

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY

MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 8, 2017

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

Board Members present: Gloria Manning, Stony Tennant, Mabel Masterman, Lynne Ballatore, Julie Lucero, Phyllis King, Pat Neylan and Laura Tennant. **Members present:** Karen Howe, Vicki Kinney, Mary Ann & Andy Sichak, Dave Dukleth, Al Lucero, Linda Clements & John Crowley. **Guest present:** Arlene Jenkins.

Meeting was called to order at 10:50am by President Gloria Manning followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Draft minutes of January 11, 2017 BOD meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lynne presented monthly income and expenses for January 2017. Income: \$50.00; Expenses: \$294.04; Ending Balance: \$9,334.58. It was noted that a \$15.00 NBS Merchant Fee will be refunded and under C&C Expenses, United Site Services (ADA relating to restoration) will be charged against Grant money.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Lynne advised "e-postcard" for 2016 HSDV tax filing has been prepared and submitted on line to the IRS. Folder containing items of communications received and not requiring action were available for general viewing (or not).

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

- Gloria reported the County has now installed both new heaters in the Museum.
- HSDV has been contacted by a Virginia City history teacher ascertaining if we would be able to use some VC students to help out our organization with history related tasking. Discussion ensued. Accessioning Committee could use them. Consensus was to let Accession Committee handle offer.
- An original receipt from an early Dayton business, Braun & Loftus, has been purchased from e-bay for \$12.95.
- It was noted e-bay has incorrect information with regards to noting Newman & Warren's saloon had been a Dayton business. It was not.
- Water leaks in the Museum were noted. Stony will pursue.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mabel made a typo and noted the correct date for our 4th Quarter General Meeting is actually November 15th. She shared her delight at seeing Karen Howe present after having broken her hip at year end. Storm damage at the Cemetery had been brought to her attention by a member and the County had been contacted. Mabel reported Ruby McFarland told her she was overwhelmed by some 30+ birthday cards from HSDV members plus numerous phone calls. Ruby wanted to thank fellow members and make sure everyone knew how appreciative she was that so many thought of her on her 89th birthday last week. Ruby's thank you card was circulated.

OTHER BOARD CONCERNS:

- Phyllis made note that all the calls and birthday cards were so uplifting and brought Ruby much delight and pleasure she queried if sending a card to all members on their birthday might be doable. If we opted to do this the membership form should have a place to list month and day (but not year) of member's birthday.
- The idea of perhaps having coffee and donuts available at our morning BOD meetings.

OLD BUSINESS/ UPDATES:

- **Railroad Committee Report:** Group's most recent meeting was held Monday night. Lynne noted everything so far was progressing "on-track". Items committee discussed were related to upcoming activities during 2017 and the previously awarded CCCHP grant money which terminates on April 18th next year (2018). Monthly, each 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:00am to 12 noon has been established as an official "day of work" at the C&C property. The first "work-day" is scheduled for February 18th. Among other tasks, the depot's kitchen cabinets will be removed for reuse at the Community Center.
- **Membership notification of 2017 Gen. Mtg. changes:** Mabel and Lynne are working on sending special notification postcards via US mail to membership prior to upcoming February 15th General Membership meeting.

- **Dayton book marketing/committee:** Laura indicated the committee has discussed possible marketing strategies for this year. In the past talking with various groups about the book and offering copies for sale to participants seems to work well. Lyons Club will have an upcoming presentation. Dayton also has 2 new-comer type organizations that are being approached.
- **Chamber of Commerce Meet-n-Greet & membership:** Being pursued but no firm date yet for us to host joint Meet-n-Greet for this year. HSDV membership in Chamber is current until mid-year.
- **PayPal account:** Gloria reported we're in the process of getting it up and active. Linda will activate it on our web site thus allowing HSDV to sell merchandise and allow membership and dues to be paid using PayPal.
- **2017 Budget:** Lynne previously compiled a spreadsheet showing 2016 HSDV Expenses & Income. However she needs to be provided with anticipated 2017 expense figures (including line items) by committees in order to compile projected 2017 Budget. Phyllis and Stony will get together prior to the next BOD meeting establish a priority list of maintenance items for budget inclusion.

NEW BUSINESS: (at this time, as a courtesy, item #1 from new business was presented)

- **Possible purchase of Arlene Jenkins books to sell at Museum:** Arlene Jenkins, a local author who lives on the Comstock was introduced. Arlene researches and writes non-fiction books conveying other people's personal experiences involving Nevada ghosts and spirits both past and present. Her 5th book was published June 2016. She's interested in making them available for sale at the Museum. An overview of content was presented and several member inquiries were addressed. Discussion followed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase 6 books at a reduced price to sell at Museum gift shop. Book currently sells at retail for \$17.95.

OLD BUSINESS (continued):

- **2017 HSDV Calendar of events:** Mary Ann Sichak prepared an updated chronologically in-order calendar for upcoming events, dates, various schedules, committees with contact information to review.
 - a.) It appears the 2nd Quarter 2017 Gen. Membership Mtg. would be the night before we tentatively planned to schedule a lecture in our annual May Lecture Series. Discussion ensued: Consensus was to hold just one lecture on Wednesday that week.
 - b.) Discussion ensued regarding selection of Committee Chairs. Motion was made, seconded and passed to let committee members pick their own Chair.
 - c.) **2017 typical time line by month:** Mabel noted in keeping with HSDV activities, events, deadlines, etc. of past years she's prepared a tentative matrix for 2017 by month. It was passed out for review, comments, adjustments, etc. Consensus is it's a living document and chances are some adjustments will be made throughout the year.
- **HSDV checking account:** Lynne, Gloria and Mabel plan to get signature authorization updates on checking account tomorrow.
- **Status-Janet Quilici Swobe lots:** Stony gave an overview of current legal issues/status, as he understands it, for the 2 lots (a part of C.Coe Swobe's estate) that surround the Firehouse/Jail. Seemingly a potential resolution for addressing the joint ownership between Janet and a relative might be a possibility. Stony roughly presented an idea outlining the lot behind the F/J could ostensibly be transferred to the relative and Janet may, perhaps, then secure full title to the lot between the F/J and house which abuts F/J property on the east and Depot property to the south (owned by Julie Workman). Evidently Janet is open to donating the property to HSDV. A further option might be HSDV offers to pay for title searches and related fees, consider reimbursing Janet a "minimal amount" designed to help her re-coop a portion of taxes she's paid over the years on the properties (approximately \$20.00 yearly). Consensus was positive. Stony will talk with her again.
- **History Moment at General Membership Mtg:** For our 1st Quarter 2017 General Membership Meeting Laura has arranged for special presentation by fashion historian, Tina Hersey-Davis depicting an early 1900's "Gibson Girl." The historic undressing will reveal the "hidden secrets" that gave her "that classic look". Laura had prepared an informational flier on the "undressing" which was also distributed at the meeting.
- **Gold Nugget Award Plaque:** Pat reported the current plaque is out of room to add more names and requested authorization to purchase a second one. Motion made, seconded and passed.
- **Accessioning Report:** Committee selected Pat to be Chair. The committee meets weekly on Thursdays. They're currently working on the existing Randall exhibit. It was mentioned that the exhibit has 2 very interesting German items... a dog tag and a Veteran's match box engraved in German with (*English*

translation) "Go with God." Also noted was Mary Ann Sichak has been diligently working in attempt to catch up with computerizing (hand written) accessioning records backlog.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

- **Renewal of AASLH membership:** \$115.00 membership fee paid this month.
- **Membership with Nevada Museums Association:** Belonging to this organization provides HSDV with publicity and networking. It was thought our membership is current until mid 2017; however a motion was made, seconded and approved that if is not would rejoin.
- **Appoint director to vacant position:** Linda Clements previously relayed an indication she was willing to fill the vacant director position (expiring 2017 YE). Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to appoint her.
- **Designate a liaison responsible for County contacts:** Stony will take on this liaison function.
- **Lexicon Nomenclature .04 book for Accessioning:** Discussion regarding difference of cost between purchasing a new book for \$115.00 vs. a used version priced around \$84.00. Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to let Gloria make the choice based on the condition of the used versions.
- **Old Santa Maria Day buttons:** "Leftover" Santa Maria Day buttons from this long-ago event were previously donated to HSDV. It was decided to permanently keep 2 buttons from each year for use in Museum displays and sell the remainder in our Gift Shop for \$1.00. If there are any unsold buttons when Dayton Valley Days comes we'll sell them at our booth.
- **Purchase a Power Point laptop:** Consensus was we certainly could use one in conjunction with our HSDV educational type presentations. Upon defining our specific programming needs purchase options will be explored.
- **School Program:** Vicki Kinney will oversee Dayton School Programs again this year. The first program will be held February 24th with the remainder likely being held in April. The program consists of presenting a historical time line for our area, followed by short living history presentations (including wearing period clothing) featuring various historical residents such as Lucena Parsons, Fanny Hazlet, etc.(although there might be some slight changes to the format this year in an attempt to try and include a walking tour).
- **Restructure membership dues:** Vicki, our Membership Chair, noted that due to a lack of success with implementing prorated membership dues during 2016-2017 she proposes we review/change some current practices and also make some overall adjustments to membership fees. She listed some specific changes and ideas on a handout (given to board members) for discussion at the upcoming March BOD meeting.
- **Yearly Journal Scrapbooks:** Laura noted historical society Scrapbooks compiled by Mabel have been very useful as a research tool noting they are a wonderful record of Dayton's newer history as the area grew and evolved. The books also include memorabilia from the 1980s into the 21st century relating to our society's activities/involvement in fulfilling our Mission Statement. While complementing Mabel, Laura stated those scrapbook journals have proved to be extremely beneficial and of great value. A warm round of applause followed.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 1:10pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, s/s: M. E. Masterman
Mabel Masterman, Secretary

Approved by the Board: March 8, 2017

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