

## MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING HSDV HELD January 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm by President Vicki Kinney and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Minutes of the November 2012 general meeting were circulated and approved as read on a motion from Donna McElroy and a second by Laura Tennant.

Treasurer Grace Ricci reported a yearend balance of \$11,783.97 with income for December of \$87 and expenses of \$591.61. There was no correspondence to report.

President Vicki Kinney introduced two guests, Don and Elaine Berstrom, neighbors of Donna's. Vicki also thanked Donna for the festive Christmas decorations at the museum. Jack Folmar offered copies of the HSDV 2013 calendars to any members who had not been able to attend the Christmas party.

### OLD BUSINESS:

C&C Working Group: Tom Parcells reported that the working group would hold a meeting immediately following the general meeting. Linda Clements explained the process that led to the installation of the protective cover for the box car and indicated that through the generosity of Tahoe Marine the total cost to the Society was only \$60.

Museum/Winter Projects: Stony Tennant reported that after receiving an estimate of approximately \$3400 from Capitol Roofing to repair the museum work and presenting it to Lyon Co. through Shawn Keatings it was decided that the county and the HSDV would split the costs of the repairs. Work had already begun on the project and was expected to be completed during the next week. The composite portion of the roof would be replaced with metal to match the main museum roof and a seal and new flashing would be installed at the junction of the main building and the addition. Donna McElroy explained all of the work that Phyllis King had done to catalog over 1500 books from the old library that would now allow the society to pursue a proper method of disposal. She displayed a volume of Nevada Statutes printed in 1913 and owned by A.J. Loftus. It was also reported that the forms committee had completed work on the majority of form used by the society and would finish up on the remainder in the near future. Winter projects were outlined including the digitalizing of records and photos of museum display artifacts. (Linda Clements will donate several memory sticks for this purpose). Improved labeling of museum displays will be undertaken including notation of the donor and whether or not the artifact was a gift or on loan. Vicki Kinney outlined a plan to label the outdoor displays and Stony Tennant explained that after the contents of the JohnD barn were properly accessioned he would be creating a blacksmith shop, woodworking shop, and other typical ranch situations. Jenny Dodds is reviewing museum management software that may prove adaptable to our needs.

Room Tax: Vicki Kinney reported the receipt of a \$500 reimbursement from room tax for the Ghost Walk event and an award from them for \$1000 for the 1/13 to 6/13 period that will be used for advance ads in railroad magazines to promote our summer railroad event (even if combined with Dayton Valley Days). She noted that some application procedures had been changed.

### NEW BUSINESS:

The Board: Vicki explained to the membership the requirement that our society has a Board of Directors and that its purpose is to represent all members and that membership on the Board in no way makes that member in anyway "special". The operation of the HSDV requires the ideas and input of all its members. All members are equally important to preservation of Dayton History and the operation of the Society.

Membership Director: Vicki explained the need of a new membership chair. Mabel Masterman will be stepping down shortly. Mabel has prepared a comprehensive outline of the duties and will provide some training to the new chair. Linda Clements expressed some interest in the position and will

consult with Mabel. Also discussed was the need for greater follow up after a member joins. It was suggested by Judy Kent that even with renewals a “member’s interests” flyer could be sent to members to help them restate, or change their interests and be able to increase their participation in society events and projects.

Pony Express Territory Video: Laura Tennant informed the membership that a video showing all of the communities on the Pony Express Route, including Dayton will be produced in the near future and that the P. E. Territory Committee was seeking our help to properly represent Dayton. A representative from that organization will explain the process to our membership in the near future, (probably during the Feb general meeting). Laura also explained that the same committee is working the Lincoln Highway Association to help promote the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lincoln Highway. They are looking for a “giveaway” item to be presented to tourists who come to visit Dayton during the celebration. Austin has selected a mug as their item and suggestions are being sought from our membership for a suitable item for Dayton.

Nevada Day Parade: Bernie Allen reported that if the HSDV is interested in participating in the parade this year there will be a unique change in the theme selection process. As this is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the parades move to Carson City from Reno the theme committee will select 10 of the past themes and each entrant can decorate their float to correspond to the year of their choice. (ed note: the parade was moved to Carson at the urging of Dayton native, Judge Clark Guild).

History Moment: Stony Tennant gave a fascinating explanation of the work of Guy Rocha and Stony himself in locating and having “officially” named “Fremont Lookout” and “Fremont Peak”, both located in the Churchill area near Dayton. An official meeting and field trip to the area will take place in May. More detail to follow. The official application for the names was presented under the names of Guy Rocha and the Historical Society of Dayton Valley. Dayton is getting into the big time!!

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Neylan  
Secretary, HSDV