

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY
MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 9, 2016

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 Gloria Manning followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members present: Gloria Manning (Pres.), Mabel Masterman (V. Pres.) David Dukleth (Sec.), Lynne Ballatore (Treas.), Laura Tennant (Historian), Stony Tennant (Dir.), Phyllis King (Dir.) **Not present:** Patrick Neylan (Museum Curator), Duncan Lee (Dir.). **Other members present:** Pam Abercombie, Elaine Bergstrom, Julie Lucero, Louie Lemaire. (Sign-in sheet available in the 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.

Laura commented on a story by Sam Toll appearing in the VC Comstock Chronicle (Oct. 28th) claiming to have new evidence placing Genoa as Nevada's oldest settlement. Laura has been in contact with Martin Griffith, a long time acquaintance and an AP reporter that has done extensive work on the history of Gold Canyon and with Linda's help plan a rebuttal to the Comstock Chronicle article.

MINUTES: Last month's BoD minutes were reviewed. Two earlier corrections made. One additional change pointed out. Minutes stand as adjusted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

• Lynne presented her Treasurer's Report for October detailing HSDV Income and Expenses.
Starting Balance: \$13,544.19, Income: \$1,355.45, Expenses: \$4,386.43; Ending Balance: \$10,513.21.

- Laura commented on the potential for royalties from the sales of the Dayton books. She also hasn't made any claim for expenses for her and Jack in the making of the book.
- Report from Phyllis concerning the RR Days beer sales and loss of money on this portion of the event. The wrong size keg was delivered and tapped before it was caught resulting in unsold beer. The supplier promised to give us a 'deal' and make up for it next year. We may make a change in how we order beer for sale or change what beers are offered next year to avoid wasting beer and losing money.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Lynne received correspondence from the Historic Reno Preservation Society, Data Graphics, and new books offered from the West Virginia University Press.

BRIEF REPORTS/CONCERNS:

- Words from President: Gloria reminded the Society to keep inside doors open this winter. She also continues to have concerns about the heater in the Museum.
- Gloria changed a couple items under old business in today's agenda; drop item 1, 2, 3, and 5 since Duncan, Pat, Linda, and Kathy Lee are not in attendance. Also add a new report from Louie Lemaire on post painting.
- Updates from Secretary: Two new members noted; James and Sheila Kiley.
The State Department of Tourism (Kyle Shulz) will be sending us copies of the newest Nevada Visitor's Guide.

OLD BUSINESS/ UPDATES:

- **1. Louie Lemaire and painting historic marker posts:** Louie thanked the Board for letting him work on this project. He brought an example of a painted post with aluminum numbers attached. He has completed 25 posts which included

caulking the cracks in the wood before painting. He worked with Michael "Bert" Bedeau, with the Comstock Historic District Commission to select a color. A Victorian cream color (white) was selected. He asked for \$400 additional to complete another 12 posts; some need replacing. Laura made a motion to approve Louie's request. Stony seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion passed. Louie also reported that he has met many interesting people, especially from Germany interested in Western history and the Misfits movie locations and actors. Pam suggested using the HSDV web site as an online tour or to view our brochures.

- **2. Nevada Day Parade Results:** Lynne gave a report on this years float entry. Items were donated or borrowed from our supplies in the museum and the JohnD shed. She had a few suggestions for improvements to next years event such as locating banners for better viewing. Awards were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES:

- **1. Joining Comstock Foundation as members:** Pam presented information on joining the organization. The membership levels and dues rates were distributed and discussed. A non-profit membership level was suggested. She also reported that they have a new web site with the Foundation's events calendar. Mabel read the HSDV policy on joining organizations; join only if *their purpose clearly supports our own societies stated goals and missions*. Pam referred to the Comstock Foundation's Mission Statement; *the preservation and promotion of historic and cultural resources within the Virginia City National Historic Landmark District* which includes Virginia City, Gold Hill, Silver City, Historic Dayton, and Sutro Tunnel plus its related buildings and equipment at the tunnel entrance. Consensus of group that the HSDV charter falls within the Foundation's mission statement. Pam will report back after creating a membership level, category, or classification for us. After discussion, Mabel stated that 'the consensus was that the two parameters were met and that once Pam gets the classification established we will bring the issue of joining the Foundation back before the Board'. (Laura insisted that this was a motion to be voted on and Gloria put it to a vote, *all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, and motion passed.*)
- **2. Audit of Books to be done by February 1st:** Gloria suggested Gene and Pat and will contact them to set a date.
- **3. Upcoming General Membership History Moment:** At the next General Membership meeting Laura will introduce Karen Howe and a portion of her cemetery research. She has found a lot of information on the Mack family and will present her findings. Gloria will add photos. Kay's birthday will also be celebrated. Phyllis and Mabel will bake cakes for the General Meeting. Others will bring additional refreshments.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS: Gloria brought up changing General Membership meeting times (quarterly) for the next year and whether to hold the first meeting in January if we do go to quarterly meetings. Mabel suggested that it be made an agenda item for next weeks meeting.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 11:35 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, s/s: D. L. Dukleth
David Dukleth, Secretary HSDV

Approved by the Board: January 11, 2017

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