macklems are going to Jacinto Grange Spaghetti Dinner on March 8, 2019 and will check on Elk Creek on the way up there.

vi. Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange –

Changing assignment to Jan Saxton for assistance.

The Grange had 26 new members obligated and nomination of officers. Met on January 1<sup>st</sup> and by then they had a new slate of officers. One nomination in each position so all were happy with the job they were elected to. Elizabeth Schilling is now the new Master. Membership is much happier now. Can take them off the list for the next meeting.

vii. Garcia Grange

Still in the Guild. On the list for information.

viii. Elk Grove Grange

Information only.

ix. Western Yolo Grange – in the process

Have all information. Will let Kent know how much dues are owed.

x. Chino Valley Grange – (is the same as Fair Valley Grange)

Already discussed.

xi. Healdsburg Grange

Information that the Hall had possibly been sold. Title had changed on the building. Do search on the parcel number. Referred to Jan Saxton and Randy Turnquist to review

xii. Sonoma Valley Grange

Name changed name to Community Hall.

xiii. Banner Grange

xiv. Pilot Hill Grange

xv. Rutherford Grange

xvi. Elbow Creek Grange

Per Katie, check Facebook page. They appear to be acting as a Grange.

xvii. Granges changing name from Guild to Community Hall

Now the newest trend. Will be tracking these properties

b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review

Writ of Possession for Fort Bragg Grange, and Bennett Valley Grange. These have been filed and waiting for court dates.

c. 2018 Journal of Proceeding – Lillian Booth - In progress

d. California Unclaimed property - Lillian Booth – In progress

e. Grange Foundation 2019 – Lillian Booth – In progress

Jeff writing the Foundation articles of incorporation. Need to check on status.

f. Grange Travel / Visits

Grange Insurance Annual Board of Directors meeting in Seattle. Kent will attend. Then going on to Peru and will learn Facebook and Instagram while he is there.

g. State Officer & Director Mentoring Training

1. Report – Held Saturday 3/2/19

2. Survey Monkey for Evaluations – to be sent by Monday evening.

We came, we saw, we learned a lot. It was well received by the attendees.

We will be begin using the Survey Monkey as a tool to communicate with the membership.

h. Orange Trees at State Headquarters- Martha Stefenoni

Trees have to be purchased locally. Bob recommended Green Acres Nursery. Will be planted by Vince Scholten.

i. Information/ Notebooks for Granges – Martha Stefenoni & Lillian Booth

Notebooks are in the beginning stages. The training on Saturday was the beginning of the resource manuals.

j. Local Grange Training & Mentoring

1. Request received from Jacinto Grange (Glenn County) - no date set

2. Offer made to State Officers attending Session

3. Costs

Jan, Katie, Martha, Lillian to set a marketing announcement for training in their area. These will be focus areas and set topics for the needs of the members.

k. State Grange Session - Martha

1. 2019 – Sonoma County October 12-15, 2019

Set for Rincon Valley Grange. Water tanks will be set up in the back of the property for ample potable water.

Lots of Grange History to see and do around Sonoma County. Some of the Founder relatives are buried in a local cemetery. The John Muir Home is there also. Farm

Trails – mapping system who sell farm to consumer. Survey will be sent out asking about Tour on Friday.

2. 2020 – Orangevale Grange, Sacramento County

Orangevale is willing to host us for 2020. It was moved by Martha to have the State Grange Session in Orangevale Grange Hall to open on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Seconded by Erica. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Stefenoni, Westwood, Kroesen, Webster, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

I. T-shirts order design approval -

1. Status Update

At cost special t-shirts being done by LoRee & Mike Lampke as a project for restarting their screen-printing business after the Paradise Camp Fire. Now have an embroidery machine and hope to be open for business in late April.

T-Shirts for Convention – Linda MacCracken asked about t-shirt orders for Session. Suggest using the Project Sustenance logo as the center of the shirt. Designs suggestions are requested for the next meeting.

m. State Master's Conference – Kansas

Kent and Iona attended the State Master's Conference in Kansas. Discussion centered around updating the Mission Statement of the National Grange. Many suggestions included "The Grange strengthens families, etc., etc., etc.", but none of the suggestions by California were included in the Mission Statement. Kent challenged the group and reminded them of the Degree work. The result was to include Agriculture in the Statement.

The State Masters were also told they need to use social media more. Kent will try to practice while on vacation.

Kent showed the members system by RxALI Deterra – which is a Drug inert system. Put pills in, add water, shake and the narcotic becomes an inert substance. We can have the Grange name put on them and give them out to people in the community. Great project to consider. Kent will get more information on this and report back.

n. FFA Convention – April 2019 – Martha & Lillian

Will have a banner with the Grange logo and Project Sustenance Logo. Can be used at any event after the FFA Convention. Planning looped presentation with a song they like, so they will stop and talk.

Request was made for funds to buy keychains as a give-away. It was moved by Martha to buy 500 key chains to give away. Seconded by Erica. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Stefenoni, Westwood, Kroesen, Webster, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

o. Youth Conference – June 21-23, 2019 – Katie Squire

Katie has set a conference for June 21-23, 2019 at Prunedale Grange hall. Articles were passed out to those present to take back and put in their newsletters or local papers. Invite people to the Conference. Schedule is set. Involving other Granges with Prunedale Grange. An invitation will be sent to the Nevada Granges also.

Housing arrangements are on their own. Workshops: Josh Harper will do public speaking and stage craft. Lauren Linkemyer will do dairy. Martha – project sustenance. Katie – Bread baking. Brandon Nebitt will do the cartooning.

p. Project Sustenance

Logo received with the TM for trademark will be put on the website and will move ahead with publicity for the project.

**8. New Business**

a. Bank Accounts

All accounts will be moved from Bank of America to Chase Bank. Accounts will be opened for checking at Chase based on the motion made in closed session.

b. Business Plan for California State Grange

1. Financial Investment Policy
2. Records Retention & Destruction Policy

Financial Committee will develop the investment policy. Then we will put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) announcement for several investment houses. Several Granges have expressed concern regarding the type of current investments.

c. Legislative Advocacy – Legislative Plan

1. Lobbyist

Michael Greene to work with us. We will be using Survey Monkey and working with Michael Evenson. Important piece that we have been missing for some time and younger members want us to be active in our Grange policy.

Surveys will be used to focus our efforts and truly be a grass-roots organization.

d. Computer System

1. Reviewed by IT Company - XTECHS Computer Repair

Computer system has been started and we will shortly be able to log-in remotely. Users and permissions are being set up. The email will be migrated from Go Daddy to Microsoft. Bill Booth will discuss options re: the website hosting.

e. Cable/Internet

Already discussed.

**9. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

- a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings
- b. Other

Azalea plant from Ed Koski's Celebration of Life is now planted in front of the building.

It was moved by Martha to get 1 dozen iris bulbs to be planted in memory of Johnny Squire. Seconded by Erica. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Stefenoni, Westwood, Kroesen, Webster, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am Bob will schedule a meeting with Coalinga Grange and take Reg Corella, Jan Saxton, and Lanny Cotler. They want to grow and be a Grange. Contact

Amanda Brozana at the National Grange to have our Grange applications translated to Spanish.

Johnny Squire Celebration of Life. Central Union Grange is making chocolate cakes. Meal will be catered. There will be a tent and covering with chairs. The local FFA will be doing the flower arrangements. Barbara Geiger will lead a Grange Memorial Service.

Next Board meeting – Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 0900-1500 hrs.

Coyote Grange – will look for Deed of Trust to do the reconveyance.

Aromas Grange By-Laws – there are two changes to make. They will amend, sign and seal. Sending a copy to the State Grange office.

Kent announced National Grange Lecturer; Chris Hamp has Raffle Tickets for the Tender Heart Quilt. Proceeds go to the National Grange Foundation \$5.00 per ticket. There are 50 tickets available from Kent.

Erica Kroesen – before Inger left the meeting, she asked Erica to find out if there is a Secretary's Handbook. Inger wants to include a reminder to file the 990 and 199 forms. We need to go out and help the Granges with filing the reports.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary, California State Grange

## Board Meeting Minutes - April 20, 2019

California State Grange Headquarters Building, 3830 U Street, Sacramento

Master/President Kent Westwood called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 am. Flag was saluted by those assembled.

### 1. Roll Call of officers

Master/President, Kent Westwood; Overseer, Jan Saxton; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Treasurer, Christina Webster; Executive Committee 1 Yr., Bob Clouse; Executive Committee 2 Yr., Erica Kroesen; Executive Committee 3 Yr., Martha Stefenoni.

Guests: Linda & Jerry Macklem, Linda MacCracken, KayLynn Booth, Bill Booth, Steven Hood, Katie Squire, Gary Abreim.

Board went in to closed session at 9:10 AM for the purpose of discussing legal cases.

Closed session ended at 11:45 am. Lunch was served by Linda MacCracken, and Jerry & Linda Macklem.

Open Session called at 12:25 pm.

No action taken by the Board during Closed Session

### 2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Lillian Booth, Secretary

#### a. Board Meeting 03/03/19

Minutes read by Jan Saxton, Erica Kroesen, and Christina Webster. Errors noted.

It was moved by Jan Saxton to approve minutes as corrected. Seconded by Clouse. No discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Saxton, Booth, Kroesen, Webster and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

### 3. Financial Reports –

#### a. Invested Funds –

Invested funds are in process of being taken from active investments to money market until a Investment Policy and Request for Proposal for an investment broker can be completed.

#### b. Check Registers for review and approval.

The registers were not available at this meeting and will be provided at the next meeting.

Lillian advised that the Bank of America accounts will require an ownership letter in order to close out the accounts and cash out the Certificate of Deposit guaranteeing the Bank of America credit card.

It was moved by Clouse to appoint Lillian Booth as the Owner of the Bank of America and Merrill Lynch Accounts in order to close out the accounts. Seconded by Stefenoni. No discussion. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Saxton, Booth, Kroesen, Webster and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

#### **4. Communications received**

- i. Letter from Daniel Glazer, realtor.

Letter received from realtor regarding the Fair Valley Grange building in Chino, expressing interest in purchasing the property. Letter referred to Kent Westwood to follow-up.

- b. Letter from National Grange Membership Director – Joseph Stefenoni

- i. Associate Membership Proposal and Dues

Letter was read from Joseph Stefenoni, National Grange Membership Director, regarding a concept proposal marketing plan specifically designed for the California State Grange to present to a Winery Association later this year. Joseph will work with the CA State Grange to develop a plan and a dues structure within our Associate Membership plan.

It was moved by Jan Saxton that the California State Grange support Joseph's proposal for developing an Associate Membership Project with the agricultural growers in California. Seconded by Clouse. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Saxton, Booth, Kroesen, Webster and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried. Kent Westwood will be Joseph's contact on the Board.

- c. Email from Aptos Grange

- i. Request for Custodial Funds

This matter was not discussed by the Board. An email was sent after the meeting advising the oversight by the Secretary and asking for Board input. Matter will appear on the June agenda for discussion and action.

#### **5. Director Reports**

- a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Lillian Booth / Inger Bevans

Inger is working on the list of Granges to get them in to good standing with the IRS and Franchise Tax Board.

- b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

GoDaddy Account has been causing some problems. Bill made request to Cynthia Komski to separate the personal accounts from the Grange accounts. This is in progress.

Jan requested the Secretary and Treasurer handbooks – even in rough draft – be placed on the web. Bill advised a draft was sent to the Board a few months ago and no input was received. Jan asked to have the drafts sent to her for review. Items will be sent.

- c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

Katie advised she will send the updated Grange Expo program to Lillian and Bill to post on the web.

- d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Keep the doors open for Youth to come to your Grange. They are looking for a home and Grange can provide it.

- e. Youth Director – Emily Casterson

Not attending.

f. Community Service – Martha Stefenoni

Working with Lillian & Katie to brand Project Sustenance. That way each Grange can do what they do best i.e. eating, producing, serving their community.

g. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

i. Revocation of charter recommendation

State Grange Secretary Lillian presented the Board with a list of Granges who have changed their name in violation of the by-laws and/or have not paid dues since 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2012 asking the Board for direction.

It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to revoke the Charters of Granges who are working outside of the National Grange Digest of Laws and the California State Grange By-Laws, and when the Secretary notifies these Granges of this revocation a copy of the previous letters regarding compliance be included with the revocation letter. Bob Clouse seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Saxton, Booth, Kroesen, Webster and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

h. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

Mailbox is working perfectly. Post Office has been notified to place mail at the U Street Building and it is no longer being delivered to the V Street Building.

i. Records Retention and Destruction Policy

Lillian met with Linda MacCracken, Linda Macklem, Jerry Macklem, Christina Webster, Kent Westwood and Marian Sales. A list of records to retain was created in accordance with corporate requirements for records retention. The list is ready and will be implemented.

The wooden wheeled boxes in the Conex container are damaged and breaking. They will be taken down for scrap/salvage

i. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds –

i. Rental Agreement with UC Davis Med Center

We are still waiting for the Seismic report to see how to proceed forward. UC Davis will supply the report when they receive it.

UCD is now requiring a monthly testing of the emergency lights per a law they are citing. Bob talked with Alex, our handyman, who was not aware of this regulation. In any event, Alex will do the testing and complete the safety logs for UCD.

1. Invoicing for Janitorial Services --

Lillian advised the lease agreement includes reimbursing the State Grange for janitorial services. She will pull the past invoices together and submit to UCD for reimbursement.

ii. Maintenance - None

No maintenance on the Headquarters Building was noted. Janitorial service and cleaning is being provided by Jerry Macklem on a volunteer basis. Jerry was given thanks for his service by the Board and guests.

iii. GBO Building

Bob is waiting to hear from the potential tenant about the rental contract. Insurance has been approved and the premium has been paid. Once we have the \$1500 deposit check, we will get the window and door fixed. Bob recommended repairing the window by adding a post in the middle and putting in two new windows. This will be less expensive than replacing the current window.

j. Grange Property Report

i. Applegate Grange (Merced County)

1. Appraisal needed. Reach out to Randy Turnquist for assistance.

ii. Capay Grange (Tehama County)

1. Appraisal needed

iii. Crescent Redwood Grange (Del Norte County)

Property still has an escrow pending. Last notice the escrow was to close March 31, 2019. Bob received an email from David Kinder stating there is a new buyer and the close of escrow would now be July 1<sup>st</sup>. They have all the documents they need.

iv. Eastlake Grange (Lake County)

There has been a previous request from Superintendent of Schools to purchase property. There is now a new Superintendent for the District. Lillian to get contact information for Kent to contact them. State Grange is paying the electrical bill. The past-due water bill, approximately \$3,000, has been added as a lien on the property.

The kitchen has several commercial pieces and needs to be cleaned out before selling the property. Need to set a date for a clean-up day. Kent to follow-up on the date.

v. El Camino Grange (Tehama County)

Demolition permit pending – Bob is following-up.

vi. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)

Need to determine an estimated date to discuss purchase of the property with the subjects currently living on the property.

vii. Fair Valley Grange / Chino Valley

Kent will refer this Grange Hall to Deputy Reg Corella to go see the property, neighborhood, and meet with Letty Roman of Chino Valley Grange, not in good standing.

viii. Los Molinos Grange (Tehama County)

ix. Millville Grange (Shasta County)

x. Scott Valley Grange – Etna CA (Siskiyou County) –

Letters were received stating the Grange was closed because no members were involved. Property will need to be checked out and new keys made.

xi. Tulelake Grange (Siskiyou County) – Need Appraisal

Bob will follow-up to contact a realtor in the area to list the property for sale. People are interested in turning it in to a residence. Bob will go by the property later this year to determine if there is anything of interest to the local Historical Society.

xii. Thermalito Grange Hall  
Rumor of possible sale. Hall has not been sold.

xiii. Greenview Grange/Scott Valley Grange  
No report.

xiv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls  
None received for this meeting.

xv. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls  
Property taxes are still pending payment. Payments were late due to changing banks.  
Lillian and Christina will review for any taxes pending.

## **6. Comment Request**

a. None received

## **7. Old Business**

a. Report on Granges

i. American River Grange

Bob will go by the Grange meeting. All they need is to pay the back dues and they will be in good standing. Final amount is approximately \$2,700. Once paid, they will be in good standing.

ii. Welcome Grange – In good standing

iii. Buckeye Grange

Kent asked Lillian to refer contact information to Will Shaw to follow-up.

iv. Danville Grange – Good standing

Non-Profit has been amended. Grange is in good standing. Will remove from the list for the next meeting.

v. Elk Creek Grange – Bob and Kent

Hall was rented, but they backed out. That community just doesn't want this structure to deal with. Will continue through the summer and see where we are after that.

vi. Garcia Grange

vii. Elk Grove Grange

viii. Western Yolo Grange – in the process of returning to good standing.

ix. Healdsburg Grange

x. Sonoma Valley Grange

xi. Banner Grange

xii. Pilot Hill Grange

xiii. Rutherford Grange

xiv. Elbow Creek Grange

Granges are changing names from Guild to Community Hall

b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review

Foundation case is pending appeal. The other State Grange cases are pending at this time. Redwood Valley Grange, Fort Bragg Grange, and Bennett Valley Grange cases are moving ahead.

c. 2018 Journal of Proceeding – Lillian Booth - In progress

d. California Unclaimed property - Lillian Booth – In progress

e. Grange Foundation 2019 – Lillian Booth – In progress

Jeff Skinner is drafting the new California State Grange Foundation.

f. Grange Travel / Visits

1. Grange Insurance Annual Board of Directors meeting in Seattle.

Kent went to the meeting in Seattle Washington. Nothing new from the company at this time.

2. Jacinto Grange Dinner in March

Bob Clouse went to the Dinner in March. Within a week of that event, the Master has resigned his position and there are internal problems. The members are trying to work through it. The Overseer will contact the State Grange if he cannot solve it.

g. Orange Trees at State Headquarters- Martha Stefenoni

This is on hold until Vince Scholten can plant the trees at the appropriate time. Trees have to be purchased in-County because of restrictions regarding diseased trees.

To honor Johnny Squire, iris bulbs will be planted. Katie is choosing bulbs to plant in September. Lillian will order them for delivery.

h. Information/ Notebooks for Granges – Martha Stefenoni & Lillian Booth

This will continue to be in progress for training and mentoring.

i. Local Grange Training & Mentoring

Request received from Jacinto Grange (Glenn County) - no date set. Will follow up with new Overseer.

j. State Grange Session - Martha

2019 – Sonoma County October 12-15, 2019 Rincon Valley Grange.

2020 – Orangevale Grange, Sacramento County

k. T-shirts order design approval -

At-Cost Shirts - Status Update. Mike and LoRee Lampke are opening Phoenix Ridge, screen printing and design, in Yuba City. They will have their equipment soon and hope to be open by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Design will be finalized after their opening.

Linda MacCracken, KOTS, asked that the 2019 Convention Shirt Design be determined now in order to have items ready for State Convention without delaying.

Theme for the Convention was discussed. Proposed theme is "Sustain-Ability. Makes you a Hero". Theme will be given to LoRee for design.

l. State Master's Conference – Kansas

Kent and Iona attended the conference.

m. RxALI Deterra – Drug inert system.

Kent showed the RxALI Deterra – a system which will make narcotics inert so they can be disposed of safely. Kent will see if the State Grange name can be printed on the items, then provide to the Granges to give away.

n. FFA Convention – April 25, 2019 – Martha & Lillian

Martha and Lillian will be attending and manning a booth for the State Grange.

o. Youth Conference – June 21-23, 2019 – Katie Squire

Katie has conference planned for June 21-23 at Prunedale Grange hall. The speech contest, Sign-A-Song contest and workshops will be held during this weekend event.

p. Project Sustenance

Continues to be in development. 23

## **8. New Business**

a. Bank Accounts

1. Authorization to Close Bank of America and Merrill Lynch Accounts

Lillian Booth is the currently authorized signer on accounts.

It was moved by Martha to direct Lillian the authority to close the Merrill Lynch accounts. Seconded by Jan Saxton. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Saxton, Booth, Kroesen, Webster and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried..

b. Business Plan for California State Grange

1. Consolidate business to the 3830 U Street, Headquarters building.

The business of the State Grange will be consolidated to the Headquarters Building. On May 1<sup>st</sup> an announcement will be made to change the address change to Sacramento and business will be processed as a team.

c. Legislative Advocacy – Legislative Plan

1. Lobbyist contract

Kent will contact Mike Greene to advise a contract with a set cap with CDS Consulting. Linda M will look for the former contracts in the archives. Discussion held on the amount to spend for the contract. It was moved by Bob Clouse to cap the contract up to \$15,000. Seconded by Jan Saxton. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Saxton, Booth, Kroesen, Webster and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Kent reviewed the letters of support which have already been submitted. He also announced the appointment of Michael Evenson as the Legislative Director.

Kent also announced Steven Hood will be the Citizenship & Taxation Chairman for this year. Committee Chairmen will also serve on the Legislative Committee and some members will be appointed "At Large". Everything the State Grange submits or supports has to fit the current policy.

Bill has been in contact with Michael Evenson to add the congressional district to the membership database. 90% of the addresses of our members are within a specific zip code/Congressional District. The other 10% of the zip codes are split across several congressional areas. This creates problems when programming. Bill and Michael are looking for solutions.

d. Computer System

Reviewed by IT Company - XTECHS Computer Support and Service took one of the computer boxes to see if anything was on the hard drive.

e. Certificate of Insurance from Granges

Discussion regarding the State Grange requesting each Grange to provide a Certificate of Liability to the State Grange. This will let the State Grange know who has liability insurance and are notified if the policy cancels and/or if the premium has not been paid. It does not make the State Grange an additional insured, just a notification.

*It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to have the State Grange request the local Granges issue a Certificate of Insurance to the State Grange. Seconded by Erica. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Clouse, Saxton, Booth, Kroesen, Webster and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

**9. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

b. Other

Jerry Macklem – will research the best way to do a sign on the building using the brass letters taken off of the building at 2101 Stockton Blvd.

Bob Clouse will get appraisal on Tulelake Grange, Capay Grange, Maywood Grange, El Camino Grange demo before next meeting. Thermalito Grange – Lillian to go by and take photos of the property and send to Bob.

Ono Grange –

Received paperwork regarding the \$40,000 loan which was taken out without permission from the State Grange to encumber the property approximately 15 years ago.

Kent to contact Will Shaw to get him involved in helping the Grange.

Rosedale Grange /Church of Christ Fellowship – wind damage

A \$27,000 insurance pay out for wind damage was made payable to the Church and the State Grange. Check to be deposited in the Custodial Account and repair to be handled as any other mortgage transaction, i.e. send 1/3 to start the work, 1/3 when half the work is completed, and 1/3 when the work is completed. Lillian to obtain the paperwork, bid and contract before sending payment.

Future Board Meeting:

June 29<sup>th</sup> in Sonoma County at Rincon Valley Grange Hall. Hall will be reviewed for use as the State Convention location.

Meeting closed at 4:00 pm.

Fraternally submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary, California State Grange.

## Board Meeting Minutes - June 29, 2019

Rincon Valley Grange Hall, 5055 Rincon Ave., Santa Rosa, CA

The meeting of the California State Grange Board of Directors was called to order at 9:15 am. Flag salute was led by Master Kent Westwood.

### 1. Roll Call of officers

Roll call of officers: Kent Westwood, Master/President; Jan Saxton, Overseer; Bob Clouse, Executive Committee 1 year; Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee 2 year; Martha Stefenoni, Executive Committee 3 years, and Lillian Booth, Secretary all present. Christina Webster, Treasurer, absent due to illness.

Guests: Linda MacCracken, KOTS, Rio Linda Grange; Vince Scholten, State Grange Steward, Bennett Valley Grange; Jini Reynolds, State Grange Steward, Redwood Valley Grange; Clint Kelley, Overseer, Redwood Valley Grange; Reg Corella, State Grange Deputy, San Luis Obispo Grange; Steven Hood State Grange Deputy, Central Union Grange; Dwight Winegar, State Grange Deputy, Dows Prairie Grange; Mitch Clouse, State Grange Deputy, Orangevale Grange; Janis Jordan, Master Rincon Valley Grange; Charlie Betschart, Windsor Grange; Marilla Peeler, Fort Bragg Grange.

Closed Session was called at 9:30am for legal updates. Closed Session ended at 10:45 am.

General meeting was called to Order at 11:05 am.  
No actions taken by the Board during the closed session.

### 2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Lillian Booth, Secretary

#### a. Board Meeting 4/20/2019

Minutes were read by Jan Saxton, Erica Kroesen, and Martha Stefenoni. Corrections were noted. *It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Bob Clouse. Vote taken. Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried*

### 3. Financial Reports –

The check registers were passed among the Board and members for review.

### 4. Communications received

Letter received via National Grange from a member of Costa Mesa Grange advising concerns. Referred to Kent Westwood for action.

### 5. Director Reports

#### a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Lillian Booth / Inger Bevans

Non-profit compliance is an on-going task. Written formats and tools need to be designed to help Granges understand their responsibilities in the business part of the Grange

#### b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

Brother Bill Booth was unable to attend. A written report read.

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

Katie was unable to attend the meeting.

Bob Clouse reported the Orangevale Grange participated in the local Powwow Days and presented a small Grange Expo at that event. There were over 80 entries turned in. It was such a success that Orangevale Grange had a Float in the Grange to advertise the Grange Expo.

Since then, the Orangevale Grange obligated four new members at the last meeting – one of those members had 15 entries in the Grange Expo. The event sparked interest and they are planning on using an actual building next year to house all of the entries.

The local Chamber is having concerts in the back part of the property. The Expo raised the community profile of the Orangevale Grange

Jan Saxton reported that Aromas Day will be August 25<sup>th</sup>. The Aromas Grange is planning a Grange Expo at their breakfast.

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Tacy just finished Solano County Fair and is getting ready for State Fair. Dixon Grange and Wyandotte Grange have youth who are qualified to show at the State Fair.

Jini Reynolds reported she is meeting with Mendocino County 4-H on August 6<sup>th</sup>. She will need information on the Youth Fair Program and resources for this meeting.

e. Youth Director – Emily Casterson

Not attending.

f. Community Service – Martha Stefenoni

At the FFA Convention, 231 cards were filled out by FFA members and Advisors. A follow-up email was sent the following Monday as a thank you letter for stopping by the booth.

We used “Add Your Next Chapter” as the theme. There were FFA advisors asking how they could get a Grange in their area. Grange members were also stopping by to see us.

Specifically Turlock asked to have a Grange. Socio-economic requirements are causing a burden on families in the area. Martha went down there two weeks after the State FFA Convention to talk with them. We will have a Grange chartered there soon.

Calexico really wanted us to go down there – but have to show in Arizona. That one was referred to the National Grange Membership Director.

Martha attended the National Grange Legislative Fly-In. She was able to meet with Dave Thompson and Doug LaMalfa personally. At that time, there was a bill in the house to increase the IRS exemption for fair earnings from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for 4-H and FFA, but not Grange. Martha spoke to them about that, asking to include Grange in the same bill. They both said they would be looking in to it.

On Rural Broadband – there is space where the railroad was granted an exclusive right-of-way. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) asked the Grange to

ask the Congressional representatives to support changing the right of way to allow Rural Broadband.

On each topic, the Grange had impact with Representative Thomas and LaMalfa, and they listened. If we need a specific legislator, use Burton Eller, National Grange Legislative Director, to gain access for meetings.

Project Sustenance is coming along – and will be ready to roll-out in October.

g. Grange Deputy Report

i. Reg Corella,

Reg gave report on San Luis Obispo Grange Hall and the situation in the area. In Southern California – Kent asked Reg to go to see Fair Valley Grange Hall where Chino Valley Grange is supposed to be meeting. Reg Met with Letty Roman who feels they were deceived by prior administrations. They provided documentation of payments of dues to the Guild. Letty advised they were a church that was turned in to a Grange. They have no insurance on the building or property. They are not incorporated as a Grange, they use their church tax-exempt status. The building is in disrepair.

Reg also visited with Springfield Grange. They would like further contact and to catch up on their dues. Next meeting is July 16th. Kent will be attending.

Lucerne Valley Grange – when Reg went by, they turned in the keys to him and said they no longer wish to be a Grange. They were also a church that was made into a Grange in 2012. Reg secured the building and will start working in the area to reorganize that Grange.

Lunch Break at 12:40 pm.

Session called back to order at 1:20 pm

ii. Steven Hood

Steve was just recently appointed. Steven said he is brushing up on his Spanish in order to be more conversant with the residents in the Central Valley. Lillian reported Bill has drafted a Spanish-language application. It needs to be proofread and validated to be correct.

iii. Dwight Winegar

Dwight reported on the pending consolidation of Rohner Grange and Humboldt Grange. There are many other organizations in Fortuna.

Dows Prairie Grange. The girls scout troop is keeping it together. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Grange are on the Girl Scout Council.

Mad River Grange is also holding their own right now.

Michael Evenson & Curtis Lindley were supposed to be in touch with Dwight to visit the other Grange properties in the Eel River Valley who are going under the Community Hall name. They feel those halls could be persuaded to come back to the Grange. They will pursue those efforts

iv. Will Shaw

Not attending. He contacted Lillian regarding Anderson Grange asking for help. Will wants help with contacting the community and members.

v. Mitch Clouse

Mitch will be getting a map of the area and a Roster of the Granges. He will be going to Escalon Grange to talk with them.

h. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

i. Revocation of Lockeford District Grange

ii. Revocation of Pilot Hill Grange

iii. Member Statistics

Secretary Lillian Booth reported Lockeford District Grange and Pilot Hill Grange #1 have had their charters revoked for (1) violation of the by-laws and (2) non-payment of dues. They have also received a demand letter to turn over the property as per the National Grange By-Laws. They were also notified of their ability to appeal the revocation as per the National Grange Digest.

i. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

Either Linda MacCracken and/or Linda & Jerry Macklem will be at the State Headquarters every Tuesday 10am-2pm, for the month of July.

Lillian has asked them to prioritize the scanning with the boxes from the Receiver.

They have started to inventory and organize the items in the GBO building. Sashes and materials have begun to be organized. Will start photographing the good items to put out to other Granges who may need to refurbish or obtain regalia.

Erica stated Willits Grange has many old items. Will make a list of what is there and get to Linda MacCracken. Jini Reynolds will bring some things from Redwood Valley Grange to the State Office.

Jerry Macklem talked to Waste Management about the dumpsters. He also spoke with UC Davis to determine how much garbage was being generated by the office. The Grange had a 4-yard bin and a 2-yard Recycle bin on the account. After talking with everyone, it was determined we only need a 2-yard dumpster. The account was changed and verified by Lillian with the company. There is now a net savings to the Grange of \$200 per month.

Jini Reynolds suggested providing a Thank You on our website to people who are giving service to the State Grange. She also recommended carrying some Thank you note cards with us. Mail them out when service is recognized. We all need a hero. Start on the State Level and teach our members how to acknowledge other members. In Redwood Valley Grange they call them "Grangel's" A Grange-Angel.

j. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds –

i. Rental Agreement with UC Davis Med Center

Kent reported on the Seismic study and the rental agreement. *It was moved by Bob Clouse to proceed with the seismic study report and retrofit in order to satisfy the new rental agreement. Seconded by Jan Saxton.* Discussion: Cost would be \$100,000. UC Davis will find the contractor and the State Grange will engage the contractor and

pay for it. The UC Davis will reimburse the State Grange in either a lump sum or over the time of the lease. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried.

ii. Invoicing for Janitorial Services

Janitorial services for 2101 Stockton Blvd are reimbursable by UC Davis. Lillian reported back invoices were sent to UC Davis in the amount of \$14,300, per the available records. Their staff will review to see if any invoices had already been paid. Janitorial Services will now be billed to UCD on a monthly basis.

iii. Maintenance – Bob Clouse reporting

McEwen Properties is the UCD property management firm. They will make recommendations for maintenance and repairs on behalf of the tenant. New recommendations are:

(1) Air Conditioning Service to UC Davis AC System. They will contract with an HVAC contractor who can clean the units, fans, and filters twice per year. Once before winter and once before summer. Will eliminate problems and freezing.

(2) They have also contracted with Alex Hunter to do various jobs around the building.

*It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to accept Bob's report to service the HVAC at 2101 Stockton Blvd, and with Alex Hunter to fix various items, including the railing. It was seconded by Jan Saxton. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

iv. GBO Building

Kent reported the potential lessee of the GBO Building has not been in contact or followed through with deposit or business plan. Kent will notify them we are moving on to a new tenant. The attorney is still interested in the building. Kent will contact them.

k. Grange Property Report

i. Applegate Grange (Merced County)

Lillian contacted Randy Turnquist to see if he knew someone in the area to provide a broker's opinion of the value of the property.

*It was moved by Bob Clouse to move ahead with a sale of the building, and to have the Secretary write a letter to the current tenant, asking what they would offer for that building, and give them first opportunity. Seconded by Jan Saxton. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

ii. Capay Grange (Tehama County)

Discussion of a broker's opinion for Capay Grange Hall was held. Taxes are being paid by the State Grange. No further action will be taken until we can prove ownership of the building and our Board provides further direction. Lillian will obtain the necessary copies of the deeds.

iii. Crescent Redwood Grange (Del Norte County)

Lillian is in contact with the escrow company. No contact from David Kinder. Escrow company is being kept in the loop. Status update has been requested from David Kinder several times.

iv. Eastlake Grange (Lake County)

Kent is setting a date to clean out the kitchen equipment, records, and regalia from the building. He will be there in the next two weeks with a crew to clean it out. Kitchen equipment will be distributed to various Grange Halls who need it.

v. El Camino Grange (Tehama County)

1. Building is owned by the State Grange
2. Motion to destroy the building.

The El Camino Grange is owned by the California State Grange and is in severe disrepair with potential collapse – as discussed in previous meetings.

*It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to proceed with demolition of the El Camino Grange. Seconded by Bob Clouse. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

vi. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)

Kent will contact the current occupants to see if they would like to make an offer to purchase the property.

vii. Fair Valley Grange / Chino Valley

Fair Valley Grange hall is owned by the California State Grange. It was suggested to send Chino Valley Grange, through Letty and Sergio Roman, a letter advising the amount of dues not paid and all of the property taxes the Grange has paid. Lillian advised a letter was sent advising the amount of dues owed, membership lists, and other records were required. No response was received, except the information given to Reg Corella during his visit.

*It was moved by Bob Clouse to sell the Fair Valley Grange. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Further discussion asked for – no discussion. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried. Kent will contact the broker in the area.*

The Board thanked Reg for the good work and great report.

viii. Los Molinos Grange (Tehama County) – no change

ix. Millville Grange (Shasta County) – no change

x. Scott Valley Grange – Etna CA (Siskiyou County) – no change.

xi. Tulelake Grange (Siskiyou County) –

Need an appraisal or brokers opinion on the value of the property. All efforts to spark interest in the community have failed.

*It was moved by Lillian Booth to sell the Tulelake Grange Hall. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Discussion. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

xii. Thermalito Grange Hall

Discussion regarding the Thermalito Grange Hall. It sits at the edge of residential, commercial and across the street from an elementary school. There is beginning to be interest to revive the Grange.

*It was moved by Jan Saxton to revoke the Thermalito Grange Charter. Seconded by Erica Kroesen. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried. Lillian to follow up.*

xiii. Greenview Grange/Scott Valley Grange – no change.

xiv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls  
Covered in New Business part of the agenda.

xv. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls  
All taxes, current and delinquent, which have been identified have been paid. A full accounting will be given at the next meeting.

## **6. Comment Request**

a. None received

## **7. Old Business**

a. Report on Granges

i. American River Grange –

Bill Thomas is to send a letter and they need to pay back dues. Are coming back.

ii. Buckeye Grange – Need to refer back to Will Shaw.

iii. Elk Creek Grange – Bob and Kent  
Received Insurance bill for \$500.00 due 7/2/19. The Board advised to pay the bill.

iv. Garcia Grange – still an active Guild

v. Elk Grove Grange – still an active Guild

vi. Western Yolo Grange –is back and will be taken off the list for next meeting.

vii. Healdsburg Grange  
Stanley Laughlin indicated the Hall may have been sold to the Ballet Company. Lillian advised the State Grange is still getting the tax bills for the property.

viii. Sonoma Valley Grange – no change in status

ix. Banner Grange – no change in status

x. Pilot Hill Grange - no change in status

xi. Rutherford Grange – In static and has not moved forward

xii. Elbow Creek Grange – Assigned to Steven Hood to check out

xiii. Hessel Grange –

Vince Scholten advises the current Guild president, refuses to let the members take a vote on returning to good standing in the Grange. Vince believes Hessel Grange can be reorganized with local residents who want to belong to the Grange.

*It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to send letter to Hessel Grange to revoke the charter and re-organize with new members. Seconded by Jan Saxton. More discussion. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

xiv. Cloverdale Grange –  
Jini Reynolds stated it is a beautiful building. Lillian advised that the main contact with the Grange Hall died and there has been no contact since. Jini will check that one out.

xv. Bayside Grange – Community Hall. Check out the deed and dedication.

b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review -  
i. Bennett Valley Hearing –  
Motion for Summary judgement is set for August.

ii. Fort Bragg Grange  
Kent extend thanks to Fort Bragg Grange for holding the line and persevering in their community. Marilla Peeler advised that 12 members came back from the Guild to the Grange.

iii. Redwood Valley Grange  
Discovery in the court case is currently stalled. Redwood Valley Grange put up signs for their fund-raiser "Raise The Roof". All their signs were taken down. Fort Bragg Guild advertised the same fundraiser at the same time.

c. 2018 Journal of Proceeding – Lillian Booth - In progress  
Almost complete. Have all of the information. Draft will be sent out 7/15/19 to the Board for review, proofreading and comments.

d. California Unclaimed property - Lillian Booth – In progress

e. Grange Foundation 2019 – Lillian Booth – In progress  
Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws need to be completed by Jeff Skinner.

f. Grange Travel / Visits  
Kent and Iona went to the Oregon State Grange Convention. During the GROW Club Dinner there was a tornado alert. It was nice to see how the State Granges are different.

Kent will be going to Montana in August for the Western Regional Conference and then going around the State.

g. Orange Trees at State Headquarters- Martha Stefenoni –  
Vince will be planting the orange trees on the State Grange property to memorialize Ed Kowski and Tom Stefenoni.

1. Iris Bulbs – Lillian  
Katie picked out the iris bulbs to be planted in memory of Johnny Squire. They will be delivered for a September planning.

h. Grange Essentials - Local Grange Training & Mentoring  
Redwood Valley Grange will host a workshop. Date to be determined. Focus will be on the essentials of the Grange including the business of the Grange

Would like to plan the next conference for Sonoma County and then Sacramento County. You Tube Videos were suggested to help new members understand the Grange.

Anything in the Installation ceremony is open to the public. It was also suggested to take a Degree Team on the road to show Granges what the Degree work should look like. It might spark more interest. Lots of good ideas were exchanged.

i. State Grange Session Update - Martha

1. 2019 – Sonoma County October 12-15, 2019

Susan and Mark Noah, Oregon State Grange Master and First Dude, will be the National Guests. October 12 is Susan and Kent's birthday.

Rincon Valley Grange has a new swamp cooler in the main room. Dining room will be used for the Expo Room. Most meals will be eaten outside. Will be using Culligan Water for the Hall during the Session. There will be high-end portable bathrooms for outside. A portable kitchen will be used to cook anything in-house the current kitchen will be used for serving.

There is no Wi-Fi in the building. Need to check out the hot spot. Lillian check with Comcast Business to see cost of having a hot spot for the week.

No RV's will be allowed on the property. There is a Good Sam Campground and KOA for RV's.

Need to order Superhero Capes for State Officers to wear one day to march in. Linda MacCracken suggested having custom hand fans for the giveaways. Suggest wood and paper. Lillian to research costs. Suggesting having Project Sustenance on one side and the theme on the other side.

2. 2020 – Orangevale Grange, Sacramento County – Dates to be determined.

j. T-shirts order design approval -

1. At-Cost Shirts - Status Update – need to approve design and quantities.
2. 2019 Convention Shirt Design – Lillian to contact LoRee Lampke to get started on artwork.

k. FFA Convention Report – Martha & Lillian

Martha covered under the Community Service report.

l. Youth Conference – June 21-23, 2019 Report – Katie Squire

Report highlights read from Katie Squire. Steven commented that they were all sad there were not very many attending the conference. Hope to change the conference to President's Day weekend. Suggested to move the location in to the Butte County area.

During the meeting Orangevale Grange was contacted regarding the Presidents' Day weekend. The dates are available and the State Grange requested the dates for the conference.

Steven presented Martha Stefenoni with a certificate of appreciation for her workshop and participating on at the Conference.

It was suggested to put a calendar on the website to allow members to see what is going on throughout the state.

m. Project Sustenance – already reported on

n. Business Plan for California State Grange

1. Property Management

UC Davis will be calling McEwen and not us directly for maintenance.

2. Formal Business Plan for Delegate Approval

A formal business plan for delegate approval was discussed. Kent will be bringing this up to the Strategic Planning Committee he plans to have meet next month.

o. Legislative Advocacy – Legislative Plan

Lobbyist contract needs to be finalized. Kent will take care of the contract. He requested to pull a copy of the older contracts previously used.

p. Aptos Grange

1. Request for Custodial Funds to replace roof of Grange Hall

Email from Randy Turnquist read, accompanied by one bid for the repair of the roof. Extensive discussion held.

*It was moved by Bob Clouse to approve the disbursement of \$50,000 from the Aptos Grange Custodial Fund to repair their roof. Seconded by Erica Kroesen. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: Saxton. Motion carried.*

## **8. New Business**

a. National Grange Dues Review of accounting

Lillian has been working with the Master Betsy Huber and the Controller for the National Grange regarding the necessary quarterly reports. There is a discrepancy which is being worked out. The pre-paid \$96,000 has been used and National Quarterly dues will once again be due in the Second quarter of 2019.

b. Computer System / Email Migration – Lillian Booth

Email is to be migrated from GoDaddy to Microsoft this weekend. Everyone will be notified of your email accounts and passwords when completed.

i. Computer System in the Cloud

Scanner – Installed and working. Folders / User Permissions – to be set up by XTECHS.

1. Policy to make Changes to Users/Permissions

There needs to be a policy of who can make changes to the Users and Permissions for the Grange network. Per discussion, the Master/President, Secretary, and the most senior member of the Executive Committee will be allowed to authorize necessary changes. Lillian to draft the policy.

c. Western States Attendees Expenses – Katie Squire

1. Public Speaking Contest Winner

Katie Squire is the Public Speaking winner for California and eligible to attend the Western States Conference. Lillian will ask Katie to price out her trip and we can approve the expense amount during a phone meeting.

d. Seismic Report and Estimate on 2101 Stockton Blvd. – Kent Westwood

Already discussed.

e. Calaveras Grange

Calaveras Grange sent a written request to surrender their charter. Assigned to Mitch Clouse to contact them and follow-up.

f. Lucerne Valley Grange

Per Reg Corella's report, the Lucerne Valley Grange gave him the keys and said they wanted to close the Grange. *It was moved by Bob Clouse to accept their surrender of their Charter. Seconded by Erica Kroesen. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

g. Resolutions for State Session by the Board of Directors – Lillian Booth

i. Preservation of Grange Records

ii. Authority to Close out Constituent Grange

iii. Amend Form of By-Laws for Subordinate/Community Granges

Three resolutions were presented to be reviewed by the Board. This will be postponed until the next meeting.

h. Redwood Valley Grange Roof – Kent Westwood

Secretary was provided with copies of letters of March and May requesting funds be withdrawn from the Redwood Valley Grange Custodial fund. Letters had not been received by the Secretary prior. With the appropriate documentation, the Board just needs to approve the disbursement.

Total requested is \$50,000 to cover the roof. They have also received grants for improvements and lighting for their stage. In order to update the Hall to ADA standards, the roof has to be done first. Their fund raisers have netted \$28,500 in their roof fund which will pay for the additional expenses.

*It was moved by Bob Clouse to honor Redwood Valley Grange's request for the \$50,000 on the roof. Seconded by Jan Saxton. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

i. Consolidation of Humboldt Grange and Rohner Grange Halls

The Secretary received the necessary written requests from both Granges to consolidate their membership. *It was moved by Bob Clouse to accept the consolidation request of Humboldt Grange and Rohner Grange. Seconded by Jan Saxton. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

i. Sale of Rohner Grange Hall

Per request of Rohner Grange and Humboldt Grange, *it was moved by Erica Kroesen to allow the sale of the Rohner Grange Hall. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Discussion. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

j. Strategic Planning Committee – Kent Westwood

Kent will be putting together a committee of six. They will be tasked to form an outline of how to put the strategic plan together. Then approximately 20 people will work on the plan to develop a definite strategic plan for Board approval.

k. Jacinto Grange Hall – Repair Estimate – Bob Clouse

The Jacinto Grange requested a loan for duct work and lighting for \$8,600, with the appropriate bids. It was discussed to put out the word to other Granges who have some extra to help them pay off the loan. We will put out an email blast for a "Virtual Barn Raising".

*It was moved by Jan Saxton that ½ of the funds be granted to the Jacinto Grange, offer them a loan at 4% for the other half, and send email out to the other Granges to ask them to pitch in to help pay off the loan portion. It was seconded by Bob Clouse. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

I. Coyote Grange Hall - Audit report from the Grange

An audit was done of the Coyote Grange Hall books, but no report has been received. Kent will follow-up.

**9. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

Sunday July 28, 2019 at 9:00 am in Sacramento.

Closed Session will be Saturday night. Time to be determined.

b. Other

1. Special Request from Lillian Booth –

Lillian asked for permission to use the Headquarters Conference room and kitchen for a memorial service for her 99-year old aunt who is to be interred in the Historic Sacramento Cemetery in downtown Sacramento. Time to be determined. Permission granted.

2. Policy for the Board - Custodial account.

*It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to use following as the procedure to request Custodial Funds by the holding Granges:*

**REQUEST FOR CUSTODIAL FUNDS**

Any request for Custodial Funds, over \$10,000, for a Grange Hall will require:

1. Copy of Minutes of the Grange meeting where the motion was made and approved by the membership to contact the State Grange for the Custodial Funds.
2. A minimum of two bids from licensed and insured contractors.
3. A cover letter requesting the specified amount, stating the purpose for the funds, and a justification of the preferred contractor.
4. Once the contract is signed for the work, a copy of the contract shall be provided to the State Grange
5. Verification:
  - a. Once the repairs are completed, a copy of the checks and final payment to the contractor will be provided to the State Grange.

*Seconded by Booth. Discussion. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, Stefenoni and Westwood. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Meeting closed at 4:40 pm  
Fraternally submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary, California State Grange.

**Board Meeting Minutes - July 28, 2019**  
Headquarters Building, 3830 U Street, Sacramento, CA

CLOSED Session Saturday 7/27/19 5pm to 7pm.  
Open Session Sunday, 7/28/19 9am to close of business

The Board meeting of the California State Grange was called to order by Master/President Kent Westwood at 9:05 am. All present saluted the Flag of our Country.

**1. Roll Call of officers**

Master/President, Kent Westwood; Overseer, Jan Saxton; Treasurer, Christina Webster; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Exec 1 year, Bob Clouse; Exec 2 Year, Erica Kroesen; Exec 3 year, Martha Stefenoni. All officers present.

Guests attending: Linda MacCracken, KOTS; Jerry & Linda Macklem, Dwight Winegar, Reggie Corrella, Mitch Clouse, Inger Bevans, Steven Hood, and Bill Booth.

**2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Lillian Booth, Secretary**

- a. Board Meeting June 29, 2019

It was moved by Martha Stefenoni and seconded by Christina Webster to approve the minutes with corrections. No discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Westwood, Webster, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bob requested the action items be sent to the Board to follow-up.

**3. Financial Reports –**

- a. Check Registers for review and approval.

The monthly check register was passed to the Board members and guests for review.

**4. Communications received**

None received

**5. Director Reports**

- a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Lillian Booth / Inger Bevans

Inger gave a report on Coyote Grange. At one point, they had no access to the bank account and were doing all of their transactions in cash. All income is from rentals. Inger helped them identify the financial problems. Coyote Grange has filed a new SI100 with the Secretary of State and they are moving ahead now. New members are starting to join.

Lillian reported the annual report to the IRS for the Granges in the Group exemption is due the end of September. This will be filed prior to Convention. There is still confusion among the Granges about the two group exemptions.

- b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

Bill reported the Website has recently been updated with a new look and graphics. Some pages are still in development but will be completed as time allows.

- c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire – not attending
- d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey – not attending / at State Fair
- e. Youth Director – Emily Casterson – not attending
- f. Community Service and Membership – Martha Stefenoni

Martha talked about Project Sustenance and provided copies of her business cards with the Project Sustenance logo on the front and what the Grange is about on the back. She provided the members with cards they can give out. Emphasize what the Granges do to sustain their local communities – Food banks, dinners, gardens, food preservation, service projects.

g. Grange Deputy Report

i. Reg Corella

Reg reported on the San Luis Obispo Grange. The members have been working with the Grange attorney and have been doing a lot of educating in the local area. Reg also commended Kevin Bennet for helping to get the Grange back on track.

ii. Steven Hood

Steven is working in the Central Valley area. He is beginning to work with Coalinga Grange directly. Lillian to send information about the Grange and former members to Steven.

iii. Dwight Winegar

Dwight is working in the Northern Coastal area. He said he has been looking and studying how the Grange can fit with other non-profits. There are so many out there, where can the Grange help or be the leader of those groups.

iv. Will Shaw

Kent Westwood reporting – Will advised him the repairs at Scott Valley are almost done. Roof was flying off and the contractor almost has it nailed down (literally).

v. Mitch Clouse

Gold Rush Country –

Mitch spoke with Tiffany from Calaveras Grange. There was some recent vandalism to the Hall. Mitch asked Tiffany to find out the cost of repairs. The hall is rented to the local Farm Bureau and they would like to continue. Mitch will look in to setting up a meeting there.

h. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

Revocation letters were sent to Meadow Vista Grange and Mt. Vernon Grange for actions in violation of the by-laws. They were advised of their ability to appeal the decision to the National Master.

Hessel Grange – after due consideration, it was decided a letter should also be to the members. Suggestion to hold a meeting to explain what the suspension means and what needs to be done to retain the Charter.

Martha Stefenoni moved to suspend Hessel Grange, prior to taking the action of Revocation, in an attempt to have the members have a say in what happens to the Grange in their community. Seconded by Erica Kroesen. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Westwood, Webster, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Reg advised the San Luis Obispo Grange has dues to turn in for members. The funds were given to the State Treasurer to deposit in to the Custodial/Holding accounts.

i. Member Statistics

Lillian provided a report on the number of members in the California State Grange. Other demographics are available through the Membership Database.

i. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

Linda reported they got the scanner working. She and Linda Macklem are scanning mail to the Cloud. Then Christina and Lillian are processing business remotely. There have been some glitches getting the system up and running, but things are beginning to improve.

j. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds –

- i. Rental Agreement with UC Davis Med Center
- ii. Maintenance
- iii. GBO Building

Kent and Bob met with Eric Graham who is handling the Seismic project next door. Had an extensive meeting. Within the UC System, The California State Grange engages the contractor and are later reimbursed. Still unsure how the repayment will be done. If repayment is over a longer time period, it will be repaid at 8% interest.

Bob and Kent took Eric next door to see V Street, to see if the UCD would like to use that space, if need be. Renting V Street will be on hold for now until the contractor bids and work process come in. Will have something more definite in approximately a month.

Tree at the property line in the back.

Vince Scholten looked at the tree and said it was dead inside and needed to be taken down as soon as possible. City Inspector advised the neighbor that since the tree is causing damage to the property on both sides of the line, it is the responsibility for both to pay to take the tree down.

The City gave us a permit. City has to post a sign that the tree is going to be removed. Then there is a waiting period for 15 days to have a complaint/appeal to the city. If there is an appeal, then the time period starts all over again. Bob got three estimates and got a fourth from the same tree contractor who does the local Cemetery District.

Bob also secured estimates to remove two trees on the outside of the wall. One is very close to the gas meter. The other is growing up and damaging the roof. The third tree already fell on our building and needs to be trimmed and the large limbs taken off that hang over our roof.

Lowest bid is \$5,000 and the highest is \$8,050. Bob favors Fallen Leaf Tree Contractors he will take the stump down to six inches.

Bob proposes we take out the tree and pay the entire amount, then the neighbor will be responsible to take out the stump at a later date.

Neighbor advised Bob that there was a negotiated easement with a former State Master approximately 15 years ago. The easement was to use the area from his

property line to the edge of the State Grange building. After a search of public records, an easement cannot be found in the online records. As papers are sorted in the building, we will look for the easement. We will also ask the neighbor to provide a copy of the document.

It was moved by Erica Kroesen to contract with Fallen Leaf to remove trees per their bid. Seconded by Christina Webster. No further discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Westwood, Webster, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

k. Grange Property Report

- i. Applegate Grange (Merced County) – no change
- ii. Capay Grange (Tehama County) – no change
- iii. Crescent Redwood Grange (Del Norte County)
  - 1. Pending escrow.
- iv. Eastlake Grange (Lake County)
  - 1. Update on equipment in the Hall
  - 2. Vote to sell the hall
  - 3. Utilities

It was moved by Bob Clouse that the State Secretary will write a letter to the water district of East Lake Grange advising effective 7/28/19 to shut off the water. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Westwood, Webster, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bob Clouse that, as soon as Kent is satisfied all equipment is out of the building, list the property for sale with Kent as the Broker, taking a 2.5% to 5% commission to pay the costs of staff to do the transaction. It was seconded by Jan. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Westwood, Webster, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Kent suggested we obtain an official appraisal, cost approximately \$800.00. It was moved by Lillian to obtain an official appraisal. Seconded by Martha. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Westwood, Webster, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

- v. El Camino Grange (Tehama County)
  - 1. Demolition permit

Bob will use the Receiver letter and get the permit to demo the building. Deed is in the name of the State Grange. Lillian will obtain a copy.

- vi. Maywood Grange (Tehama County) – Kent will handle this later
- vii. Fair Valley Grange / Chino Valley

Original broker did not return Kent's calls. Received a letter from another broker to sell the property. Kent will reach out to them and get an evaluation of the property. Kent will negotiate to set a maximum commission at 5%.

viii. Los Molinos Grange (Tehama County) –  
Kent will go see the property and if he can meet with any members. Lillian advised the last time she saw it, there were vines growing up through the walls and into the windows of the hall.

ix. Millville Grange (Shasta County) – no change

x. Scott Valley Grange – Etna CA (Siskiyou County)  
1. Email received requesting to use the hall for food distribution

Would need a rental agreement. Kent will look at the information on the hall.

xi. Tulelake Grange (Siskiyou County) – Need Appraisal  
Bob and Kent will see this on Wednesday with Mitch. Bob has called a real estate agent there. Has emailed documents. Bob has keys and will box anything that needs to come back to the State Office to bring back.

xii. Thermalito Grange Hall - no change

xiii. Scott Valley Grange –  
Blue Lakes area. Quonset Hut, cesspool. Pier & post foundation and the building is in bad shape. Kent will go see the property and community.

xiv. Waterford Grange Hall  
There is a Museum in Waterford Grange Hall. No knowledge of any transfer of that property. Martha found documents the hall was sold to the museum. Museum is interested in being authentic and would like some contact.

xv. Lucerne Valley Grange Hall  
Lucerne Valley Grange turned in their keys. Reg will go down to change the locks this next week.

xvi. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls  
None received.

xvii. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls  
None known at this time.

## **6. Comment Request**

a. None received

## **7. Old Business**

a. Report on Granges

i. American River Grange

Bill Thomas was directed to send a letter to the State Master. No letter received as of this date.

ii. Welcome Grange – take off the list

iii. Buckeye Grange –  
Was interested in returning. Need to get contact information to Will Shaw.

iv. Elk Creek Grange –  
Insurance was paid on the building / on-going utilities costs

v. Garcia Grange – Kent to approach them at a later date

- vi. Elk Grove Grange – nothing new.
- vii. Healdsburg Grange (Healdsburg Progressive Grange)  
Deed and taxes come to the State Grange office. There is an insurance policy and invoice from State Farm due in September. Will pay the bill on the policy.
- viii. Sonoma Valley Grange  
Sonoma Springs Community Hall not run by an Executive Director. Mural on the wall still has a Grange logo. Secretary directed to have revocation letter drawn up for Sonoma Valley Grange.
- ix. Banner Grange – still in the Guild
- x. Pilot Hill Grange –  
Has been revoked and demand letter for the property has been sent. No response as yet.
- xi. Rutherford Grange - Nothing new,
- xii. Elbow Creek Grange –  
Steven requested information be sent to him to contact the Grange.
- xiii. Petaluma Grange – nothing new
- xiv. Yankee Hill Grange –  
Hall burned in November. Unsure of status of the property.
- xv. Paradise Grange  
Hall burned in November. Unsure of status of the property.
- xvi. Feather River Grange –  
Sent email to Kent wanting to know how to get back into good standing.
- xvii. Mt. Hamilton Grange –  
Status updates were given. They are moving forward. Still need help and mentoring
- xviii. Granges changing name from Guild to Community Hall  
Lillian gave a short update on the current procedures.
- b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review
  - i. Bennett Valley Hearing
  - ii. Fort Bragg Grange
  - iii. Redwood Valley Grange

Lillian reported Motion for Summary Judgement on Bennett Valley Grange is due in August. Court date to be moved.

Fort Bragg Grange and Redwood Valley Grange are in the discovery process. Discovery is becoming difficult.

  - c. 2018 Journal of Proceeding – Lillian Booth - In progress
  - d. California Unclaimed property - Lillian Booth – In progress
  - e. Grange Foundation 2019 – Lillian Booth – In progress

Jeff Skinner was asked to have this prepared for the State Grange Convention in October.

f. Grange Travel / Visits

Kent will be leaving for Montana and the Western States Leaders Conference. Also planning to go to next meeting of Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange.

g. Orange Trees at State Headquarters- Martha Stefenoni –

Have been planted and are thriving on the lawn. We need to determine what type of memorial designation for Ed Kowski and Tom Stefenoni.

1. Iris Bulbs – Lillian

Iris bulbs for Johnny Squire memorial are on order. Will be delivered for planting in September.

h. Grange Essentials - Local Grange Training & Mentoring

1. Redwood Valley Grange will host. Date to be determined.

2. Next – Sonoma County, Sacramento County

Workshop will be put on at State Convention. Humboldt County may be interested in hosting a workshop. Mendocino County will also host.

i. State Grange Session Update - Martha

1. 2019 – Sonoma County October 12-15, 2019

1. Meals and cost

Catering will be done by Pasta King – Art Obletto, a 50-year member of Bennett Valley Grange. He will prepare dinner on Monday in his portable kitchen and serve buffet style. Price per person \$17.50 + sales tax 10% for 90 people. \$19.50 / person. Cost will be set at \$20.00.

Second dinner options include a taco bar. All meals will have a vegetarian option.

2. Registration fee

Costs this year include having to bring in water so the Grange will won't be drawn down. There will also be a portable toilet. Cost is \$1,788.38.

It was moved by Bob to set registration fee the same as last year (\$70.00). Seconded by Erica. Discussion. During discussion Jan offered a friendly amendment by Jan to increase registration fee to \$75.00. Accepted by Bob and Erica as the maker and second of the motion. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Westwood, Webster, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Saturday night – dinner is on your own. We will bring in pizza and salad for the State Officers so they can eat while practicing the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree.

There will be a booklet for Convention Program. Suggestion to sell advertising. ¼ page, ½ page, and full-page ads.

We will be taking the picnic tables from the State Grange Building to the Rincon Valley Grange Hall to use for outdoor seating.

3. Dates and deadlines

4. Invitations to Other State Masters and Past State Masters

Lillian will get the information out to the Granges, the Grange Masters and the National Grange guests, Mark & Susan Noah.

2. 2020 – October 3 – 6, 2020, Orangevale Grange, Sacramento County

j. T-shirts order design approval -

1. 2019 Convention Shirt Design

Contract signed by Kent for artwork to be designed by with Phoenix Ridge Ink. Designs will be available at the next meeting for decision and determine costs.

k. Business Plan for California State Grange

1. Formal Business Plan for Delegate Approval

No discussion at this meeting.

l. Legislative Advocacy – Legislative Plan

1. Lobbyist contract – Kent

Kent to get contract signed with Mike Greene.

m. Computer System / Email Migration – Lillian Booth

Email migration completed. User permissions are being set. Some issues with connecting to the Cloud from the State office. Lillian working with Linda, Christina, and XTechs to resolve issues.

n. Seismic Report and Estimate on 2101 Stockton Blvd. – Kent Westwood

Reported under building maintenance. Still waiting for contractors bid to determine the costs.

o. Calaveras Grange

Request to surrender charter. Mitch meet with the other members and see how the State Grange can help.

p. Lucerne Valley Grange

Request to Surrender Charter. Accepted. No members to demit.

q. Resolutions for State Session by the Board of Directors – Lillian Booth

1. Preservation of Grange Records

It was moved by Bob to approve the resolution for submission at the State Session. Seconded by Jan. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Westwood, Webster, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

2. Authority to Close out Constituent Grange-

It was moved by Bob to approve the resolution for submission at the State Session. Seconded by Jan. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Westwood, Webster, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

3. Amend Form of By-Laws for Subordinate/Community Granges

– Election to membership. –

Discussion. It was determined to refer this resolution to Steven Hood for collaboration and any necessary amendments.

r. Sale of Rohner Grange Hall – Kent Westwood

Escrow to be completed soon.

s. Strategic Planning Committee – Kent Westwood

Kent is doing some research on a Strategic Planning Committee with a core group and will then expand to include approximately 20 or more to develop the plan.

t. Jacinto Grange Hall

The loan was approved, and the Grange advised. The “Virtual Barn Raising” will be kept track of and see how many Granges help the Hall.

**8. New Business**

a. Approve Western States Attendees Expenses – Katie Squire

1. Public Speaking Contest Winner – approve

*It was moved by Erica to reimburse Public Speaking Winner, Katie Squire, expenses for Western States Leadership Conference. Seconded by Martha. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Webster, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Abstain: Saxton. Motion carried.*

b. Commercial Building, Auto, and Liability Quote

The commercial building, auto and liability insurance quotes were reviewed. It was moved by Bob to accept the quote. Seconded by Jan. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Westwood, Webster, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

*It was moved by Bob Clouse to have the insurance brokerage quote and provide liability insurance for the defunct Grange Halls. Seconded by Lillian. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Westwood, Webster, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Abstain: Martha. Motion carried.*

c. Travelling Degree Team

Discussion about having a Traveling Degree Team to perform around the State. Martha suggested doing a “talent and interest” survey to see who would be interested in participating. Kent suggested that it be a full 1873-style degree to generate more interest.

**9. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

Next meeting will be Saturday September 7, 2019. Closed Session on Friday at 7pm.

b. Other

Bob Clouse:

In progress of getting the trailer registered. DMV is having some issues with our paperwork.

Bob was approached the air conditioning people – will get two bids to clean the HVAC and a bid for maintenance in the spring and fall.

Meeting adjourned at 3:39 pm.

Fraternally submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary, California State Grange.

## Board Meeting Minutes - September 7, 2019

Headquarters Building, 3830 U Street, Sacramento, CA

CLOSED Session Friday 9/6/19 7pm

Open Session Saturday 9/7/19 9am to Close of Business

### 1. Roll Call of officers

Master/President, Kent Westwood; Overseer, Jan Saxton; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Treasurer, Christina Webster; Executive Committee 1Yr, Bob Clouse; Executive Committee 2 Yr., Erica Kroesen; Executive Committee 3 Yr., Martha Stefenoni. All officers present. Visitors: Steven Hood, Bill Booth, KayLynn Booth, Linda MacCracken, and Buzz Chernoff.

### 2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Lillian Booth, Secretary

Minutes of the Board meeting of July 28, 2019 were read. *It was moved by Jan Saxton to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Erica Kroesen. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Motion carried.*

### 3. Financial Reports –

#### a. Invested Funds – Overview

Board advised that Lillian Booth presented extensive detail regarding the invested funds during the closed session. *It was moved by Bob Clouse to accept with gratitude the work prepared by Lillian on the invested funds that were presented. Seconded by Jan Saxton. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Motion carried.*

#### b. Check Registers for review and approval

Check registers was passed to the group attending the meeting and the Board members.

It was moved by Kroesen to approve the check register as presented. Seconded by Clouse. No discussion. *Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Motion carried.*

### 4. Communications received - None

### 5. Director Reports

#### a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Lillian Booth / Inger Bevans

Lillian advised there are Granges are finding they are not in compliance with the IRS and State of California Franchise Tax Board. Questions are arising regarding which tax-exempt Group they are filing under. This is continuing the confusion. Lillian is working with the Granges individually to assist them.

#### b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

Bill working with Amanda Brozana at National Grange to develop our Spanish language application. Have the alternate opening and closing translated to Spanish. And the end of the Second Degree we supposed to give new members the Declaration of Purposes – Bill has it translated, but it needs to be proofread.

Discussion regarding never seeing some of the information we are talking about. Martha will contact National Grange to get a full set of pamphlets available for review and determine what we can use.

Discussion on how to use brochures and reach out. Membership should be consciously be out there inviting new members and asking them to join the Grange.

Membership brochure/application was presented for the Board to look at. With costs through Casey Printing.

Once this one is done, we need to target different aspects of our communities. Bob commented that this is something they can be proud to hand out. Cost for printing 3,000 brochures is \$623.00; 5000 is \$885; 10,000 is \$1093.00; and 15,000 is \$1298.00

*After much discussion, it was moved by Clouse to print 5,000 copies to have for Convention. Seconded by Booth. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Motion carried.*

Bill advised there is now 85 years of California State Grange Journals of Proceedings on the Grange Website.

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

Expo entries are coming in. Katie has been talking to the Mexican Dancers group from High Desert Grange in Nevada coming to Convention. We are having a tractor coming for display. Katie has been using the Expo Facebook page and started a Pinterest Group. Christina will bring a Grange Expo banner. Katie ordered the ribbon pins and has the invoice for reimbursement. After this convention another order for pins will be necessary for the next year.

Katie requested 30 panels to take to Rincon Valley. There is a glass display unit at the Grange Hall for specialty or breakable items.

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey – Not attending

e. Youth Director – Emily Casterson – Not attending

f. Community Service / Membership – Martha Stefenoni

Turlock is still in the works for chartering a Grange. People in Biggs were looking for a Grange and were referred to Manzanita Grange.

Would like to get Table-top pop-up banner that have the Project Sustenance logo with the Mission Statement purposes listed below the logo.

Deputies are asking what they are supposed to do. Kent said he wants to add that as part of the Strategic Plan to outline their specific duties. We need more people in different areas around the State.

Comments from the Board: We need to help our members by teaching them how to set goals and teach them how to work within their communities. Need to give people something when they come to the Grange and join. Let's come up with a pin they get when they join. Letter of welcome signed by the Master & Secretary with the Grange seal. Know that we care more about them. Extends the friendship not just from the local, but also from the State Grange.

g. Grange Deputy Report

Steven Hood – reporting. Steven noted the members of the Board of Directors is outlined in the By-laws and the Treasurer is not listed as a voting member. Steven

was advised of the ex-officio status. He suggested a by-law change resolution for this Convention to make the Treasurer an actual member of the Board of Directors. He will work on that at lunch.

Steven reported on Coalinga Grange. It is going well to reorganize the Grange. Are getting new members and are happy the teenagers want to participate. Having the reorganization meeting on 9/28/19. Original meeting had about 12-15 people and several kids. Biggest issue is they need the Spanish-language materials. One problem is the house next door burned down and the neighbor parked three vehicles in their yard. They will have the vehicles towed and cable off the entrances to the building. Lupe at Coalinga offered to help Steven to translate any of the Grange materials.

Elbow Creek Grange hall – Steven went by and the hall is in good shape. He will be reaching out to the group there to see what they are working on.

Kings County Pomona will be looking at renaming to be an area Pomona Grange instead of just a County Pomona.

Buzz Chernoff joined the meeting at this time. The Board moved to Item 6: Comment Request to allow Buzz time to address the Board. See Item 6.

After Buzz's comments, the meeting returned to the agenda.

- i. Dwight Winegar - no report
- ii. Will Shaw – no report
- iii. Mitch Clouse – no report
- iv. Lawrence Jaffe – no report

h. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

Meadow Vista Grange, and Mt Vernon Grange had their charters revoked this last week. DeSabra Grange and Paradise Grange had their charters revoked.

DeSabra Guild contacted Lillian to return the keys to the building. Lillian arranged a public venue to get the keys and was greeted by 20+ people from the Guild and the local DeSabra Community. She spent over an hour talking to the people there, some of whom were very angry and others who were open to talking.

No new membership numbers for this meeting.

i. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

Getting office procedures sorted out. The team is working on getting the files redone. Things are going well. Linda thanked by the Board for all the big and little things she and her team get done for us every day. From having favorite drinks and snacks, to putting out lunch, to doing mail, and making sure the rose bushes are watered until the landscaper could repair the sprinklers. For everything- we thank you.

j. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds –

The rental agreement still is not signed for almost a year. And it will not be signed until the seismic retrofit is done. UCD is balking because they don't own the building. Eric, the building engineer, has been going to meetings on our behalf.

UCD approved an \$11,000 keyless entry and security system, but they have not moved ahead on the rental agreement until the retrofit is done. Suggestion to ask Eric what

type of letter the State Grange could send to the Board of Regents to get this moving along about a known hazard. Kent will talk with Beverly about what we can do.

**Airconditioning System:**

Have spent \$3,900 on repairs on the HVAC at 2101 Stockton Blvd. Asked them to give us a bid for maintenance on the system. Has not been maintained for approximately 15 years. Board gave approval to spend the \$5,000 to get it cleaned up, replace belts, etc. Bid for a service contract at \$2,066 per year. Will wait to sign the agreement until the system is cleaned up and running. There have been water leaks because of condensation lines. This will fix all of the little petty things we've been trying to do. There are four full units on the roof, and we need to keep it operating for at least 10 or 15 more years.

Noticed damage on the wall of the GBO building and determined a garbage truck backed into our building. Jerry Macklem contacted the garbage company. Knocked the concrete out of several concrete blocks. Currently have an open claim pending with Waste Management and Jerry is handling that.

**Tree removal:**

Trees are removed. Stump is higher than 6" because the chain link was too close and it would have damaged chain saws. Kent & Bob decided to leave the stump for now. They will work on having it removed at a later date.

**k. Grange Property Report**

**i. Applegate Grange (Merced County)**

**1. Letter from Cornerstone Lodge**

Email received from the Cornerstone Lodge. Building is in disrepair. Lillian to follow-up with Randy Turnquist about a broker's opinion. Response was sent to ask if they would like to make an offer on the property. We will be placing liability insurance only on the property.

**ii. Capay Grange (Tehama County)**

Master of Orland Grange asked about it and agreed there are not enough people in the area to make it a viable Grange.

Lillian to contact the owners of the properties around it and see if anyone is interested in purchasing the property. Need to obtain a copy of the deed and see if there is a reversion clause. Ask for Brokers opinion also. Liability insurance only will be placed on the property.

**iii. Crescent Redwood Grange (Del Norte County)**

The property had fallen out of escrow again. An email was received from David Kinder with the signed Sales Contract. Close of escrow to be 12/1/2019. Liability insurance only will be placed on the property.

**iv. Eastlake Grange (Lake County)**

Lillian to close out the utilities with power and water.

Martha, Erica, Kent to do final walk through for items to be taken from the building before putting it up for sale. Fire and Liability insurance to be placed on the property.

**v. El Camino Grange (Tehama County)**

Bob reported we have to have a lead and asbestos testing before demolition. Corporation will be closed and building is already titled to the State Grange 8 to 10

years ago. Bob will need a letter from the Secretary advising demolition is authorized and proof of ownership of the property.

vi. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)

Hall is older and occupied by former Grange members. Will place fire and liability insurance on the property.

vii. Fair Valley Grange / Chino Valley

1. Broker update.

Property is listed for sale with a broker. If there are two agents there will be a 5% commission. If there is only one agent, it will be 4.5% commission. Broker did his homework on what can be built on the property. Due to the poor condition of the building, liability insurance will be placed on the property.

viii. Los Molinos Grange (Tehama County)

Kent and Bob to check it out on the way to Anderson Grange. Liability insurance only will be placed on the property.

ix. Millville Grange (Shasta County)

Property is occupied by the Guild and being rented out to the community.

x. Scott Valley Grange – Etna CA (Siskiyou County)

1. Email received requesting to use the hall for food distribution

Will Shaw has been overseeing repairs to the roof. First contractor flaked on the repair. Will Shaw is getting a new contractor. Will place liability insurance on the building and fire insurance when we can.

xi. Tulnelake Grange (Siskiyou County) – Need Appraisal

Bob and Mitch went by the building, to City Hall, and out to the Fairgrounds where the local Historical Society is housed.

Bob will stop by again in October and make arrangements for the Historical Society to meet him there to see if there is anything in the building they want. Bob told them they may take anything they want for the Historical Society. Need to get a value established. Will place fire and liability insurance on the building.

xii. Thermalito Grange Hall

1. Received Contact message for interest in Youth Fair Program.

Lillian to get copy of the deed and then see how it can be regenerated in the area. Bob will help when going in to the building. Fire and liability insurance will be placed on the building.

xiii. Big Valley / Clearlake Grange

1510 Big Valley Road, Finley, CA. Kent will go check the building. Will place fire and liability insurance on the building, if in the name of the Grange.

It was moved by Erica Kroesen to obtain a quote for insurance based on the list compiled by each Grange discussed. Seconded by Bob Clouse. *Vote taken. Aye:*

*Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, and Webster. Stefenoni abstained. Motion carried.*

xiv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls

1. Ojai Valley Grange – Request submitted for loan (9/6/19)

Requesting – \$5,000 for repairs to the Hall. Needs roof fixed and interior before it gets worse.

*It was moved by Bob Clouse loan Ojai Valley Grange the requested \$5,000 loan. Seconded by Booth. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Motion carried.*

Terms: Loan to be structured at 4% interest over 5 years. *It was moved by Clouse to have a virtual barn raising to ask other Granges to help reduce the loan. Seconded by Saxton. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Motion carried.*

xv. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls

None known at this time. Lillian advised there was approximately \$14,000 paid in property taxes and delinquent property taxes since April of 2018.

xvi. Rincon Valley Grange

Electrical panels had to be updated. There are only two outlets in the main hall. Put in 15 receptacles in the building. Track lighting in the entry way to highlight the mural. \$10,500 was spent to put in the electrical. State Grange is using the Hall for 5 days they rent it for \$1,500 per day.

*It was moved by Booth pay the hall rental of \$1,500/day for the Convention. Seconded by Jan. Extensive discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Saxton, and Webster. Stefenoni abstained. Motion carried.*

It was suggested to talk with Orangevale Grange re: rental/project cost for the 2020 Convention.

xvii. Ramona Grange

Lillian received a phone call two nights ago. They discovered there was no paperwork filed by the now-former secretary who dropped the boxes off and left the State. No property taxes, IRS filings, Secretary of State Filings have been filed for three years. Lillian is working with them to get things current again.

**6. Comment Request**

a. Buzz Chernoff

Buzz spoke to the Board and visitors. It has been a traumatic time for members because of the lawsuits in 2012 and 2013. Pitting long term friends and ruining friendships. Fires and disasters. And the Deaths of our long-term members, Johnny, Ed, and Lee

He commented the Board has done an incredible job of keeping everything afloat and now it's time to move the ship. The specific points will be considered in the Strategic Plan for the State Grange.

## 7. Old Business

### a. Report on Granges

- i. American River Grange – No response to request from Kent for a letter.
- ii. Buckeye Grange – Will Shaw will check in to this one.
- iii. Elk Creek Grange
  1. Insurance was paid on the building / on-going utilities
- iv. Garcia Grange
- v. Elk Grove Grange
- vi. Healdsburg Grange

Ballet school in the building and paying rent somewhere. Lawrence Jaffe going to check it out. Determined the deed is in the name of the California State Grange. There is an insurance policy on the building that is being paid by the ballet school.

- vii. Sonoma Valley Grange

Jan will make an appointment to go visit them.

- viii. Banner Grange – no change
- ix. Pilot Hill Grange – have hired an attorney
- x. Rutherford Grange –

Martha went by there after the last meeting. Nothing changed on the building

- xi. Elbow Creek Grange – Steven Hood to check on.
- xii. Petaluma Grange –

*It was moved by Stefenoni to revoke the charter. Seconded by Saxton. There is no building. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Motion carried.*

- xiii. Taylorsville Grange

No recent contact. Lillian will reach out to follow-up.

- xiv. Feather River Grange

No further contact has been made. Kent to reach out to follow-up

- xv. Granges changing name from Guild to Community Hall

No further Granges have changed so far. Still keeping an eye on it.

### b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review

- i. Bennett Valley Hearing
- ii. Fort Bragg Grange
- iii. Redwood Valley Grange

General update given. Bennett Valley Motion for Summary Judgement will be heard in October, Trial date set for November 1, 2019.

Communication segue – Jan offered to help with drafting letters and newsletters to improve communication. Lanny Cotler and Christina Webster will start working on newsletter.

### c. 2018 Journal of Proceeding – Lillian Booth -

Have two more items to complete and will be ready for State Convention.

### d. California Unclaimed property - Lillian Booth – In progress

Will check on an updated list.

e. Grange Foundation 2019 – Lillian Booth – In progress  
Jeff Skinner will have the Articles of Incorporation ready State Convention. Will have a resolution drafted and approved by the Board to present to the Delegates.

f. Grange Travel / Visits  
Kent went to Santa Cruz Live Oak. Next is Anderson Grange. Then Grange Convention and on to Minnesota for National Grange.

g. Iris Bulbs – Johnny Squire Memorial - to be delivered sometime on Monday 9/9/19.

h. Grange Essentials - Local Grange Training & Mentoring  
1. Dates to be determined. Plan to present workshop at State Convention.  
Will have a sign-up form for the Granges.

i. State Grange Session Update - Martha  
1. 2019 – Sonoma County October 12-15, 2019  
1. Meals and cost – published at \$20/dinner, \$10/lunch  
Martha to send menu to Lillian for publication. Outside lighting is improved along the fence.  
Bob's Trailer can be parked out in the back. Request for a Grange to sell items. Discussion included it is not a bad idea to have Granges sell things, but the room and logistics are not able to accommodate that right now. Reminder that there will be a Basket Raffle for Junior/Youth Programs.

Idea from Jan to add a Grange Market to the Grange Essentials Workshops where Granges can come and display and sell items from their Granges.

2. Registration fee - published \$75.00 per person. \$35 1 day  
3. Dates and deadlines. All due 10/1/19  
4. Invitations to Other State Masters and Past State Masters  
Lillian to send out invites on Monday.

5. 2020 – Orangevale Grange, Sacramento County  
1. Dates – already set. Oct 2-6, 2020  
Need names of people who would be willing to serve on the Convention committee to start working for next year.

j. T-shirts order design approval -  
2019 Convention Shirt Design by Phoenix Ridge Screen Printing and Embroidery. Four designs were made for approval. Keeping the generations in mind, two designs were chosen for t-shirts. The SustainAbility circle design for the bags and aprons.

k. Business Plan for California State Grange  
Formal Business Plan for Delegate Approval to be referred to the Strategic Planning Team for research and development.

l. Legislative Advocacy – Legislative Plan  
1. Lobbyist contract  
Kent to finalize the contract and send. Suggested to possibly invite Mike Greene to come to the Convention. Martha to look at schedule and work with Kent on that.

m. Computer System / Email Migration – Lillian Booth

Email Migration from GoDaddy to Microsoft – completed with some hitches which have been worked out. Lillian to write the policy for approval to make changes to users and permissions in the future.

n. Seismic Report and Estimate on 2101 Stockton Blvd. – Kent Westwood

Discussed under the Sacramento property maintenance. Still in progress to be mitigated.

o. Calaveras Grange

The Grange stopped paying insurance premiums. Lillian was able to pay the premium and get it reinstated. Meeting with Calaveras Grange members is still pending.

p. Lucerne Valley Grange

Request to Surrender Charter and gave Reg Corella the keys. Reggie will have the locks changed.

q. Resolutions for State Session by the Board of Directors – Lillian Booth

1. Amend Form of By-Laws for Subordinate/Community Granges

Wording has been corrected. Board requested it be submitted in the Resolution packet.

r. Sale of Rohner Grange Hall – Kent Westwood

The sale has been completed and escrow is closed. The Custodial Fund will be named "Humboldt Grange #501" since the consolidation was completed before the sale of the property. Monies have been deposited to the Custodial Account. \$1,500 in back dues was also paid and will be placed in the Operating Account.

s. Strategic Planning Committee – Kent Westwood

Set for 9/28/19. Brian Weller will be the facilitator. Sent information and all the old Action Grange information. Cost will be \$875.00 for the day and hotel stay. Meeting will be from 9am to at least 5pm. Lunch will be on-site.

t. Jacinto Grange Hall –

Bob stated that there has been a shake-up at Jacinto Grange. The members are not getting along. Strong personalities are clashing. He is concerned re: the loan recently given to them. He will follow-up and see what can be done to help them.

u. Traveling Degree Team

The National Convention will be held in 2022 in Sparks, NV. Discussion was held National Convention traveling 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Team around the State. This will allow members to be ready to go see the Exemplification of the 7<sup>th</sup> Degree.

v. Family Heritage Conference

Katie passed out flyers for February 15-17, 2020 at Orangevale Grange Hall. These will be ready for State Convention and a promo in the Convention Schedule.

**8. New Business**

Resolutions (2) from Jeff Skinner to amend the Articles of Incorporation for the 1946 Corporation. It was moved by Jan to approve both resolutions for inclusion in the Delegate packet. Seconded by Bob. *Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Motion carried.*

a. DeSabra Grange Hall

Report by Lillian on the DeSabra Grange Hall. Need to determine the cost to repair the roof of the Hall. Also need to check to see the kitchen and when we can have a pancake breakfast to get this going in the community.

b. Resolution to Amend By-Laws - Board of Directors

Resolution presented to amend the By-Laws to add the Treasurer as a member of the Board of Directors. It was moved by Jan to place the resolution in the Delegate Packet for consideration at the State Session. Seconded by Bob. *Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Stefenoni, and Saxton. Nay: None. Abstain: Webster. Motion carried.*

**9. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

Next meeting will be Friday October 11, 2019, 5pm-7pm at Dinner. State Officer practice will be at 7:30pm at the Grange Hall.

Per discussion of the Board, a donation of \$250 will be made to the National Grange Membership Director's booth at the National FFA Convention in November 2019.

Meeting closed at 5:15 pm

Fraternally Submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary, California State Grange

## Board of Directors Special Meeting - September 28, 2019

Meeting was called at 9/28/19 at 5:15 pm, after the Strategic Planning meeting closed. All members of the Board were present.

Lillian discussed the necessity for a Resolution to allow the Board of Directors to change documents as necessary when the 1946 Corporation is again under the authority of the California State Grange. *It was moved by Jan to submit Resolution titled "GRANTING LIMITED AUTHORITY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS" Seconded by Erica. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Motion carried.*

The bid for the keyless door access for the 2101 Building is approximately \$11,000. *It was moved by Bob to approve the purchase of the Security Keyless Door Access for 2101 Stockton Blvd. Seconded by Lillian. Discussion: the cost will be reimbursed by UC Davis to the California State Grange. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Fraternally submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary, California State Grange.

## **144th ANNUAL SESSION RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

### **2019-001 - ACCESS TO CALIFORNIA STATE BEACHES**

#### **Submitted by Central Union Grange #559**

WHEREAS: The rights of California citizens to access oceans and beaches is codified into California law under the California Coastal Act of 1976; and,

WHEREAS, The California Coastal Commission recently proposed, and then later withdrew, restrictions to vehicular access at the Oceano Dunes Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Area after complaints of noise and dust have surfaced from housing subdivisions that were built in the area in the last 10 to 15 years and encroach on the OHV area; and,

WHEREAS: The California State Parks established, and has administered, the Oceano Dunes OHV Recreation Area based upon pre-existing recreational rights-of-way on the California coastline in existence since the early 1900s; and,

WHEREAS: Restricting vehicular access to the Oceano Dunes OHV Recreation Area will economically devastate the surrounding communities with lost revenue, closing of businesses, and lost jobs. Therefore be it,

RESOLVED: The California State Grange be in favor of California State legislation, ballot initiatives or propositions that limit or remove the authority of the California Coastal Commission to restrict use or access of California's public beaches when those beaches are already administered by an appropriate land management agency.

**2019-002 - ADMINISTRATION OF FAIRS**  
**Submitted by Central Union Grange #559**  
**and Bennett Valley Grange #16**

- WHEREAS: Fairs and expositions are an integral part of the future of agriculture in California, and,
- WHEREAS: These fairs cannot truly advance agriculture if they are being administered by Boards of Directors who do not view agriculture as a priority, and,
- WHEREAS: Recently SB 281 was introduced in the 2019-2020 session of the California Legislature which would transfer administration of a state- run district agricultural association fair to an authority composed of urban representatives. Therefore be it;
- RESOLVED: That the California State Grange will lobby the legislature to ensure that people appointed to serve on fair boards represent agricultural interests.

**2019-003 - BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN  
RAILWAY RIGHTS-OF- WAY**

**Submitted by Central Union Grange #559**

WHEREAS: Large portions of rural America lack access to high speed broadband internet; and

WHEREAS: Railway companies were federally granted rights-of-way that traverse rural areas across the United States which were granted to the railways to serve the public good; and

WHEREAS: Existing National Grange policy supports better broadband access in rural America. Therefore be it,

RESOLVED: The California State Grange (CSG) support and/or sponsor legislation allowing broadband providers to install appropriately sited and approved broadband communications equipment within existing and future rural railway rights-of-way; And be it further,

RESOLVED: The California State Grange request the National Grange adopt this resolution.

**2019-004 - FRRA AND FOIA REQUESTS**  
**Submitted by Central Union Grange #559**

WHEREAS: As the Federal Records Retention Act of 1950 and Freedom of Information Act (1967) are currently written, congress and professional congressional staff are exempt from being required to comply with Freedom of Information Act requests, and Federal records retention requirements, Therefore be it;

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange is in favor of the Federal Records Retention Act rules and regulations and Freedom of Information Act requests for those records applying to all elected positions, as well as all professional congressional staff at both the State and Federal level, and be it further;

RESOLVED: The California State Grange request the National Grange to adopt similar policy.

2019-005 - NUTRIA

**Submitted by Central Union Grange #559**

WHEREAS: Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*) is a species of water rodent not native to the North American continent that has recently been discovered to be thriving in the Sacramento/San Joaquin River delta. As of May 2019, nutria have been confirmed in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Mariposa, and Tuolumne counties, according to the state, and

WHEREAS: Nutria is considered to be a highly invasive and destructive species, both for ecological and agricultural concerns. Nutria burrow in irrigation canals and levees. That poses a risk to drinking water and could expose downstream communities and farm fields to flooding. Nutria can give birth to litters of a dozen about three times a year and become pregnant again within 48 hours of giving birth. They live in marshland and feed heavily on vegetation. Where they appear, they can be a scourge on the environment, and

WHEREAS: The state Legislature appropriated about \$1.9 million for the 2019-20 fiscal year to eradicate nutria and set up continuing funding for the next three years. Some say that's not enough. The state estimates within five years there could be nearly 250,000 nutria wreaking havoc on California's endangered wetlands, and

WHEREAS: States that have had the most success in handling infestations of Nutria have allowed unrestricted trapping and hunting of the species, therefore be it;

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall lobby and go on record with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in favor of easing all restriction on the hunting and trapping of Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*), and be it further;

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall lobby and go on record with is in favor of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in favor of establishing a bounty program with the express intent of full removal of Nutria from within the state of California.

**2019-006R - SPEED LIMIT SIGNAGE**

**Little Lake Grange #670 AND  
Mendocino Pomona Grange #10**

WHEREAS: For more than two decades, speeding has been involved in approximately 1/3 of all motor vehicle fatalities and in 2017 speeding was a contributing factor in 26% of all traffic fatalities; and

WHEREAS: Speeding is more than just breaking the law, the consequences are far ranging:

- Greater potential for loss of vehicle control
- Reduces effectiveness of occupant protection equipment
- Increased stopping distance
- Increased degree of crash severity
- Economic implications of a speed related crash
- Increased fuel consumption; and

WHEREAS: People's attention spans are shorter (due partly to today's instant technology), and lives are getting busier with less time to get stuff done; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange pursue legislation that would implement speed limit signage within 50 to 100 yards of entering a freeway or highway on-ramp; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, the California State Grange shall submit this resolution to the National Grange.

**2019-008 - HEMP FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**Little Lake Grange #670**

WHEREAS: Hemp became a legal crop across the U.S. in the 2018 Farm Bill,  
and

WHEREAS: CDFA requires all cultivators of hemp to register with their local Ag.  
Dept. at a cost of \$800 and

WHEREAS: Hemp is a great crop to be grown for calories, compost and fiber;  
therefore be it

RESOLVED: That hemp grown for personal consumption or use shall be exempt  
from the yearly \$800 agriculture department registration fee.

## 2019-009 - RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE 1946 CORPORATION

- WHEREAS: The California State Grange caused articles of incorporation for a non-profit corporation called "California State Grange", California Secretary of State entity number C0210454 (the "1946 Corporation"), to be filed on October 7, 1946; and
- WHEREAS: The California State Grange used the 1946 Corporation to conduct its operations prior to the revocation of the California State Grange's Charter on April 5, 2013; and
- WHEREAS: Following the revocation of the California State Grange's Charter in 2013, the California Guild wrongfully retained control of the 1946 Corporation; and
- WHEREAS: The California Guild filed a "Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation" with the California Secretary of State on June 1, 2016, that purported to change the name of the 1946 Corporation to "California Guild" and amend other provisions in an attempt to remove all references to the Grange; and
- WHEREAS: The Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation filed on June 1, 2016, was not approved by the duly authorized board of directors of the California State Grange, nor was it approved by the members of the California State Grange; and
- WHEREAS: At the 2018 Annual Session, the Delegates of the California State Grange approved the filing of amendments to restore the original articles of incorporation of the 1946 Corporation, and on September 26, 2018, Certificates of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation were filed with the California Secretary of State to restore the provisions of the original articles of incorporation that purportedly had been changed by the California Guild's unauthorized amendment; and
- WHEREAS: The California Guild filed additional Certificates of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation" with the California Secretary of State on October 10, 2018 and February 20, 2019, that purported to change the name of the 1946 Corporation to "California Guild" and amend other provisions in an attempt to remove all references to the Grange; and
- WHEREAS: The Certificates of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation filed on October 10, 2018, and February 20, 2019, were not approved by the duly authorized board of directors of the California State Grange, nor were they approved by the members of the California State Grange; and

WHEREAS: Recent court decisions have made clear that the 1946 Corporation belongs to the California State Grange; and

WHEREAS: The California State Grange and the National Grange are on the verge of reaching a settlement agreement with the California Guild that, among other things, will result in the return of the 1946 Corporation to the California State Grange and a court order that the California Guild's unauthorized amendments be removed from the Secretary of State's files; and

WHEREAS: Amendments are necessary to restore the original articles of incorporation for the 1946 Corporation; and

WHEREAS: The members of the California State Grange are the members of the 1946 Corporation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation for the 1946 Corporation attached hereto is approved by vote of the Delegates of the California State Grange; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Master and Secretary of the California State Grange shall sign the Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation for the 1946 Corporation attached hereto and cause the same to be filed promptly with the California Secretary of State.

**2019-010 - RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT OF  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE 1946  
CORPORATION (ALTERNATE)**

**Submitted by California State Grange Board of Directors**

- WHEREAS: The California State Grange caused articles of incorporation for a non-profit corporation called "California State Grange", California Secretary of State entity number C0210454 (the "1946 Corporation"), to be filed on October 7, 1946; and
- WHEREAS: The California State Grange used the 1946 Corporation to conduct its operations prior to the revocation of the California State Grange's Charter on April 5, 2013; and
- WHEREAS: Following the revocation of the California State Grange's Charter in 2013, the California Guild wrongfully retained control of the 1946 Corporation; and
- WHEREAS: The California Guild filed a "Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation" with the California Secretary of State on June 1, 2016, that purported to change the name of the 1946 Corporation to "California Guild" and amend other provisions in an attempt to remove all references to the Grange; and
- WHEREAS: The Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation filed on June 1, 2016, was not approved by the duly authorized board of directors of the California State Grange, nor was it approved by the members of the California State Grange; and
- WHEREAS: At the 2018 Annual Session, the Delegates of the California State Grange approved the filing of amendments to restore the original articles of incorporation of the 1946 Corporation, and on September 26, 2018, Certificates of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation were filed with the California Secretary of State to restore the provisions of the original articles of incorporation that purportedly had been 38 changed by the California Guild's unauthorized amendment; and
- WHEREAS: The California Guild filed additional Certificates of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation" with the California Secretary of State on October 10, 2018 and February 20, 2019, that purported to change the name of the 1946 Corporation to "California Guild" and amend other provisions in an attempt to remove all references to the Grange; and
- WHEREAS: The Certificates of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation filed on October 10, 2018, and February 20, 2019, were not approved by the duly authorized board of directors of the California State

Grange, nor were they approved by the members of the California State Grange; and

WHEREAS: Recent court decisions have made clear that the 1946 Corporation belongs to the California State Grange; and

WHEREAS: The California State Grange and the National Grange are on the verge of reaching a settlement agreement with the California Guild that, among other things, will result in the return of the 1946 Corporation to the California State Grange and a court order that the California Guild's unauthorized amendments be removed from the Secretary of State's files; and

WHEREAS: Amendments are necessary to restore the original articles of 66 incorporation for the 1946 Corporation; and

WHEREAS: The members of the California State Grange are the members of the 1946 Corporation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Certificate of Amendment of Articles of 76 Incorporation for the 1946 Corporation attached hereto is approved by vote of the Delegates of the California State Grange to be filed if the Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation approved pursuant to Resolution Number 2019-009 is rejected by the Secretary of State; and be it further

RESOLVED: That, if the Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation approved pursuant to Resolution Number 2019-009 is rejected by the Secretary of State, the Master and Secretary of the California State Grange shall sign the Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation for the 1946 Corporation attached hereto and cause the same to be filed promptly with the California Secretary of State.

**2019-011 - PRESERVATION OF OUR GRANGE RECORDS**  
**Submitted by California State Grange Board of Directors**

- WHEREAS: There still exist records from 1873 and beyond that chronicle the formation and history of our Order, and
- WHEREAS: The records of the California State Grange are of historical interest to the study of the Grange in California, and
- WHEREAS: In the early 1990's, some of early records were microfilmed, but much of the records are stored in "V" Street building, and are being subjects to the ravages of time, and
- WHEREAS: The records are subject to being destroyed in fire or other event; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That up to five percent (5%) Custodial Funds reverted to the California State Grange may be used, at the direction of the Board of Directors, for the preservation of Grange records in digital format, and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the priority for this preservation shall be as follows;
1. Existing microfilm, if still available.
  2. Antique trunk in the Master's Office, containing historical records from the formation of the California State Grange.
  3. Journals of Proceedings.
  4. Rosters.
  5. Grange News bound book and existing paper publications.
  6. Records of Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges, starting with existing active Granges, then the records of revoked Granges.
  7. Other records deemed to have historical importance to our organization.

**2019-012 - AUTHORITY TO CLOSE OUT A CONSTITUENT  
GRANGE - AMEND ARTICLE VI, ADDING SECTION 6.1.3  
Submitted by: California State Grange Board of Directors**

WHEREAS: It is not uncommon for a constituent Grange to become inactive, or having its Charter revoked, to fail to properly close out its financial and or corporate obligations, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Article VI of the By-Laws of the California State Grange be amended by adding a new Section 6.1.3 to read as follows:

6.1.3 Additional Duties. If a constituent Grange shall become inactive, or have its charter revoked, and does not properly wind up its financial and corporate obligations, the Board of directors of the California State Grange shall assume the role of corporate officers and be charged with the duty to:

- (a) Discharge any and all of its financial obligations
- (b) Dispose of the personal property
- (c) Dispose of all real property
- (d) Wind up and close out the corporation.

The exercise of these additional duties shall be within the bounds of the by-laws of the California State Grange and the National Grange.

2019-013 - AMEND ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
SECTION 2

**Submitted by – California State Grange Board of Directors**

WHEREAS: The Board of Directors adopted a policy adding the position of Treasurer as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS: The State of California shortly thereafter changed the Corporation Code so that ex-officio members of a Board of Directors would have a vote, the same as regular members, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange By-Laws Article VI, Section 2 be amended by deleting the word "initial" in the first sentence, and by adding the words "the Treasurer", after the word "Secretary", to read as follows:

*"Article VI – Board of Directors*

*Section 2. Number, Manner*

6.2.1 Number – The number of the directors shall be the Master, the Overseer, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the officers elected as Executive Committee. The number of Directors may be changed to no more than nine (9) or less than three (3) by an amendment to these By-laws, but such an amendment shall not affect the tenure of office of any directors then in office, except as provided in Section 4 of this Article VI. Directors shall be natural persons and must be residents of the State of California."

**2019-014 - RESOLUTION GRANTING LIMITED AUTHORITY  
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Submitted by the California State Grange Board of Directors**

- WHEREAS: The Charter of the California State Grange was revoked on April 5, 2013, but certain former members of the California State Grange (who later formed a new organization called the California Guild) failed to return all Grange property to the control of the Order, as required under the Digest of Laws of the National Grange; and
- WHEREAS: The California Guild wrongfully asserted control over the corporation created by the California State Grange in 1946 (the "1946 Corporation"); and
- WHEREAS: The California State Grange always maintained its right to control the 1946 Corporation, and sought to vindicate this right by litigating the issue in the California Superior Court for the County of Sacramento; and
- WHEREAS: The California Guild's wrongful assertion of control over the 1946 Corporation significantly interfered with the California State Grange's ability to conduct its business and affairs; and
- WHEREAS: The California State Grange created a holding corporation in 2014 called "The Grange of the State of California's Order of Patrons of Husbandry, Chartered" (the "2014 Corporation") to hold the California State Grange's bank accounts, property, insurance policies, and other items necessary for the California State Grange to conduct its business and affairs; and
- WHEREAS: The proposed settlement of the various court actions involving the California Guild includes a judgment to be entered in the California Superior Court for the County of Sacramento that orders, among other things, that the amendments to the articles of incorporation of the 1946 Corporation made by the California Guild after April 5, 2013, are null and void, and that only the California State Grange was ever entitled to control the 1946 Corporation, and
- WHEREAS: With the end of the California Guild's wrongful claim to control the 1946 Corporation, the California State Grange intends to continue to use that entity to conduct its business and affairs; and
- WHEREAS: The 2014 Corporation's name is listed on certain documents and accounts by which the California State Grange conducts its business and affairs at this time; and
- WHEREAS: It is not possible at this time to identify all of the documents and accounts requiring a change of name now that the California Superior Court for the County of Sacramento has entered

judgment that the California Guild never was entitled to control of the 1946 Corporation; Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, upon entry of the stipulated judgments in connection with the settlement between the Grange and the California Guild, the Delegates of the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange (2019) hereby authorize the Board of Directors with the limited authority to make certain changes, if necessary, including, but not limited to, the following;

- filings with the Secretary of State
- filings with the Franchise Tax Board
- filings with the Internal Revenue Service
- By-Laws of the California State Grange
- property deeds
- bank accounts
- investment accounts; and
- to take the appropriate actions to merge or dissolve the corporations controlled by the California State Grange.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors shall not alter these documents beyond making necessary changes to conform to this resolution.  
And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors shall report in detail the actions taken to comply with this resolution at the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session (2020).

2019-015 - TREASURER – ADDITIONAL DUTIES  
COMPENSATION  
**Submitted by Wyandotte Grange #495**

- WHEREAS: When the current Treasurer was elected, the California State Grange Board of Directors determined to continue financial duties under contract with the person who was the former Treasurer; and
- WHEREAS: When that person resigned, the currently elected Treasurer assumed the financial duties of the State Grange; and
- WHEREAS: No compensation was provided for the current Treasurer; and
- WHEREAS: In accordance with Article IX, Section 11.2(d), of the California State Grange By-laws, the Board of Directors may increase the compensation of the Treasurer, therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors of the California State Grange be directed to increase the compensation of the currently elected Treasurer from zero to \$7,200, per annum, effective as of October 1, 2019.

2019-016 - AMEND SECTION 4.6.10 (A) OF THE NATIONAL  
GRANGE DIGEST OF LAWS  
**Submitted by Bennett Valley Grange #16**

- WHEREAS: The Executive Committee of a Subordinate/Community or Pomona Grange is only charged to act in time of emergency or need, and;
- WHEREAS: Because of the alternative name "Board of Directors" confusion has been created that the Executive Committee functions in the same manner as other Boards of Directors, and
- WHEREAS: The Grange structure is built on the concept of member driven action. Therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That section 4.6.10 (A) of the National Grange Digest of Laws be amended as follows:

4.10.6 Duties of Executive Committees -

(A) All Granges – The duties of the members of the Executive Committee of the National Grange shall be as provided in these By-Laws and Laws of the National Grange. The duties of the members of the Executive Committees of the other Granges of the divisions of the Order shall be as provided for in these By-Laws and Laws of the National Grange, and the By-Laws and Laws of the various Granges of the divisions of the Order in which they are members. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committees to act for each Grange between meetings of said Granges **only in times of immediate emergency or need.** Actions by an Executive Committee must have the approval of the Master of each Grange, provided, however, disapproval by a Master may be overridden by a vote of two-thirds of the members of an Executive Committee. State and National Grange Executive Committees shall be permitted to meet when the Master is unable to attend a pre-scheduled meeting, with the express consent of the Master. The Overseer will represent the Master.

**2019-017 - AMEND SECTION 4.3.5 (B) OF THE NATIONAL  
GRANGE DIGEST OF LAWS  
Submitted by Bennett Valley Grange #16**

- WHEREAS: The application fee for Subordinate/Community Granges has remained relatively unchanged since the inception of the Order, and
- WHEREAS: The current charter fee does not allow the National Grange to provide quality resources to a new Grange, and
- WHEREAS: Quality resources for new Granges are essential to their success in their infant years. Therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That section 4.3.5 (B) of the National Grange Digest of Laws be amended as follows:

(B) Subordinate Granges - Application for a Charter for a Subordinate Grange shall be signed by the persons applying for the same, and be accompanied by a fee of \$50 (Fifty dollars)  
A Subordinate Grange may be organized or reorganized by thirteen or more persons, of which there shall not be less than four of either sex.

**2019-018R - THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE AND ITS  
SUBORDINATE GRANGES AND GRANGE MEMBERS  
REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT CALIFORNIA  
SHAKE-OUT.**

**Submitted by Humboldt Grange #501**

WHEREAS: The Great California ShakeOut, now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, has been organized to encourage individuals, communities, schools and organizations to review and update emergency preparedness plans and supplies, and to secure their space in order to prevent damage and injuries.

WHEREAS: The Great California ShakeOut is an annual opportunity to practice how to be safer during big earthquakes. The not-for-profit California Earthquake Authority promotes individuals practicing their "Drop, Cover and Hold On" on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of October, or at some other specified date and time throughout the year, thereby imprinting into muscle memory what to do when an earthquake strikes.

WHEREAS: Some areas of California are more likely to have earthquakes than others, *all* of California is at higher risk compared to the rest of the country. You could be anywhere when an earthquake strikes: at home, at work, at school, or even on vacation. What we do now will determine our quality of life after our next big earthquake.

WHEREAS: Most injuries during an earthquake occur when people move more than a short distance due to flying and falling objects while the ground is shaking. It is most important that individuals "*Drop, Cover and Hold-On*" where they are when the ground shaking starts.

WHEREAS: Anyone worldwide can participate, from a single individual in their home or workplace, staff and students within educational systems, and members of other community and fraternal organizations. The promoters and organizers of the Great ShakeOut encourage everyone to talk to their friends, families, neighbors, coworkers, and fellow community members about the Great ShakeOut and encourage their participation.

WHEREAS: The Great California ShakeOut, always held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of October, notes that the 2019 ShakeOut Drill is scheduled for October 17 at 10:17 a.m., the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1989 M 6.9 Loma Prieta earthquake, which was strongly felt throughout the San Francisco Bay area and caused an estimated \$6 Billion in 1989 dollars, and

WHEREAS: It is understood that, as of September 22, 2019, that for the October 17, 2019 DRILL, there is an estimated 16.9 Million

individuals already registered to participate in the Great ShakeOut worldwide, 15.6 million within the United States, and 8.6 Million California wide. Events conducted on different dates in 2019 worldwide bring participant numbers up to over 49 million; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange supports and promotes the Great Shakeout program and encourages local Granges, State Granges, and Grange members and their families to participate in and register for the annual Great Shake out on their website <https://www.shakeout.org/register/>.

**2019-19R - THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE AND ITS  
SUBORDINATE GRANGES AND GRANGE MEMBERS  
REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE IN THE TSUNAMI  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND WHERE APPROPRIATE  
TSUNAMI EVACUATION DRILLS.**

**Submitted by Humboldt Grange #501**

WHEREAS: Millions of people enjoy California's wonderful coastline. Whether you live, work, or visit the coastline, it is important to be aware that the coastal region is vulnerable to tsunamis. California's large offshore faults and steep underwater slopes could cause a local tsunami to arrive in minutes. Tsunamis can also travel across the ocean from distant earthquakes. It is important to know what to do if a tsunami has been generated. If you are visiting the beach and you feel an earthquake, you should get to high ground or go inland; and

WHEREAS: Any coast is vulnerable to tsunamis, even the shorelines of lakes. We can get better prepared before the next tsunami by practicing how to protect ourselves when one occurs. Remember, 1) Protect yourself during local earthquakes, 2) Go to high ground or inland, 3) Stay there!; and

WHEREAS: California coastlines are at risk from both a local source and distant source tsunamis and the effects from each can be significantly different; and

WHEREAS: Tsunamis are a full body wave which is typically generated from a change in the ocean floor. This is different from a storm generated wave which is typically just an upper water column wave which is wind generated; and

WHEREAS: "Know your Zone" means to find out if you live, work, or travel in a tsunami hazard zone. To "Know your Zone" is important in knowing whether you or your family needs to "Get to High Ground" in either a distant or locally generated Tsunami; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of TsunamiZone.org is to help people and organizations know where their tsunami zone is located, how to know when a tsunami is on its way, and how to respond. Throughout each year, individuals and groups are invited to participate in tsunami educational activities and drills, and register their participation on the TsunamiZone.org website. There are many ways for individuals, businesses, schools, faith-based or fraternal organizations, community groups, scouts, and others to "Know your Zone" and get prepared for tsunamis; and

WHEREAS: California's Tsunami Preparedness Week is the 4th week in March; and

WHEREAS: Individual organizations and communities can register their tsunami preparedness activities; therefore be it

RESOLVED; That the California State Grange supports and educates the "Know Your Zone" tsunami awareness message and encourages local Granges, Grange members and their families to utilize the website, TsunamiZone.org, to educate themselves and their communities, and to participate in local and regional educational efforts and drills regarding tsunamis and tsunami zones.

2019-021 - FIRE INSURANCE  
**Submitted by Marshall Grange #451**

- WHEREAS Climate change is increasing the number and intensity of wildfires in California, and
- WHEREAS: Insurance companies have dropped nearly 350,000 home insurance policies in the past four years in areas at high risk for wildfires, and
- WHEREAS: Not being able to obtain insurance can create a domino effect for the local economy, affecting home sales and property taxes, and
- WHEREAS: Insurance companies have mostly moved away from personalized assessments of individual properties to reliance on third party wildfire-risk models that are not disclosed to the public; and
- WHEREAS: Third-party wildfire-risk models are not specifically regulated by the California Department of Insurance (CDI) or any other entity, and
- WHEREAS: Removing vegetation that could fuel an inferno and creating volunteer firefighting teams, and making roads accessible for firetrucks, is not taken into consideration in setting policy rates, and
- WHEREAS: Most insurers do not take into consideration wildfire mitigation conducted by homeowners or the community, either for underwriting or for offering a premium credit for mitigation efforts, and
- WHEREAS: There is no mechanism in place for consumers to appeal a wildfire-risk model score, and
- WHEREAS There is no consumer protection standard against arbitrary and unjustified non-renewals, therefore be it
- RESOLVED: The California State Grange initiate and support legislation:
1. Protecting homeowners from arbitrary and unjustified rate increases from insurance companies
  2. Making the risk models used by an insurance company in rating or underwriting to set "fireline" scores transparent and disclosed to the public;
  3. requiring insurance companies to give premium discounts to homeowners who make investments in hardening their home from wildfires;
  4. enacting a strict consumer protection standard for non-renewals by prohibiting insurance companies from non-renewing policyholders whose circumstances have not changed; and
  5. requiring insurance companies to obtain approval from the insurance commissioner before they can reduce the volume of policies in a given area.

## 2019-022 – INVESTMENTS

### **Submitted by Marshall Grange #451**

WHEREAS: The California State Grange has assets that they are responsible for managing, and

WHEREAS: The management of these assets maybe contracted out to investment firms and banks such as Chase and Merrill Lynch, and

WHEREAS: These funds could be invested in activities through these institutions that conflict with California Grange Policy, and

WHEREAS: There are socially responsible investment strategies which the California State Grange could utilize to ensure that the investments follow Grange policy, therefore be it

RESOLVED: The California State Grange develop an investment policy that incorporates socially responsible investments that support the mission and policies of the California State Grange, within the next year.

**2019-023 - SPECIES SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE EXTINCTION**  
**Submitted by Mattole Grange #560**

- WHEREAS: Extinction of species, a natural phenomenon ordinarily occurring at a rate of one to five species a year, has increased a thousand fold in recent years, and
- WHEREAS: Although formerly brought about by volcanoes, meteors, and natural climate changes Currently the overwhelming majority of extinctions are caused by human activity, and
- WHEREAS: A recent UN report issued by the Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services recently warned that 1 million species are threatened with extinction within the next couple of decades, and
- WHEREAS: The interconnected web of life is becoming increasingly frayed, constituting a direct challenge to human survival; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the California State Grange supports all legal efforts on the part of governments, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and other groups and individuals to modify the human-generated activities which have made survival for endangered and threatened species more difficult, in order that we may recover the biodiversity so essential to the survival of life on earth, and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the California State Grange bring this resolution to the National Grange for adoption.

**2019-024 - ELIMINATE PLASTIC FROM THE ENVIRONMENT**  
**Submitted by Mattole Grange #569**

- WHEREAS The planet is overwhelmed with discarded plastic from single use packaging, and
- WHEREAS Plastic breaks down into smaller and ever smaller particles, working its way into the food web, and found in the bodies of animals and humans, and
- WHEREAS Before the invention of plastic, people managed to reuse bottles and recycle cans and other packaging products with very little waste ending up in the environment, and
- WHEREAS People today have ways to eliminate plastic packaging or to substitute other materials for repeated reuse'; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the California State Grange supports efforts by local Granges, the public, and individuals as well as by the California Legislature and Congress to take action to (1) reduce the production of single-use plastic items and to (2) eliminate plastic materials from entering the Waste Stream, and be it further
- RESOLVED: That, upon adoption by the California State Grange, that the California State Grange bring this resolution to the National Grange for adoption so that the National Grange will actively lobby Congress to support the effort to eliminate plastics from entering the Waste Stream.

**2019-025 – NEONICOTINOIDS**  
**Submitted by Mendocino Pomona Grange #10**

- WHEREAS: The Grange supports the health and well being of agriculture and recognizes that threats to pollinators endanger the entire food system; and
- WHEREAS: Currently the loss of pollinators is alarmingly high, with large numbers of honeybees suffering from colony collapse and significant declines of wild bees, butterflies, other pollinators and birds being driven by habitat loss, lack of forage, climate change, and pesticides; and
- WHEREAS: A class of insecticides known as neonicotinoids, or neonics, which include acetamiprid, imidacloprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran, nitenpyram, nithiazine, thiacloprid, and thiamethoxam have become widely used since first patented in the 1980's. These systemics are taken up throughout all parts of the plant including pollen and nectar, and persist in the environment; and
- WHEREAS: A large and growing body of independent, peer-reviewed scientific studies demonstrate that neonicotinoids are lethal to bees or compromise their survival with sublethal effects as well as adversely affecting other insects and birds; and
- WHEREAS: Neonicotinoids are included in household pesticide products as well as in agriculture along with treated nursery plants. Home garden use has been found to occur at a rate 32 times higher than that approved for agricultural crops with most users oblivious to their serious impact; and
- WHEREAS: Based on evidence cities, states, and countries are increasingly banning neonicotinoids along with responsible retailers taking steps to stop selling them; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That California State Grange form an action team. take steps to educate the public and Community Granges about the threat of neonicotinoids and advocate for a ban similar to one adopted by the European Union; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That until a ban is in place that the California State Grange support measures to restrict the sale of nursery plants and seeds that have been treated with neonicotinoids making sure that these plants are clearly labeled with the danger of exposure to bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. Such labeling shall also be placed on household garden products sold to the public that contain neonicotinoids.

2019-028 - HONORING RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY IN THE  
GRANGE

**Submitted by Sebastopol Grange #306**

WHEREAS: The Grange has strived since its inception to be a faith based organization that is nonsectarian and non-denominational, open to all and welcoming those of good moral character regardless of religious belief; and

WHEREAS: Paragraph 1.12.1 of the Digest of Laws reads: Denominational religious or partisan political matters shall not be the subject of discussions in the work of the Order, and no religious or political tests for membership shall be applied; and

WHEREAS: Respect and appreciation for various faiths and cultures demonstrates our broader humanity and helps foster growth of the Grange; and

WHEREAS: The Grange meeting requirement that the Bible be placed on the altar implies for some or gives the appearance that the Grange excludes other faiths; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That paragraph 11.8.3 of the Digest of Laws be modified from "All Granges shall have the Bible open on the altar and the flag of the United States of America properly displayed in the Grange meeting room" to "All Granges shall have the bible open on the altar. Other books of faith may be included if a Grange so chooses. The flag of the United States of America shall be properly displayed in the Grange meeting room".

**2019-035 - AMEND ARTICLE IV ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP  
IN THE FORM OF BY-LAWS FOR  
SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGES  
Submitted by California State Grange Board of Directors**

WHEREAS: The Form of By-Laws for Subordinate/Community Granges was adopted to provide a framework to be used by a Grange for By-Laws, and

WHEREAS: When the Form of By-Laws is silent, the provision of the State Grange and National Grange By-laws shall apply, and

WHEREAS: There have been questions regarding the Form of By-Laws on how persons are elected to membership, that in order to provide clarification a new Section be added to Article IV Membership, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Suggested Form of By-Laws for Subordinate/Community Granges amend Article IV Membership to add a new Section 3, that shall read:

Section 3. Election to Membership

4.3.1 Election to membership shall be at a regular meeting at which a quorum is present. It may be made by paper ballot ("Yes" for acceptance -- "No" for rejection), election to membership will be made by a majority of the paper ballots cast. The conventional method of ballot box using balls and cubes may be used in place of a paper ballot.

4.3.2 Collective balloting may be used with classes of two or more candidates where the first ballot shall be cast for the group as a whole. In the event the class receives less than a majority of votes, the ballot must be taken on each candidate separately.

## 2019-036 - RESTRICTED FUNDS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

### Submitted by California State Grange Board of Directors

WHEREAS: The California State Grange has had a Restricted Fund held in the Asset Management funds for many years, with funds labeled GBO, GWA Youth, Junior, etc.; and

WHEREAS: In the assets of the California State Grange returned by the Court Receiver, there is an account marked Restricted Funds, in the amount of \$328,993.31, and

WHEREAS: There is no current documentation showing the amounts held for any specific funds or what was spent in each fund before being returned to the control of the State Grange, therefore be it resolved

RESOLVED: That the Restricted Funds returned to the California State Grange control in the amount \$328,993.31 be used for Membership and Leadership Development and apportioned as follows:

Youth/Junior/Youth Fair Program	\$ 20,000.00
Grange Expo	\$ 10,000.00
Convention Supplies and Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
Membership Development	\$293,993.31

**2019-037 - CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**Submitted by California State Grange Board of Directors**

Be it RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for the California State Grange Foundation, to be filed with the California Secretary of State establishing a Charitable Non-Profit organization for the California State Grange.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION  
ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is: CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION.

**ARTICLE II**

- A. This corporation is a nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes.
- B. The specific purposes of this corporation are to support the California State Grange's work, programs, and goals relating to: educational activities to the public concerning, but not limited to, the preservation of the agricultural heritage and traditions of California and the United States of America through publications, workshops, or otherwise; assistance in research as necessary to further these activities; educational assistance in the form of scholarships; provision for the public safety and general welfare of the populace of our state and nation; and contributions to other organizations that serve such purposes

**ARTICLE III**

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Lillian Booth  
Secretary, California State Grange  
3830 U Street  
Sacramento, CA 95817

**ARTICLE IV**

- A. This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- B. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## **ARTICLE V**

The name and addresses of the persons appointed to act as the initial Directors of this corporation are:

Jan Saxton  
2956 Anzar Rd  
Aromas CA 95004

Lillian Booth  
3055 Rae Creek Dr  
Chico, CA 95973

Erica Kroesen  
1437 South Main St  
Willits, CA 95490

Martha Stefenoni  
1537 Cunningham way  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

William Shaw  
1821 Red Hill Rd  
Junction City, CA 96048

Christina Webster  
11052 Gingerwood Way  
Rancho Cordova, CA 91109

William Booth  
3055 Rae Creek Dr  
Chico, CA 95973

Steven Hood  
1010 East Princeton Ave  
Fresno, CA 93704

Katie Squire  
1304 North Joaquin St  
Coalinga, CA 93210

Rachel Britten  
16200 North Highway 101  
Willits, CA 95490

All future directors of this corporation shall be elected by the membership of the California State Grange pursuant to the rules set forth in the Digest of Laws of the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry and the California State Grange's Constitution and By-Laws, as from time to time amended.

## **ARTICLE VI**

The corporation has a principal office. The street and mailing address of the principal office is:

3830 U Street  
Sacramento, CA 95817

## **ARTICLE VII**

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

The undersigned, being the persons named above as the initial directors have executed these Articles of Incorporation on Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Jan Saxton, Director  
Erica Kroesen, Director  
William Shaw, Director  
William Booth, Director  
Katie Squire, Director

Lillian Booth, Director  
Martha Stefenoni, Director  
Christina Webster, Director  
Steven Hood, Director  
Rachel Britten Director

2019-038 - COMPENSATION FOR ADDITIONAL DUTIES –  
STATE SECRETARY  
**Submitted by Audit and Budget Committee**

WHEREAS: When State Master Ed Kowski suddenly passed away, the responsibility for coordinating the various lawsuits was assigned to the State Secretary who was the "Person Most Knowledgeable"; and

WHEREAS: These duties include working with the various attorneys, doing research for Grange records, and records regarding deeds, changes of titles, etc., in an effort to get Subordinate Grange properties returned to the Grange, and

WHEREAS: These duties can account for anywhere from 20 to 40-plus hours per week; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the compensation of the current State Secretary be increased an additional \$1,500 per month for these additional duties, and be it further

RESOLVED: That this additional compensation be back-dated to November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and be it further

RESOLVED: That this additional compensation shall end when the additional duties end.

**2019-039R – RESOLUTION TO REDEFINE WHAT IS A  
FAMILY FOR THE PURPOSES OF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP.  
Submitted by Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development Committee**

RESOLVED: That section 4.6.6 of the National Grange Digest of Laws be amended to read:

**4.6.6 Subordinate Granges – Family Membership** – A family whose members are 14 years of age (thirteen years and six months or more) with an interest in the purposes of the Order may be proposed for membership in a Subordinate Grange as follows:

(A) The process of election to membership and becoming a full member for all members of the family shall be the same as for an individual.

(B) A family is a group of two or more people and shall consist of a couple and their dependents, or a single person and their dependents.

(C) Dependents who are absent due to illness, education or military service and legal dependents of over 14 years of age (thirteen years and six months or more) shall be considered part of their legal guardians' family.

(D) At such time as a member no longer qualifies as a dependent or becomes a single member the status of the member shall be as an individual with no interruption of their membership.

2019-041 - FREE HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CALIFORNIA  
RESIDENTS

**Submitted by Education and Health Committee**

RESOLVED      The California State Grange support and lobby for California's return to its historic policy of using public funds to provide free admission and tuition to all California residents to public state higher education systems, encompassing community colleges, California State University, and University of California institutions.

**2019-042 - NORTH AMERICA WILD HORSE STATUS**  
**Submitted by Agriculture and Water Committee**

- WHEREAS: The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 (Wild Horse and Burro Act) allows Congress to designate territories and management areas where "wild" horses and burros are protected from harassment and roundup with exemption to authorized management agencies; and,
- WHEREAS: The Wild Horse and Burro Act solely preserves a cultural icon and not a distinct species as horses and burros are not an endangered species; and,
- WHEREAS: Many "wild" horse and burro territories and management units are located in areas where the local ecology has been proven to be unsustainable for large populations of equines; and,
- WHEREAS: Many of these "wild" horse territories and management units have, since the passage of the Wild Horse and Burro Act, come to be ecologically devastated from over-grazing due to un-restricted herd growth, Therefore be it,
- RESOLVED: The California State Grange request Congress to review the benefits of the protections and restrictions established in Congressionally designated wild horse and burro management areas under the "Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971", and if necessary amend the act to prioritize balanced ecosystem management or repeal the act; and be it further,
- RESOLVED: The California state Grange request that the National Grange adopt a similar policy.

**2019-043 - CULTIVATION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP**  
**Submitted by Agriculture & Water Committee**

WHEREAS: The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, effective January 1, 2019, removed hemp from Schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act, and;

WHEREAS: Hemp serves multiple uses as a food, fiber, and oil crop as well as alternative for wood products and petroleum based plastics, and;

WHEREAS: In 2001 the California State Grange adopted policy stating it is in support of the cultivation of industrial hemp, but did not specify the difference between Industrial Hemp and Marijuana; Therefore be it;

RESOLVED: The California State Grange amend its public policy on Industrial Hemp as follows,  
"California State Grange supports the cultivation of industrial hemp, as defined under the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 as hemp plants having no more than 0.3% Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content" ,

and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, this resolution be sent to the National Grange for its consideration.

**2019-044 - RECLASSIFICATION OF MARIJUANA (CANNABIS)**  
**Submitted by Agriculture & Water Committee**

- WHEREAS: Marijuana is currently classified by the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (USDEA) as a Schedule I drug, and;
- WHEREAS: Schedule I drugs are defined as those that "have no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States<sup>1</sup>" and include dangerous drugs such as heroin, LSD and ecstasy, and;
- WHEREAS: Ten states have legalized the recreational use of marijuana (cannabis) with another 23 states legalizing marijuana (cannabis) for medical use. Therefore be it;
- RESOLVED: That the California State Grange supports the removal of marijuana (cannabis) from the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (USDEA) Schedule I classification, and be it further;
- RESOLVED: That upon adoption, the California State Grange forward this resolution to the National Grange for consideration.

**2019-045 – REVIEW & REVISION OF FIRST FOUR DEGREES**  
**Submitted by Grange Law/Grange Growth & Development Committee**

- WHEREAS: The degree work of the Subordinate/Community Grange has been, from the beginning, a cornerstone of the fabric of Grange culture, and;
- WHEREAS: The degrees of the Subordinate/Community Grange have mostly, for one reason or another, fallen into disuse, and;
- WHEREAS: The degree work can be relevant to younger generations if revised. Therefore be it;
- RESOLVED: That the National Grange Master/President appoint a committee to review the language of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Degrees, as well as the general aspects of the presentation of the degrees, and be it further;
- RESOLVED: That this committee consist of representatives from the National Grange membership, youth and communications departments, as well as one representative from each region, and be it finally;
- RESOLVED: That this committee will report back to the 2020 National Grange Convention with recommendations to be considered by the National Grange delegates and the Assembly of Demeter.

## 2019-047 - FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS ENFORCED VIA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

### **Submitted by Citizenship, Taxation, and Transportation Committee**

WHEREAS, According to the Congressional Budget Office, the partial government shutdown of the 2019 fiscal year had an economic impact of approximately 11 billion dollars, and

WHEREAS, Congress has, over the course of almost a decade, failed to complete their constitutionally required duty to complete the budget appropriations process after the president submits a budget near the start of the fiscal year, and as such the US federal government has been operating on continuing resolutions based off an imbalanced budget; and

WHEREAS, the US Constitution affords an alternative avenue for the people and states to apply an amendment to the US Constitution through the Article Five amendment process; and,

WHEREAS, the Article 5 process for amending the United States Constitution has several restrictions built in to narrow the scope of any amendments brought forth for consideration, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, The California State Grange revise its public policy to support an Article 5 amendment to the US Constitution requiring Congress pass a 12-month budget before the start of each federal fiscal year, and that failure to pass a budget before the federal fiscal year begins strips Congress of their pay and benefits until a budget is passed; and be it further,

RESOLVED, The California State Grange request that the National Grange adopt a similar policy.

## **POLICY STATEMENTS**

### **AUDIT & BUDGET COMMITTEE POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the policy of the Audit and Budget Committee

- To review the annual income and expenses of your State Grange including the audit report of the State Grange's outside auditors
- To review the annual memorandum on internal controls and accounting procedures prepared by the organizations outside auditors
- To review the annual budget for the ensuing year
- To be responsible for ensuring that the board of directors and membership are provided with accurate and timely financial information that serves to protect the well-being of the State Grange and supports the board in fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility.

## GRANGE GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

The growth and development of our Granges should be the top priority for every member across our state. The nature of our state and communities is continually changing and our Community Granges need to recognize those changes to maintain their relevance to the communities they serve. Grange growth is built of the activities of local Granges. As members, we must remember to ask potential members to join our Grange. Growth does not happen spontaneously; it happens when members ask someone to join.

We acknowledge the greater role that technology plays in our society and encourage each Grange to find a way to incorporate modern technology into the life of their Grange. Social media is a valuable and cost-effective tool to share Grange activities with the world. We encourage each Grange to establish a virtual presence through a well-maintained website or Facebook page.

We maintain that the ritual is as relevant today as it was 150 years ago. Its teachings are a valuable part of the Grange experience for both new members and seasoned Grangers. We challenge each Community and Pomona Grange to explore the use of the ritual in their meetings and life of their Granges. We urge each Community Grange to give new members the Welcoming Ceremony or Obligation Ceremony when they join, if the degree work is not available. We remind all members of the obligation they took upon joining the Grange and urge that they make every effort to live out the obligation both in and out of the Grange. Our motto "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity" is still representative of our core principles as an organization.

We recognize the importance of Grange youth development programs such as the Junior Grange and Grange Youth Fair Program in developing the next generation of Grange leaders. Each Grange should find a way to incorporate young people into the fabric of their Grange and work with State Grange leaders to develop Grange Youth Fair programs when applicable.

The success of this organization is ours to create. The Grange in California has advocated for the improvement of our state for almost 150 years. Through action we continue that legacy and build the Grange into a perpetual organization that will continue into the future.

## **FIFTH DEGREE TEAM**

### **FIFTH DEGREE CANDIDATES**

Anne Asperger	Laytonville Grange No. 726	Mendocino County
Laura Baynham	Anderson Valley Grange No.	Mendocino County
Lauren Benne	Redwood Valley Grange no.	Mendocino County
Carl Clinger	High Desert Grange No. 22	Fallon, Nevada
Nathan Craig	Coyote Grange No. 412	
Barbra Eberhardt	Laytonville Grange No. 726	Mendocino County
Mattea Ezgar	Coyote Grange no. 412	
Elise Englehardt-Mark		
	Coyote Grange No. 412	Monterey County
Cathy Monroe	Redwood Valley Grange	
Gloria Montero	High Desert Grange No. 22	Fallon, Nevada
Jill Moran	Aromas Grange No. 318	Monterey County
Virginia Shaw	North Fork Grange No. 763	Trinity County
Chas Smith	North Fork Grange No. 763	Trinity County
Robert Smith	Little Lake Grange No. 670	Mendocino County
Heather Stern	Coyote Grange No. 412	Monterey County
Shelby Tucker	Ono Grange No. 445	Shasta County

## SIXTH DEGREE CANDIDATES

Anne Asperger	Laytonville Grange No. 726	Mendocino County
Laura Baynham	Anderson Valley Grange No.	Mendocino County
Lauren Benne	Redwood Valley Grange no.	Mendocino County
Carl Clinger	High Desert Grange No. 22	Fallon, Nevada
Nathan Craig	Coyote Grange No. 412	
Barbra Eberhardt	Laytonville Grange No. 726	Mendocino County
Mattea Ezgar	Coyote Grange no. 412	
Elise Englehardt-Mark		
	Coyote Grange No. 412	Monterey County
Lynn Mello	Aromas Grange No. 361	Monterey County
Cathy Monroe	Redwood Valley Grange	Mendocino County
Gloria Montero	High Desert Grange No. 22	Fallon, Nevada
Jill Moran	Aromas Grange No. 318	Monterey County
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## RECOGNITION

### Grange Anniversaries

Award	Grange	Chartered
120	Geyserville Grange No. 312	7/01/1899
115	Santa Clara Pomona Grange No. 4	10/1/1904
95	Rio Linda Grange No. 403	6/18/1924
85	Kern Pomona Grange No. 26	9/15/1934
	Stanislaus-Mt. View Grange No.	
85	558	4/30/1934
85	Buena Vista Grange No. 564	6/30/1934
85	Rosedale Grange No. 565	7/24/1934
85	Mattole Grange No. 569	8/25/1934
85	Fairfax Grange No. 570	9/5/1934
85	Lake Earl Grange No. 577	12/3/1934
85	Kings Pomona Grange No. 28	9/24/1934
80	Ione Grange No. 681	6/20/1939
75	Calaveras Grange No. 715	10/5/1944
70	Laytonville Grange No. 726	6/20/1949
70	Grover City Grange No. 746	1/26/1949
70	Mountain Springs Grange No. 754	6/23/1949
	Orcutt-Sisquoc Community Grange	
5	No. 651	1/1/2014
5	Santa Clara Valley Grange No. 838	1/1/2014

## Continuous Membership Awards

Awards	Name	Date Joined	Grange
85 Years	Miles, Elia	01-Dec-34	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
75 Years	Moore, Viola	01-Jan-44	Prunedale Grange No. 388
70 Years	Ash, Wilma	01-Oct-49	Gilroy Grange No. 398
70 Years	Daley, La Verne	01-Feb-49	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
70 Years	Mello, Sara	01-Sep-49	Aptos Grange No. 800
70 Years	Mirassou, Joyce	01-Oct-49	Mt. Hamilton Grange No. 469
70 Years	Skow, Doris	01-Aug-49	Gilroy Grange No. 398
70 Years	Spencer, Kenneth	01-Jun-49	Mountain Springs Grange No. 754
70 Years	Wingfield, Darlene	01-Feb-49	Rosedale Grange No. 565
65 Years	Dowden, Iris	01-Jun-54	Marina Grange No. 518
65 Years	Kelley, Beverly	01-Jan-54	San Bernardo Grange No. 506
65 Years	Kocsi, Betty Lou	01-Feb-54	Grover City Grange No. 746
65 Years	Mc Ginnis, Jim	01-Jan-54	Central Union Grange No. 559
65 Years	Murray, Arthur	01-Jan-54	Windsor Grange No. 410
65 Years	Roberti, Helen	01-Sep-54	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
65 Years	Toms, Ernest	01-Mar-54	Anderson Grange No. 418
60 Years	Barnes, Claudia	01-Oct-59	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
60 Years	Bell, Alvin	01-May-59	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
60 Years	Bell, Elizabeth	01-May-59	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
60 Years	Dennis, Carol	01-May-59	Costa Mesa Grange No. 612
60 Years	Peer, Janice	01-Jun-59	Rosedale Grange No. 565
60 Years	Rea, Barbra	31-Dec-59	Central Union Grange No. 559
60 Years	Reif, Leona	01-Jul-59	Gilroy Grange No. 398
60 Years	Veregge, Fred	01-Jul-59	Winton Grange No. 531
55 Years	Consoli, Pauline	01-Sep-64	Escalon Grange No. 447
55 Years	Doran, Elizabeth	01-Nov-64	Buena Vista Grange No. 564
55 Years	Doran, Robert	01-Nov-64	Buena Vista Grange No. 564
55 Years	Grizard, P	01-Mar-64	Windsor Grange No. 410
55 Years	Grizard, Trudy	01-Mar-64	Windsor Grange No. 410
55 Years	Hawes, Glenn	01-Feb-64	Anderson Grange No. 418
55 Years	Johnson, Beatrice	01-Nov-64	Escalon Grange No. 447
55 Years	Lawrence, Kathie	01-Apr-64	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
55 Years	Silva, Evelyn	01-Mar-64	Windsor Grange No. 410
55 Years	Silva, Salvador	01-Mar-64	Windsor Grange No. 410
55 Years	Viau, Carol	01-Apr-64	Prunedale Grange No. 388
55 Years	Walker, W	01-Apr-64	Hangtown Grange No. 464
55 Years	Warren, Gwen	01-Jun-64	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
50 Years	Anderson, Kathleen	01-Dec-69	Rincon Valley Grange No. 710
50 Years	Booth, William	01-Feb-69	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
50 Years	Feimer, Joyce	01-Jun-69	Cupertino Grange No. 739
50 Years	Folena, Dorothy	01-Mar-69	Bodega Bay Grange No. 777
50 Years	Harrison, Amelia "Amy"	01-Apr-69	Palermo Grange No. 493
50 Years	Mc Kee, Steven	01-Sep-69	Cupertino Grange No. 739
50 Years	Nakamura, Gary	01-Sep-69	Mt. Hamilton Grange No. 469
50 Years	Nakamura, Phyllis	01-Sep-69	Mt. Hamilton Grange No. 469
50 Years	Schunnehan, Barbara	01-Dec-69	Cupertino Grange No. 739
50 Years	Schunnehan, Jimmy	01-Jun-69	Cupertino Grange No. 739
45 Years	Betschart, Gregory	01-Apr-74	Windsor Grange No. 410
45 Years	Duncil, Phyllis	01-Dec-74	Central Union Grange No. 559
45 Years	Geissler, Apolonia	01-Aug-74	Central Union Grange No. 559

45 Years	Jones, Sally	01-Sep-74	Mad River Grange No. 590
45 Years	Karstens, Martha	01-Jun-74	Big Sur Grange No. 742
45 Years	Lial, Raymond	01-Mar-74	Ripon Grange No. 511
45 Years	Moreau, Arthur	01-Nov-74	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
45 Years	Moreau, Christine	01-Nov-74	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
45 Years	Otto, Michelena	01-Oct-74	Mattole Grange No. 569
45 Years	Rebich, William	01-Sep-74	Windsor Grange No. 410
45 Years	Sanny, Carolyn	01-Jun-74	Ripon Grange No. 511
45 Years	Snyder, Jerry	01-May-74	Gold Trail Grange No. 452
45 Years	Sullivan, June	01-Sep-74	Mad River Grange No. 590
45 Years	Watson, Kathy	01-Jan-74	Dows Prairie Grange No. 505
40 Years	Bastian, Bob	06-Jun-79	Rio Linda Grange No. 403
40 Years	Blagrove, Larry	01-May-79	Ono Grange No. 445
40 Years	Graham, Elwood	01-Mar-79	Mattole Grange No. 569
40 Years	Gust, Joanne	01-Sep-79	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
40 Years	Jones, Romilda	01-Jun-79	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
40 Years	Larrigan, Darelld	01-Dec-79	Ione Grange No. 681
40 Years	Loechelt, Christina	01-Dec-79	Costa Mesa Grange No. 612
40 Years	Munderloh, Robin	01-Sep-79	Windsor Grange No. 410
40 Years	Munderloh, Robin	01-Sep-79	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
40 Years	Munderloh, Walter	01-Sep-79	Windsor Grange No. 410
40 Years	Torre, Gary	01-Jun-79	Cupertino Grange No. 739
40 Years	Torre, Mary	01-Jun-79	Cupertino Grange No. 739
40 Years	Treat, Steven	01-Sep-79	Bear Creek Grange No. 530
40 Years	Treat, Tim	01-Dec-79	Bear Creek Grange No. 530
40 Years	Trotter, Mary	01-Jan-79	Big Sur Grange No. 742
40 Years	Wolf, Nancy	01-Jun-79	Mt. Hamilton Grange No. 469
40 Years	Wolf, Ronald	01-Jun-79	Mt. Hamilton Grange No. 469
40 Years	Ybarra, Dora	01-Sep-79	Aptos Grange No. 800
35 Years	Betschart, Loretta	01-Mar-84	Humboldt Grange No. 501
35 Years	Betschart, Robert	01-Mar-84	Humboldt Grange No. 501
35 Years	De Belle, Catherine	01-Jun-84	Prunedale Grange No. 388
35 Years	Eckles, Archie	01-Apr-84	Windsor Grange No. 410
35 Years	Elston, Laura	01-Jan-84	Aptos Grange No. 800
35 Years	Fay, Janet	01-Sep-84	Buena Vista Grange No. 564
35 Years	Kroesen, Erica	01-Aug-84	Little Lake Grange No. 670
35 Years	Nixon, Michael	01-Mar-84	Cloverdale Grange No. 456
35 Years	Perlmutter, Alan	06-Sep-84	Big Sur Grange No. 742
35 Years	Rensted, John	01-Apr-84	Ceres Grange No. 520
35 Years	Sanders, Nancy	01-Sep-84	Big Sur Grange No. 742
35 Years	Squire, Kirk	01-Sep-84	Central Union Grange No. 559
35 Years	Summers, Cindy Lou	01-Aug-84	Big Sur Grange No. 742
35 Years	Yarnal, Danny	01-Sep-84	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
35 Years	Yarnal, Jill	01-Sep-84	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
35 Years	Zunino, Joel	01-Jan-84	Geyserville Grange No. 312
35 Years	Zunino, Kathleen	01-Jan-84	Geyserville Grange No. 312
30 Years	Adams, Yvette	01-Jan-89	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
30 Years	Bolton, Dorothy	01-Feb-89	Costa Mesa Grange No. 612
30 Years	Bunch, Judy Lee	01-May-89	Gold Trail Grange No. 452
30 Years	Chandler, Laura	01-Sep-89	Palermo Grange No. 493
30 Years	Compton, Bill	01-Oct-89	Grover City Grange No. 746
30 Years	Compton, Joan	01-Oct-89	Grover City Grange No. 746
30 Years	Goodale, Marjory "Peggy"	01-Jan-89	Big Sur Grange No. 742
30 Years	Heatherly, Daren	01-Nov-89	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
30 Years	Jacobsen, Renee	01-Oct-89	Mattole Grange No. 569
30 Years	King, Michael	01-Jan-89	Dows Prairie Grange No. 505

30 Years	Knigge, Ileshia	01-Jun-89	Ione Grange No. 681
30 Years	Lange, Robert	01-Apr-89	Grover City Grange No. 746
30 Years	Lange, Sharon	01-May-89	Grover City Grange No. 746
30 Years	Lowe, Myra	01-Feb-89	Humboldt Grange No. 501
30 Years	Marler, Randall	01-Aug-89	Fort Bragg Grange No. 672
30 Years	Modena, Hank	01-Nov-89	Cupertino Grange No. 739
30 Years	Moon-Okerstrom, Hazel	01-Sep-89	Little Lake Grange No. 670
30 Years	Powers, Shirley	01-Mar-89	Ono Grange No. 445
30 Years	Ramirez-Heather, Irma	01-Nov-89	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
30 Years	Samoske, Joseph	01-Mar-89	Buena Vista Grange No. 564
30 Years	Samoske, Sandra	01-Mar-89	Buena Vista Grange No. 564
30 Years	Smolenski, Evon	01-Feb-89	Anderson Grange No. 418
30 Years	Solus, Richard	01-Mar-89	Gazelle Grange No. 380
30 Years	Spini, Ben	01-Nov-89	Mad River Grange No. 590
30 Years	Spini, Pat	01-Nov-89	Mad River Grange No. 590
30 Years	Vinyard, Alyce	01-Oct-89	Rainbow Valley Grange No. 689
25 Years	Bartholomew, Sandra	01-Apr-94	Hangtown Grange No. 464
25 Years	Beckwith, Douglas	01-Mar-94	Ripon Grange No. 511
25 Years	Beckwith, Mary	01-Mar-94	Ripon Grange No. 511
25 Years	Benner, James	01-Jan-94	Ono Grange No. 445
25 Years	Benner, Nona	01-Jan-94	Ono Grange No. 445
25 Years	Blanchard, Sandy	01-Jun-94	Rosedale Grange No. 565
25 Years	Brown, Jacqueline	01-Jan-94	Gazelle Grange No. 380
25 Years	Coats, Randy	01-Dec-94	Rosedale Grange No. 565
25 Years	De Jounge, Lucie	01-May-94	Los Alamos Valley Grange No. 647
25 Years	Diltz, Laverne	01-Apr-94	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
25 Years	Finch, Sally	01-Nov-94	Ione Grange No. 681
25 Years	Finnigan, Julia	01-Jun-94	Hangtown Grange No. 464
25 Years	Fish, Meadow "Nancy"	01-Sep-94	Whitesboro Grange No. 766
25 Years	Holland, Frederic	01-May-94	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
25 Years	Hoover, Juanita	01-Aug-94	Welcome Grange No. 791
25 Years	Kroeber, Clifton	01-Jan-94	Anderson Valley Grange No. 669
25 Years	Latham, Betty	01-Nov-94	Whitesboro Grange No. 766
25 Years	Lopez, Martin	01-Jan-94	Central Union Grange No. 559
25 Years	Malmin, Judy	01-Jun-94	Corralitos Grange No. 487
25 Years	Ormsby, Carol	01-Dec-94	Orangevale Grange No. 354
25 Years	Peters, Elizabaeth	01-Feb-94	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
25 Years	Peters, Gerald	01-Feb-94	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
25 Years	Rebich, Karlene	01-Jan-94	Windsor Grange No. 410
25 Years	Severson, Carol Ann	01-Nov-94	Palermo Grange No. 493
25 Years	Spain, Shirley	01-Jun-94	Corralitos Grange No. 487
25 Years	Tynan, Brandon	01-Oct-94	Windsor Grange No. 410
25 Years	Ward, Michael	01-May-94	Rosedale Grange No. 565

# 2019 GRANGE EXPO AWARDS

Rincon Valley Grange Hall

October 12-15, 2019

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### ***Department 10 - Fine Arts***

#### **Section A2 - Junior 10-14**

##### ***Class 1 - Painting***

1st	Samantha Hood	Central Union Grange
2nd	Samantha Hood	Central Union Grange

#### ***Section B - Youth***

##### ***Class 2 - Drawing***

1st	Leannandra Larson	Central Union Grange
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#### ***Section C - Senior***

##### ***Class 1 - Painting***

1st	Christina Webster	Orangevale Grange
2nd	Eleanor Bruce	Little Lake Grange
3rd	Steven Hood	Central Union Grange
HM	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange

##### ***Class 3 - Other***

1st	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange
2nd	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange

### ***Department 15 - Banners & Posters***

#### ***Section C – Senior***

##### ***Class 3 - Poster, Any Other***

1st	Robert Smith	Little Lake Grange
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### ***Department 20 - Artisan Crafts***

#### ***Section C - Senior***

##### ***Class 3 - Any Other Kind***

1st	Tim Easterbrook	Redwood Valley Grange
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Judy Byers	Dow's Prairie Grange
3rd	Judy Byers	Dow's Prairie Grange

### ***Department 33 - General Crafts***

#### ***Section C – Senior***

##### ***Class 1 – Recycled Craft Item***

1st	Catherine Winslow	Coyote Grange
2nd	Catherine Winslow	Coyote Grange
3rd	Mike Guarzi	Windsor Grange
HM	Catherine Winslow	Coyote Grange

***Class 4 - Any Other Craft item***

1st	Judy Byers	Dow's Prairie Grange
2nd	Judy Byers	Dow's Prairie Grange
3rd	Phyllis Duncil	Central Union Grange
HM	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange

***Department 40 - Creative Writing***

**Section C – Senior**

***Class 2 - Poetry***

1st	Erica Kroesen	Little Lake Grange
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***Class 3 - Expository or Informational***

1st	Erica Kroesen	Little Lake Grange
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**Department 115 - Folding Display**

**Section C - Senior (36+)**

***Class 1 - Folding Display***

1st	Robin Turnquist	Aptos Grange
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**Department 120 - Collections**

**Section C - Senior**

***Class 1 - Any Kind 1st***

1st	Charley Betschart	Windsor Grange
2nd	Marilla Peeler	Fort Bragg Grange
3rd	Heather Stern	Coyote Grange

**BAKING AND CONFECTIONS**

**Department 150 - Quick Bread**

**Section C - Senior**

***Class 1 - Loaf***

1st	Charley Betschart	Windsor Grange
2nd	Marilla Peeler	Fort Bragg Grange
3rd	Heather Stern	Coyote Grange

**Department 151 - Yeast Bread**

**Section C – Senior**

***Class 1 - Loaf - any kind***

2nd	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange
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**Department 152 – Cookie**

**Section C - Senior**

***Class 2 - Drop***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ann Larson	Central Union Grange
2nd	Erica Kroesen	Little Lake Grange
3rd	Erica Kroesen	Little Lake Grange

**Department 153 - Cake**

**Section C - Senior**

***Class 1 - Wacky Cake - Any Kind***

2nd	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange
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### **Department 160 - Candy**

#### **Section C - Senior**

##### ***Class 3 - Chocolate***

1st	Marilla Peeler	Fort Bragg Grange
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## **CANNING & FOOD PRESERVATION**

### **Department 180 - Canning - Fruit**

#### **Section C - Senior**

##### ***Class 1 - Fruit***

1st	Julie Rhode	Dow's Prairie Grange
3rd	Jini Reynolds	Redwood Valley Grange

##### ***Class 2 - Sauce***

1st	Jini Reynolds	Redwood Valley Grange
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##### ***Class 3 - Juice***

2nd	Jini Reynolds	Redwood Valley Grange
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### **Department 182 - Canning - Vegetables**

#### **Section C - Senior**

##### ***Class 2 - Tomatoes***

3rd	Ginger Shaw	North Fork Grange
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##### ***Class 4 - Any Other kind***

1st	Julie Rhodes	Dow's Prairie Grange
2nd	Ginger Shaw	North Fork Grange
3rd	Julie Rhodes	Dow's Prairie Grange
HM	Julie Rhodes	Dow's Prairie Grange

### **Department 184 - Canning - Pickled Foods**

#### **Section C - Senior**

##### ***Class 5 - Relish***

1st	Julie Rhodes	Dow's Prairie Grange
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##### ***Class 6 - Any other kind***

1st	Julie Rhodes	Dow's Prairie Grange
2nd	Ginger Shaw	North Fork Grange

## **Department 185 - Canning - Jam**

### **Section C - Senior**

#### ***Class 3 - Mixed Fruit***

1st	Elsie Engelhardt	Coyote Grange
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange
3rd	Laura Benne	Redwood Valley Grange

#### ***Class 4 - Any other kind***

1st	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ann Larson	Central Union Grange
3rd	Julie Rhodes	Dow's Prairie Grange
HM	Laura Benne	Redwood Valley Grange

## **Department 186 - Canning - Jelly**

### **Section C - Senior**

#### ***Class 4 - Mixed Fruit***

1st	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange
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#### ***Class 5 - Any Other Kind***

2nd	Julie Rhodes	Dow's Prairie Grange
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## **Department 187 - Canning - Other**

### **Soft Spreads Section C - Senior**

#### ***Class 3 - Conserve***

1st	Laura Benne	Redwood Valley Grange
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#### ***Class 4 - Any Other, describe***

1st	Laura Benne	Redwood Valley Grange
2nd	Ann Larson	Central Union Grange

## **Department 188 - Canned & Bottled Liquids**

### **Section C - Senior**

#### ***Class 1 - Juice or Beverage***

1st	Nathan Craig	Coyote Grange
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#### ***Class 2 - Syrup or Topping***

2nd	Elsie Engelhardt	Coyote Grange
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#### ***Class 4 - Any Other, describe***

1st	Joseph Rhodes	Dow's Prairie Grange
2nd	Joseph Rhodes	Dow's Prairie Grange

## **Department 190 - Dried Foods**

#### ***Class 1 - Fruit***

1st	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
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#### ***Class 2 - Herbs***

1st	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
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## TEXTILES

### Department 210 – Needle Arts - Handwork

#### Section C - Senior

##### *Class 2 - Small item (less than 14")*

1st	Darlene Wingfield	Rosedale Grange
2nd	Rosemary Hansen	Anderson Grange

##### *Class 4 – Any Other*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange
2nd	Rosemary Hansen	Anderson Grange
3rd	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange

##### *Class 7 - Baby set*

1st	Rosemary Hansen	Anderson Grange
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##### *Class 8 - Cap, hat, scarf*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sue Taylor	Central Union Grange
2nd	Shannon Willette	Rosedale Grange
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kozan Richardson	Dow's Prairie Grange

##### *Class 9 - Sweater*

1st	Naomi Fletcher	Orangevale Grange
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##### *Class 10 - any other*

1st	Darlene Wingfield	Rosedale Grange
2nd	Kozan Richardson	Dow's Prairie Grange

##### *Class 13 - Needlepoint/plastic canvas*

1st	Phyllis Duncil	Central Union Grange
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### Department 225 - National Grange Quilt Block

#### Section D - Adult (14+)

##### *Class 1 - Any kind*

1st	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange
2nd	Naomi Fletcher	Orangevale Grange

### Department 230 - Weaving, Misc. & Mixed Tech.

#### Section C - Senior

##### *Class 1 - Weaving*

1st	Naomi Fletcher	Orangevale Grange
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### Department 240 - Sewing – Clothing

#### Section C - Senior

##### *Class 2 - Coordinated outfit, 2-3 pieces*

1st	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange
2nd	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange

##### *Class 3 - Dress*

1st	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eleanor Bruce	Little Lake Grange

***Class 4 - Jacket or Coat***

1st	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange
2nd	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange

**Department 250 - Sewing - Household Creations**

**Section C - Senior**

***Class 2 - Accessories***

1st	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange
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***Class 3 - Any other item, specify***

1st	Shannon Willette	Rosedale Grange
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**Department 260 - Stuffed Toy Section C - Senior**

***Class 1 - Animal***

1st	Kozan Richardson	Dow's Prairie Grange
2nd	Shannon Willette	Rosedale Grange

***Class 3 - Any other kind***

1st	Kozan Richardson	Dow's Prairie Grange
2nd	Kozan Richardson	Dow's Prairie Grange

**Department 270 - Wearable Art**

**Section C - Senior**

***Class 5 - Painted, Stenciled***

2nd	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange
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***Class 7 - Any other, specify***

1st	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange
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**Department 300 - Miscellaneous**

**Section C - Senior**

***Class 1 - Any other***

1st	Judy Byers	Dow's Prairie Grange
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***Class 2 - Handbag***

1st	Shannon Willette	Rosedale Grange
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**AGRICULTURE**

**Department 310 - Field Crops & Garden Seed**

**Section C - Senior**

***Class 1 - Bulk Seed, any variety***

1st	Leroy A Squire	Central Union Grange
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***Class 2 - Grain Sheaves***

1st	Leroy A Squire	Central Union Grange
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***Class 4 - Corn, dry on cob***

1st	Katie J Squire	Central Union Grange
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## **Department 312 - Vegetables**

### **Section C - Senior**

#### ***Class 3 – Tomatoes***

1st     Elsie   Engelhardt                   Coyote Grange

#### ***Class 5 - Pumpkin***

1st     Erica   Kroesen                   Little Lake Grange

#### ***Class 6 - Any other, identify***

1<sup>st</sup>     Steven Hood                   Central Union Grange

2<sup>nd</sup>     Elsie   Engelhardt                   Coyote Grange

3<sup>rd</sup>     Steven Hood                   Central Union Grange

## **Department 314 - Fruit**

### **Section C - Senior**

#### ***Class 3 - Any other fruit***

2<sup>nd</sup>     Elsie   Engelhardt                   Coyote Grange

## **Department 319 – Eggs**

### **Section C - Senior**

#### ***Class 1 - Eggs, specify species/variety***

1<sup>st</sup>     Steven Hood                   Central Union Grange

2<sup>nd</sup>     Steven Hood                   Central Union Grange

3<sup>rd</sup>     Elsie Engelhardt                   Coyote Grange

## **Department 330 - Agricultural Fibers**

### **Section C – Senior**

#### ***Class 3 -Any other kind***

1<sup>st</sup>     Cathy   Monroe                   Redwood Valley Grange

## **GRANGE'S GOT TALENT**

## **Department 340 - Talent Show**

### **Section D – Open**

#### ***Class 1 - Variety***

1<sup>st</sup>     Nuestra Herencia Mexicana   High Desert Grange

2<sup>nd</sup>     Earlene   Gleisner                   Little Lake Grange

3<sup>rd</sup>     Suzanne   Davis                   Ono Grange

#### ***Class 2 - Vocal***

1<sup>st</sup>     Lawrence   Jaffe                   Petaluma Grange

2<sup>nd</sup>     Elsie   Engelhardt                   Coyote Grange

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### Department 370 - Photography

#### Section C - Senior

##### ***Class 1 - Landscape/Seascape***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christina Webster	Orangevale Grange
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steven Hood	Central Union Grange
HM	Carol Bechtel	Central Union Grange

##### ***Class 2 - Portrait***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Steven Hood	Central Union Grange
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##### ***Class 3 - Macro***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Christina Webster	Orangevale Grange
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Leroy Squire	Central Union Grange
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steven Hood	Central Union Grange
HM	Shannon Willette	Rosedale Grange

##### ***Class 4 - Animals***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shannon Willette	Rosedale Grange
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christina Webster	Orangevale Grange
HM	Steven Hood	Central Union Grange

##### ***Class 5 - Agriculture***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steven Hood	Central Union Grange
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leroy Squire	Central Union Grange
HM	Leroy Squire	Central Union Grange

##### ***Class 6 - Family***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Amanda Kelsey	Central Union Grange
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amanda Kelsey	Central Union Grange
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carol Bechtel	Central Union Grange
HM	Carol Bechtel	Central Union Grange

##### ***Class 7 - Computer Manipulated***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Albert Bechtel	Central Union Grange
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leroy Squire	Central Union Grange
HM	Albert Bechtel	Central Union Grange

### Department 390 - Ag Mechanics & Industrial Tech

#### Section C - Senior

##### ***Class 1 - Large Project, album/display***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Charles Betschart	Little Lake Grange
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### Department 400 - Computer Design Section C - Senior

##### ***Class 1 - Artwork any type 2D or 3D***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Eugene Fletcher	Orangevale Grange
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***Class 2 - Grange Flyer or Brochure***

1st Amanda Kelsey Central Union Grange

**Department 430 - Woodworking**

**Section B - Youth**

***Class 3 - Machine Carved***

2nd Leandra Larson Central Union Grange

***Class 5 - Machine turned (lathe)***

1st Leandra Larson Central Union Grange

**Section C - Senior**

***Class 2 - Self-cut***

1st Stefene Blackburn Central Union Grange

2nd Stefene Blackburn Central Union Grange

***Class 3 - Machine Carved***

1st Elsie Engelhardt Coyote Grange

***Class 5 - Machine turned (lathe)***

2nd Michael Evenson Mattole Grange

3rd Michael Evenson Mattole Grange

**BEST OF SHOW AWARDS**

**ART- JUNIOR**

Samantha Hood Central Union Grange

**ART – YOUTH**

Leandra Larson Central Union Grange

**ART – SENIOR**

Christina Webster Orangevale Grange

**CANNING – SENIOR**

Katie Squire Central Union Grange

**BAKING & CONFECTIONS -SENIOR**

Marilla Peeler Fort Bragg Grange

**TEXTILES - SENIOR**

Katie J Squire Central Union Grange

**AGRICULTURE -SENIOR**

Leroy A Squire Central Union Grange

**PHOTOGRAPHY SENIOR**

Katie J Squire Central Union Grange

**TALENT SHOW – OPEN**

Nuestra Herencia Mexicana Dancers High Desert Grange – Fallon, NV

## **STATE MASTER'S RULINGS**

No rulings on By-Laws or other matters were requested during this year.