

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY**  
**MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

April 8, 2015

The monthly Board of Directors Meeting was held at the Dayton Valley Community Center, Dayton NV.

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 am by President Linda Adams.

Board Members present: Linda Adams, Linda Clements, Mabel Masterman, Grace Ricci, Gretchen Arndt, Phyllis King and Laura Tennant. Absent: Sheila Hodach. Others present: Lynne Ballatore.

**MINUTES:**

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of March 11, 2015 Board of Director’s meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

- Grace presented March Monthly Income and Expenses Report. Starting Balance: \$4,994.13, Income: \$1,940.55, Expenses \$1,985.55, Ending Balance: \$4,949.13. Lynne Ballatore noted Check #1184 cancelled because a replacement check was issued. HSDV 2015 Quarter #1 financial report distributed and discussed. Questions regarding quarterly reports will be handled by Grace and Lynne since they prepare the reports. A motion was made to accept the March 2015 Income/Expenses and the HSDV 2015 Quarter #1 financial reports as presented. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.
- Discussion regarding consortiums used on monthly Income/Expense report resulting in 2 policies being established. Aside from a few exceptions, books sold at the gift shop will be listed under “book sales” (not by book titles). Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously. An additional motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously calling for detailed inventory records on all items bought and sold through the gift shop to be tracked by Museum Gift Shop lead and kept separate from Treasurer’s reports.

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

- IRS acknowledgement received advising extension request, 2014 filing was approved; application from Dayton Valley Days; and thank you received from a recent group given a private tour.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

- Mabel conveyed “Meet-n-Greet” event for 12 Lyon County women featured in “Nevada Women’s Legacy-150 Years of Excellence” Sesquicentennial book was extremely successful. Nine of those from Lyon County featured attended. A woman featured in Elko County section came among the 78 + guests. A continuous video featuring abridged snippet(s) of women from other Nevada counties proved to be quite popular. Linda Clements (overseer-Dayton’s participation, Women of Diversity Project) and Vicki Kinney, Membership Chair and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Museum Program co-hosted the event.
- Barbara Peck, Chair of 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Dayton School Program, and committee, finished the first portion of preparatory work for classroom presentations. Done yearly during April and May program has 3 separate activity segments. First classroom presentation was Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and first field trip has been scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Publicity for HSDV upcoming lecture series has gone out to the media. Updated 2015 HSDV Events Calendar is now available.
- On Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Mabel represented HSDV at a Pony Express Association event in Carson City. The Nevada Division dedicated the first in a series of “home express stations” along XP routes in all 8 states. Nevada’s PONY EXPRESS HOME STATION #1, located at the Nevada Day Store in Carson City, is the first of the eventual series. Events included a proclamation by Carson City Mayor, unveiling a descriptive plaque, brief history of *XP home station* concept presented by President-Nevada Division, horse and rider mochila exchange, Chautauqua performances including one where everyone present raised their right hand and repeated oath taken by early Pony Express riders, performance by The Mayfield Gang, and (last but not least) The Naughty Tea Mistresses of Nevada. Mabel noted her appreciation for being able to represent us.

**UPDATES (OLD BUSINESS):**

- **IRS Tax filing for 2014:** Local business who is doing our tax filings, pro-bono, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tax Consultants, notified us via email that due to their workload, an extension had been filed with IRS.

- **C&C working group:** Linda C. gave updates relating to RRWG; Steve Knowles-2015 Chair; Lynne Ballatore-Secretary; Duncan Lee-NCOT Marketing/grant requests; upcoming Saturday will be a clean-up day at Depot. After discussion regarding unsafe/deteriorating old wood fence between Depot and J's Bistro, board members agreed fence needs to be removed by RRWG. Pending formal Comstock Historic District Commission approval, wire fence, typical of 1880s era is being considered. Board agreed storage of flatbed trailer and Kiwanis caboose need to be addressed. Flatbed to be stored at Laura/Stony's house. RRWG will discuss various options at their next meeting on future storage for Kiwanis caboose.
- **Separate "loan" Policy for RR items:** Railroading related artifacts fall under different logistics than Museum artifacts due to their nature. RRWG requested HSDV consider a specific loan policy for these items. Several points were brought up and discussed. Linda C will accept input and bring subject and possible resolutions back for consideration at a future meeting.
- **Civil War Veteran Memorial Service:** April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting being held for all organizations involved in event. Linda C. will represent HSDV. We will pursue available options for getting chairs set up and taken down at Cemetery. Phyllis to spray paint older metallic chairs. Board was open to suggestion. Discussed providing water/light refreshments at Museum after ceremony. Mabel read into the record a March 27, 2015 email response from Josh Foley stating that..."Since you are hosting the event Lyon County would only require you to have insurance."
- **Room Tax:** Discussion ensued. A motion was made, seconded and passed clarifying room tax money should go towards our most valuable or important event. Laura and Linda C. will oversee application. Laura, Gretchen and Gloria Manning will attend tax meeting.
- **Inventory Binder review:** Phyllis presented an overview of supplies/Gift Shop inventory binder. Pat Neylan will work with Phyllis as back-up.
- **May lecture set-up:** Discussed. Volunteers will set up. Hospitality providing light refreshments. Laura to pursue.
- **May 9<sup>th</sup> Historic Schools of Comstock Tour:** Museum will accept Tour payments. Lynne to be assisted by Stacy Mathis and Phyllis.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Sale of "old books":** Phyllis advised of a lead for selling the old books. After discussing, a motion was made, seconded and approved that a realistic figure, low \$800.00 to possible \$1100.00 high be authorized; no personal checks, only cash or cashiers checks will be accepted.
- **Rummage Sale:** Moved to June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> due to Oodles of Noodles date change.
- **2015 Oodles of Noodles fee:** Historically waived for HSDV. Laura contacting Dayton Valley Chamber of Commerce for resolution. Gretchen will be HSDV booth Chair.
- **PET Conference:** Laura clarified an April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting in Carson City was being held during the conference.
- **April History Moment:** Gretchen will be the presenter for April 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS:**

- Laura noted that to receive the best discount we need to "pre-order" her upcoming Dayton history book before July 8<sup>th</sup>. Discussion. Motion made and seconded to pre-purchase no less than 400 books, provided the generous 59% discount is given to us (shipping costs are unknown), using money from our General CD. Motion passed unanimously. Book signing event still in planning stage.
- It was confirmed "storage" of some seasonal items, previously kept in the Museum were moved out to the unheated JohnD Workshop. Gretchen expressed discontent due to lack of notification, vocalizing additional concerns. Seemingly, 2 special framed paintings of local interest/value (stored in Museum) have yet to be found.

#### **ADJOURN:**

- Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 12:25pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/s M. E. Masterman*

Mabel Masterman, Secretary