

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HSDV FEBRUARY 17, 2010

Meeting called to order by President Laura Tennant at 12:30 pm at the Dayton Library.

On a motion by Mabel Masterman, second by Bob Wallace, minutes of the Jan meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Grace reported that the ending balance for the Society, 1/31/10 was \$4755.74. She noted that as of this date, 2/17/10 final bills had been paid for the Firehouse/Jail project and our balance was \$2517.68.

Grace submitted misc. correspondence, including the Rural Roundup event to be held in Winnemucca.

Old Business: School Program: Barbara Peck will precede our presentations with a visit to each school. Dates at the moment are: Riverview March 24th. Sutro, after Easter, and DES date not yet determined. A follow up field trip to Old Town Dayton is planned, but will be confirmed when the weather warms up.

Schoolhouse Museum: Ruby McFarland reported that the museum clean up day was a great success, with 15 members helping out. Ruby expressed her "special thanks" to all who were able to help. At Ruby's suggestion, and with Ron Rowe's execution some new display areas were created. White framed, black chicken wire panels have been set on the chalk trays of the rear blackboards. The preserves, and yet allows to be seen, the original slate blackboards, while allowing additional photos (class photos, etc) to be displayed, hanging on "S" hooks from the wire. Ruby announced that the museum would open for the season 2/20/10 and thanks to Gene and Vicki Kinney, this will be placed on the events board at Our Park. Ruby also pointed out that all Society members can contribute to the Docent Newsletter and should contact Bob Wallace with articles (246-8316), and that there is a need for additional docents. Anyone interested should contact Pat Neylan (246-3527). Training and the "buddy" system would be in place. At this point, Laura Tennant pointed out that the Docent Training Manual is in final review, and will in part, be available soon. It will be expanded as research is completed. Tom Parcels informed us that, through his efforts and that of Ron Rowe, there was a State Crew working at the museum, and the Depot, cleaning up the exterior, repairing the museum roof, removing hazardous items. Many thanks to Ron and Tom!!!! Costs to the Society for all of these repairs will be \$412.12. We voted for \$500...good work!!

New Business: The Boyd Mitchell Donation: Morgan Webber reported that this donation of photos and documents is very important to our work in the Society. It includes, early photos of Dayton folks, deeds, Sutro Tunnel records, CandC records, correspondence of locals, water right documents, records of the move of the Depot to the current site....even a Murder Case!! Through Morgan's dedication and generosity, hundreds of these documents have already been scanned and saved. The next step is accession by the Society, and then taking the proper steps to preserve them. Morgan plans a special "overview binder" to be given to JT in Dayton, whose influence guided Mr. Mitchell's donation to the Society. It was noted that some of these items will be used to create a historic display in the water company's offices on Lake St.

Cand C Railroad Jamboree: Set for 4/24/10 from 10-4. It will be held at the Depot and include: RR history, depot tours, sale of RR memorabilia, an Art Show, entertainment, and food. Through the grant from Room Tax we will have available Jamboree Bumper Stickers. Depot clean up sheet was passed around, but may be less necessary after the state crews worked on the site.

Hospitality Committee: Linda Adams and Barbara Madison volunteered to replace retiring members of the committee. All previous members have agreed to help with the RR Jamboree in April. Thanks!!!! To all!!

Election Committee: There is a need for a new election committee. Start thinking. This will come up in future meetings.

Firehouse/Jail: Work is completed and Laura Tennant reported that the "Thank You" plaque has been ordered, paid for from SHIPO Grant funds and will be unveiled during the month of May as part of Dayton's celebration of Nevada History Preservation Month.

May: Nevada Historical Preservation Month. The State theme this year is "honoring volunteers". As has been the privilege of the Docent Program for the last few years, the Dayton Schoolhouse museum will be open daily during May. In the early stages, but being planned for May for our lecture series is: A night devoted to the history of Dayton's volunteer Fire Dept., a showing of the movie "The Misfits", to celebrate the 50th anniversary of it's being filmed in Dayton, and the special unveiling of the plaque in front of the Firehouse/Jail.

NOTE: Dayton is planning a Pony Express event in June to correspond with the annual "Reenactment Ride", but your Society is also invited to participate in a "kick off" event at Buckland Station on April 3rd, the official date of the 'first ride'. The info was forwarded to members with email. Should we choose to attend it would seem that a 15 min block of time would be set aside at the event to inform others in attendance of the purpose of the Historical Society of Dayton Valley and promote our upcoming events.

On a motion from Sharon Gleshan and a second from Grace Ricci, the meeting was closed at 1:35pm.

Sec. Note: You Love Our Past!!! Help and be present now, so "YOU" can be counted as part of our "future" history!!!

Minutes Respectfully submitted by:

Patrick Neylan
Secretary, Historical Society of Dayton Valley