

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY
MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 12, 2015

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

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

Board Members present: Linda Clements, Lynne Ballatore, Mabel Masterman, Grace Ricci, Sheila Hodach, Phyllis King, Gretchen Arndt and Laura Tennant. Others present: Gloria Manning, MaryAnn & Andy Sichak.

MINUTES:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of July 8, 2015 Board of Director's meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Grace presented July Monthly Income and Expenses Report. Starting Balance: \$5,642.45, Income: \$1,157.96, Expenses: \$1,222.97, Ending Balance: \$5,577.54. It was noted that due to \$53.56 taken from museum register for purchases that did not go through the checking account, the statement included technical adjustments to match bank statement A motion was made to accept the July 2015 Income/Expenses financial report as presented. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDANCE:

- A communication was received from Nevada Humanities. However it was noted by Secretary that in 2005 members established that in keeping with our past practice(s) we would continue to contribute only tangible items to other organizations rather than bequeathing a cash donation. Folder containing other communications not requiring action was passed around for review (or not).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Linda approached the subject of possibly establishing a Pay Pal account which would allow us to promote sales of DAYTON book through our web site. She gave a brief overview of basic Pay Pal process. Overall, board members felt moderately comfortable and were in favor of pursuing more specific information. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to have Gloria pursue further details, including costs to the society and report back at a future meeting
- Additionally, Linda wanted members to be aware she has upcoming surgeries scheduled for both August and October. She reiterated that during President's absence the Vice President steps in to perform those duties.
- Due to being just 2 days before DVD, general consensus was not to host a Sept. 17th Dayton Chamber Mixer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Mabel relayed basics on board election process. Nominations for 2016 board will open at September 16th Gen. Membership Mtg. They will close at October 21st Gen. Membership Mtg. Early the week of October 26th official ballot packages will be sent US Mail to all members in good standing. Ballots returned to us through US Mail must be received by Friday, November 13th. Members also may cast votes by bringing their ballot to November Gen. Membership Mtg. ALL ballots will be counted at November 18th meeting. Results will be announced at mtg.
- Gold Nugget and Laura Tennant Awards will open at October Gen. Mtg. and close at November Gen. Mtg. with voting for award recipients done by those present at November Gen. Mtg. Results will then be announced.

STATUS - ACCESSION RECORDS:

- President noted her concerns about status of accession tasking. It's been determined accessioning was current a year or so ago. However, committee, as an entity, is currently defunct. Artifacts need to be dealt with including approximately 1,000 "paper tagged", and ready for permanent marking. Additionally, there are items needing to be accessioned, including those added to displays some 5 years ago. Duties of committee, and lead, are somewhat nebulous. Desired qualities for serving on committee are being detail-oriented, contentious, able/willing to carry through, and if at all possible computer literate (significantly if possible). Currently we have interested members.

OLD BUSINESS/ UPDATES:

- **Status: 2014 HSDV Scrapbook** – Sheila reported she is still trying to secure pictures taken for 2014 activities.
- **Report: August 1st event(s)** – Laura noted book signing was an exciting first go-around for her. Events, book unveiling/signing and the Grammar School's 150th Birthday, went smoothly. Even the Museum, manned by our docents, reported a lot of first-time local folks. Many past Dayton alumni attended. Additionally, the Birthday "sheet cake's" main feature was phenomenal. From a photograph taken in front of the Grammar school (at the turn of last century), a sepia colored replica, fashioned out of cake frosting duplicated the old photo. Coverage by local media was exceptional. All the books put aside specifically for this event sold. Over \$6,612.00 was collected that

day. Additionally, 21 books were sold at book signing sponsored by a local business. Another signing will take place at an upcoming Dayton Farmer's Market. Further, we have a book sale/signing scheduled for Sept. 12th.

- **RRWG upcoming Railroad Days event** – Phyllis gave an outline for venue set-up, refreshments being sold, and likely musicians who will be performing. Goal is to raise funding for restoration of Depot property. It was felt that by adding to RRWG railroad themed activities occurring on property during DVD event by offering a place where the public could sit in the shade and relax, listen to music and purchase beverages/munchies would help bring attendees to Depot area. Various opportunities for current/future publicity related to RR Days event(s) were heavily discussed, including special shirts for staff. A motion was made and seconded to authorize up to an “estimated” amount of \$2,400 (for expenses not covered by NCOT grant money), from society funds, to be used for advertising and related purposes. Motion passed (one board member previously left the meeting): 7 to 0.
- **C&C Tie Plate Fundraiser** – RRWG proposed a special fundraising activity during RR Days specifically to benefit C&C Depot and property restoration project. RRWG received a donation of approximately 1700 “tie plates” from a member, Bernie Allen. Tie plates were manufactured for the C&C by V&T shops, circa 1890. Purchaser could have a 2 line message (up to 20 alphanumeric characters) done for a \$100.00 donation or a 3 line (up to 60 alphanumeric characters) done for \$150.00 donation engraved on the tie plate. Engraved plates would then be “spiked” to ties located under display track, thus making them a permanent display on Depot grounds. A “Tie Spiking Ceremony” would occur on first day of the event. Money raised from Tie Plate fundraiser has specific allocation provisions. A motion was made and seconded to allow the RRWG to proceed with Tie Plate Fundraiser. Motion passed: 7 to 0.
- **DVD related** – It was noted RRWG has RR Days covered; Mabel has F/J staffing covered; Pat Neylan and Sheila have arranged for docents at the Museum. In keeping with past practice, consensus was HSDV should contribute (\$200.00) toward the cost of gold used by the Comstock Gold Panners. Panning will be on Depot property this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Acceptance: email/phone vote to reorder 400 more DAYTON books** - Motion seconded and passed: 7 to 0.
- **Acceptance: email/phone vote limiting purchase of DAYTON books, using 15% discount, to 2 per member** – Motion seconded and passed: 6 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention.
- **Handcraft program: Crazy Quilt Pillow** - Gretchen noted Crazy Quilts, crafted during the Civil War era, depicted or represented a story. Additionally, they were often passed down through generations. However, now that this type of needlework is coming back into style, she will be teaching a more updated way of doing it in an upcoming class. The project will be to make a small pillow (all by hand). Class will be at the Museum, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on August 15th. All are welcome. Come, enjoy and make a pillow...just bring your own scissors and needles.
- **Annual Potluck BBQ** – Laura invited everyone to attend HSDV's Annual BBQ being held at their house, on Sunday, August 23rd starting at 2:00pm. Beverages and meat (once again) are being donated by the Tennants'. Members are asked to bring their favorite side dish, or, salad, or desert, etc. (thus... a potluck BBQ).
- **Payment GN Award recipient(s) dinner** – Due to a miscommunication, 2014 Gold Nugget Award winners, and their guests, paid for their own meals at the Awards Christmas Party. A motion was made, seconded and passed, 7 to 0, that for the 2015 Christmas event, this year. Our 2014 Awardees (and guest) dinners will be paid for by HSDV.
- **“Staggered” BOD term endings** – At the last Gen. Mtg. members were open to concept of staggering BOD term ending dates starting in 2016. HSDV By-Laws, Article IV allows the BOD to make that determination. A motion was made and seconded to elect all 7 positions for 2016; however, 3 positions will terminate end of 2016, and 4 will terminate end of 2018; 3 new board members will be elected for 2017 with their terms expiring end of 2019. Process will repeat each subsequent year, electing 3 one year and 4 the next. Motion passed unanimously by 7 to 0.
- **September Gen. Membership History Moment** – Laura offered to handle September's subject.

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS:

- Phyllis stated she'd been contacted by the Mound House man who previously donated mining related miniatures.
- Andy distributed a *Blacksmith and History Training Program* proposal to board members. After briefly scanning, consensus was that while the project seemingly could be promising, a variety of cons and concerns were brought forward, including various insurance issues. Additionally, other things need to be vetted. No action taken.
- In answer to a member's email, consensus was all members should buy their own (not be given) a DAYTON book.
- Boy Scout troupe will be doing clean-up work on C&C property, 6:00pm August 25th.
- Seemingly Museum alarm isn't being activated when the building is vacated. To be addressed by Museum Curator.

ADJOURN: Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 1:15pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s *M. E. Masterman*

Mabel Masterman, Secretary

Approved by the Board: Sept. 9, 2015

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