

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY
MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 14, 2016

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

Meeting was called to order at 10:40 am by President Gloria Manning followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members present: Gloria Manning (Pres.), Mabel Masterman (V. Pres.) David Dukleth (Sec.), Lynne Ballatore (Tres.), Duncan Lee (Dir.), Patrick Neylan (Museum Curator). **Not present:** Stony Tennant (Dir.), Laura Tennant (Historian), Phyllis King (Dir.). **Other members present:** Linda Clements, John Crowley, Vicki Kinney, Kathy Lee, Julie Minor Workman. (Sign-in sheet available in Minutes Files).

MEMBERS COMMENTS: Those wishing to speak during this time are asked to state their name for the record in order to be given the opportunity to get something on the agenda for the next meeting or to move forward an agenda item. Time will be limited to three minutes

MINUTES:

- Last month's BoD minutes were reviewed. No corrections. Minutes stand as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Lynne presented her Treasurer's Report for August detailing HSDV Income and Expenses. Starting Balance: \$13,739.99, Income: \$683.02, Expenses: \$926.32; Ending Balance: \$13,496.69. A questionnaire relating to insurance was discussed. Lynne will look into policy costs as related to coverage for liability and medical.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Lynne received correspondence from the Nevada Arts Council, the magazine Footprints published by the Historic Reno Preservation Society, a directory publication offering a free museum listing passed on to Pat, Douglas County Historical Society news, American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) News Magazine passed on to the accessioning committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Gloria reported that Stanley Security will do a fire inspection on September 20th in the museum. Lyon County Fire Department will be readying the fire truck for the Dayton Valley Days parade. Doug Green with Lyon County Utilities will check out the furnaces at the museum. They had been having trouble lighting the main furnace. Comstock Foundation will be borrowing our metal chairs for the Sutro Tours on the 24th and 25th. Gloria also passed along the need for more help possibly from our docents to help with accessioning data into PastPerfect. Gloria and Duncan asked that a couple items be moved up in today's agenda.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Mention made of the two Tuesday lectures this month by Joe Curtis on Adolf Sutro and the Sutro Tunnel (7 pm, on the 13th and 20th) at the Virginia City Conference Center.

OTHER DIRECTOR CONCERNS:

- None

OLD BUSINESS/ UPDATES:

- **Del and Gene Minor memorial at the museum:** Julie Minor Workman presented her request for a memorial plaque to be placed at the Museum using a portion of Del Minor's donations made to the HSDV at the family's request. Julie had prepared the wording that she would like to appear on the plaque. Estimates from Vital Signs Graphics and Marketing ranged from \$181 to \$319. Pat suggested that she also consider Ponderosa Engraving. Mabel read from previous HSDV meeting minutes a synopsis of the policy on use of donations relating to memorials and made a motion to approve Julie's request for using a portion of Del's memorial donations for a plaque at the museum to be tied in with Gene's memorial. She will check with the second engraver and get a final cost, wording, and plaque size information to Gloria. Gloria seconded motion, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion passed.

- **Pony Express Territory (PET) Cut-Out:** Duncan and Kathy Lee attended a Fernley City Council meeting. On the agenda was a vote concerning a large metal silhouette cut-out (10 ft. high x 15 ft. wide, 2500 lbs.) depicting a Pony Express rider on horseback similar to the one on the hill above the V&T Railroad at the west end of Mound House. The City of Fernley received it about 4 or 5 years ago from the PET. Fernley Mayor Roy Edgington summerized why they were not able to display it in town and someone had suggested Dayton. Fernley's attachment to the cut-out was through the Nevada Division of Tourism and/or with the Parks and Recreation Department. The City Council made a motion which passed 3 to 2 to give the cut-out to the HSDV upon acceptance by the HSDV BoD. Duncan recommended that we write the mayor of Fernley and notify him and the Council that the HSDV will not accept the cut-out directly from the City without PET involvement. We will put the matter to BoD vote and recommend to him that the cut-out be returned to PET. The HSDV Board will discuss applying to the PET Board for the right to receive the cut-out from its proper owner. The HSDV would also want to try to get the State Park involved to help with determining a location and defray some of the cost of placing the cut-out. Pat made motion to accept Duncan's recommendation, Mabel seconded it, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion passed.
- **Items that have been accessioned for Board Approval:** Gloria will be looking for Laura's list of items and updating new items since the last report. Linda has donated a glass negative of the Court House and will finish paperwork (temporary custody report).
- **RR Depot Committee Report and Railroad Days:** Duncan with help has loaded the lumber from the removal of the zoo shed and have stored it at the Tennant's home. He also has been repairing rails and will test the tracks with the loaner 'speeder car' tomorrow. He also has been putting up banners. There will be 12 tables with chairs. He also introduced new t-shirts for sale with a picture of the Hawthorne No. 6 Steam Engine. They will be selling for \$20. We will also have the "Depot Grill" and the "End of The Rail Saloon" and various easy-up tents for the dining area.
- **Membership Renewals:** Vicki continues to work on membership renewals and contacting previous members who have not yet mailed in their renewals. There are about 24 names less this year than last year leaving about 121 members. They must renew by October 14 to be able to vote in our election.
- **Bylaws Committee:** In progress.
- **Museum updates - tours and donations received:** Pat reported that there have been several museum tours recently. The ghost seekers made an investigation one night. People from Maryland working with the PET on an app for off road vehicle users which includes some of Dayton's history. An automobile club rescheduled for October 8th. He gave a few individual tours for locals. On October 9th the V&T RR Historical Society will be visiting the depot, firehouse, and museum. Gloria passed a framed certificate from the Chamber of Commerce on to Pat. They presented it to the HSDV to show membership in good standing.
- **Docent training on museum alarm and CloverGo credit card device:** Discussion on keys. Need to account for use. Toilets in the museum still an issue. Gloria will contact Denise Crites concerning the possibility that Denise's husband may be available to look at toilets.
- **Christmas Party Update:** Kathy Lee is chairing the party this year. Date is Saturday, December 3rd, starting at 6 pm with meal at 7 pm. She would like to use the Carson City Barbecue with an estimated cost of \$25 per person for 43-50 people. Punch and coffee provided. BYOB. Meal would be pork ribs and chicken or tri-tips and chicken. Kathy suggested that she could provide a vegetarian option. There is a \$500 deposit. Mabel suggested upping the price to cover award winners meals. Consensus to charge \$30 per member. Coffee pots discussed. Kathy will check on availability. She also is considering a white elephant gift exchange. She has all decorations including a Christmas tree and will not have to buy them. Kathy will make flyers and send out invitations. HSDV will reimburse postage. Vote on meal choices at next week's General Membership meeting.

NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES:

- **Proposal from Linda Clements on digitizing Lyon County Times:** Linda proposed paying to get this collection digitized where it will be archivable PDF and word searchable. Lynne made motion to provide up to \$700 to complete the process, Mabel seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion passed
- **Cell phone tour of museum and town:** Pat received nothing back from the contact.
- **Tour chair on setting up tours to other museums for our members:** Vicki will work on a Yerington and Smith Valley museums tour.
- **Upcoming elections and nominations for awards:** On the 29th of August Mabel sent out a preliminary letter with explanation of the awards and parameters for the officers positions. Nominations for awards and for officer positions will open at next week's general membership meeting and close on the October 19th general membership meeting. Voting for AWARD nominees will occur by members in attendance at the November 16th general membership meeting. Members wishing to personally turn in their "pre-sent" BOD candidate ballot may give ballot to Election Panel members present during that meeting. Mabel also reported that 148 ballots sent out last year, 2/3 returned.
- **Upcoming General Membership History Moment:** Gloria will present diaries of Emma Nevada Parker Barton Loftus.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

- Vicki suggested changing the ghost walk event this year. Moving or replacing the event to a less busy month or checking with area schools drama clubs for help presenting a new history event. Lynne made a motion to cancel the ghost walk this year. Pat seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion passed. Discussion on parade float. Lynne will try to get the golf course involved since the theme is "Then and Now" and involves the Randall Ranch where the golf course is now located.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 1:00 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, s/s: *D. L. Dukleth*

David Dukleth, Secretary HSDV

Approved by the Board: October 12, 2016

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