

MINUTES OF THE HSDV GENERAL MEETING HELD MAY 16, 2012

The meeting was at the Dayton Branch of the Library and called to order by President Vicki Kinney. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. It was gratifying to see the large number of members in attendance as well as several new faces.

The minutes of the April General Meeting and the May Board Meeting were distributed and on a motion from Barbara Peck with a second from Bob Wallace and noting the correction of Mark Darragh's rank to Battalion Chief, the minutes were approved.

In Grace Ricci's absence due to a medical appointment, Secretary Patrick Neylan gave the treasurer's report noting that at the end of the last period the Society had a balance of \$12,045.41 with income for the period of \$00 and disbursements of \$1,294.53. The report was approved on a motion from Barbara Peck and a second from Donna McElroy. There was no pertinent correspondence to report.

President Vicki Kinney introduced new members: John Westbrook, Leslie Sexton and Corrine Peck. Also visiting was Rev. Michael Slater of the Dayton Episcopal Church.

OLD BUSINESS:

25th Anniversary Celebration: Chair Linda Adams reported that the event was a great success and thanked all who participated, especially Mabel Masterman for her work on the prefatory newsletter and the mailing of special invitations and Jack Folmar for his incredible creative work that produced the invitations, buttons, and programs. Linda Adams stressed the immense coordinated effort that it took to make the event such a success and went on to thank Linda Clements for the web announcements/info, Sheila Hodach, Barbara Madison and Diane Parcels for coordinating the refreshments; Donna McElroy and Laura Tennant for putting on the "period" fashion show. Note: It was reported that over 150 people attended the celebration.

May Lecture Series; Laura Tennant reported on how successful the presentations on the Quilici Ranch and Ricci Family had been. Grace Ricci and Linda Clements had worked together for that presentation. Laura invited all in attendance to attend the final presentation to be given by renowned local archaeologist Ron Reno dealing with "extra legal" ways of dealing with the Homestead Act of 1862....Nevada Style! Laura was pleased to be able to present the stories of local Dayton families and show their importance in the history of our community.

School Program: Coordinator Barbara Peck thanked all who had participated in the ongoing program especially the "ghosts" who "appear" at the schools for the in classroom portion. She noted that still remaining were 4 walking tours of Old Town which she will lead beginning on 5/18. Extra help from members is requested to aid Barbara and the teachers and parents. Note: several members signed up to help on the walk, at the museum etc.

Museum Displays: Donna McElroy thanked especially members Barbara Peck, Laura Tennant, Jack Folmar and Gretchen Arndt for the remarkable improvements recently at our museum. The change is very evident to anyone who has ever been to the museum. Donna noted more work still needs to be done but for this season our museum has a totally "new look"!! Donna informed the membership that the book project was progressing. Volunteers from the Scouts and community had stepped forward and would help with the review and cataloguing of the books that have been removed from the museum and are now stored at the

depot. Donna also noted that additional docent coverage for the museum in May was still needed. The signup sheet was passed around.

Carson Colorado RR: Tom Parcels pointed out that a C&C bookkeeper/coordinator was still needed to provide RR specific financial information to Society treasurer Grace Ricci. Tom also pointed out that no unauthorized extraneous signs could be attached to the box car in response to a recent incident. Tom stressed that we would accept any donation of time or money for the restoration of the box car, depot, grounds etc. He noted that work parties will soon be needed at the depot for the grounds, trim painting, weed abatement etc.

Oodles of Noodles: Chair Vicki Kinney stressed the need for help for the event and circulated a signup sheet.

Rummage Sale: Chair Gretchen Arndt reported the need for presale sorting of mdse and the fact that we will not accept electronic items such as TV's or computers. Clothes will be accepted.

Community Center; Laura Tennant brought us up to date with the report that the Lyon Co. District Attorney was working on a lease for the "Dayton Preservation Committee" who with their newly appointed will eventually take over the administration of the building. She was happy to report that Lyon Co. will purchase a new furnace for the building and that the county commissioners will be asked to provide funds for the needed insulation. This will allow currently donated funds to the new organization to be used for exterior improvements.

NEW BUSINESS:

Society Audit Procedures: Vicki Kinney reported to the general membership that the Board had voted to continue to accept the audit of our records provided by our accounting firm as the back up to our in house record keeping. Past financial records have been transferred to the museum.

History Moment: Member Patrick Neylan gave a brief presentation on the history of the Episcopal Church in Dayton and how the building came to be in Dayton and what happened to it. Rev. Michael Slater, current Episcopal minister for Dayton added several comments. Laura circulated a questionnaire to all members concerning the type of future history moments would be of interest to the group. The results will be incorporated into future meetings.

Member comments or concerns: Marty Lewis outlined for the group the current library cutbacks necessitated by the current economic downturn. They mainly affected hours available. Ray Fierro, current Lyon Co commissioner, commented that one result of the current economic crises will be the bringing together of the community with some of the slack being taken up by individual volunteers as well as groups. Bob Wallace and Linda Clements suggested that we as a group confront local media every time they misrepresent the "first settlement" issue. Leslie Sexton suggested we look for additional ways to help make Dayton a "destination" choice.

The meeting was adjourned by President Vicki Kinney at 2pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Patrick Neylan
Secretary HSDV