

Historical Society of Dayton Valley
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 – 12:30 p.m.
Dayton Valley Community Center

MISSION STATEMENT

To protect, preserve and promote the Historic Dayton Museum as well as Dayton-area history, historic integrity, heritage and culture for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations.

WELCOME

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Flag Salute**
4. **Introduction to General Membership Meeting Procedures:** Open discussion will be heard on each agenda item. Members wishing to speak regarding issues not on the agenda may do so during Public Comments scheduled at the beginning of the agenda and again at the end of the agenda. Please state your name for the record and you will have up to ten minutes to speak. HSDV General Membership meetings are recorded. No action will be taken on any item until it is properly agendized unless it is a time sensitive issue or has a minimal financial impact.
5. **Review and Adoption of Agenda** Mabel moved and Tom seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried.
6. **Minutes of August 19, 2014 General Membership meeting** Marty Lewis moved and Mel Cooper seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

BOARD BRIEFS – President Mabel Masterman requested Directors make reports. Grace provided copies of August Balance Sheet that was approved at the September Board meeting. Grace reported that there were a couple of discrepancies on the new insurance policy, a minimum payment was made and Mabel would work with the insurance company to straighten it out. Mary Ann shared that Linda Adams provided copies of the June 2009 minutes that clarified the share of funds earned by the Society that would go toward the C&C fund. Mabel reported IRS tax filings are completely up to date. A possible penalty may be incurred due to incorrect form and time of filing.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Linda Clements offered that she had jars suitable for collecting donations.

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES / PROJECTS

7. **Dayton Valley Days** – Mary Ann Sichak reported everything is ready to go for the coming weekend including museum, blacksmithing, branding, firehouse/jail, booth and gold panners and provided posters and flyers to anyone who had a place to post them.
8. **Railroad Working Group Update** – Phyllis King reported activities at the depot will include virtual railroad in the depot, sale of antique books, saloon set up in carriage shed with music, drinks and food, games for kids. Tom asked for strong backs to help unload bar that Gary made and move it into carriage shed. Friday need clean up crew to prepare for the weekend for the museum and depot. Tom mentioned we have a need for an official photographer.
9. **Annual Halloween Event** – Linda Clements reported a meeting has been scheduled at 1:00 pm on the 24th at the Community Center (repeated at 6:00 pm for anyone cannot make the earlier meeting). The meeting will mainly be a sharing of ideas and input from everyone who can attend. The event will be held on Thursday, October 30.
10. **Nevada Day Parade** – Mary Ann reported nine members attended the first meeting of the float committee. Two projects come together on this event. Both the float and a donated trailer that needs to be refurbished. StonyTennant and Gary McElroy feel it can be made ready in time for the parade for not too much money. Thereafter, it will be used by the Society for a variety of tasks and events. Thanks to Gary for volunteering to do the coordination of the trailer restoration. Due to the time frame we are asking the Board and

membership to approve immediate refurbishing costs which would include tires at \$40 each and lights at \$50 for approximately \$250.00. The Planning Worksheet with complete description of the estimated work and cost for the entire trailer rebuild will be presented at the next Board meeting. The committee discussed the theme for the float and decided on expanding on the successful Dayton NV150 Day. We'll have the first settlers, women's handiwork, gold discovery, China Gate, blacksmith, Sutro Tunnel and railroad locomotive. We'll be using the backdrops/cut outs that have been built by members over the years and are stored at the depot and as many members in character as we can reasonably fit on the float. The Nevada Civil War Volunteers will have a contingent of soldiers that will follow the float carrying and periodically firing black powder guns. The next meeting will be on the 24th at 4:00 pm at the depot. Everyone is welcome.

11. **Christmas Party** – Gretchen Arndt asked everyone to complete a form to report the most they would be willing to pay for a meal at the party. She'll use this information in planning the event including meal, venue and expenses. She hopes to have more detailed information at the next meeting including menu.
12. **Awards** – Mabel reported the parameters of the Laura Tennant Award and Gold Nugget Awards. Nominations will open and close in October and will be voted on at the November meeting, separate from the Board elections.

BUSINESS

13. **2015 Board Nominations** – Mabel reported complete election procedures were sent to all members and gave a brief overview. Mabel opened the nominations for the 2015 Board and the following nominations were made:

For President – Carol McKim nominated Mary Ann Sichak; Jenny Dodds nominated Linda Adams

For Vice President – Elaine Bergstrom nominated David Cooper; Gretchen Arndt nominated Laura Tennent

For Treasurer – Linda Clements nominated Grace Ricci; Mel Cooper nominated Carol McKim

For Secretary – Mary Ann Sichak nominated Gloria Manning; Barbara Madison nominated Mabel Masterman

For Director (three seats): Keith McKim nominated Elaine Bergstrom; Linda Clements nominated Phyllis King; Linda Adams nominated Sheila Hodach; Sheila Hodach nominated Gretchen Arndt

All nominees accepted their nomination.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / OPEN DISCUSSION –Johnye Saylor shared that Kay Winters will be the Grand Marshall of the Nevada Day Parade and her 94th birthday is on the same day as the parade. Phyllis shared that there is a large painting at the depot, obtained from Fernley, and she has requested Steven and Johnye Saylor evaluate it for sale to raise funds for the depot. Phyllis also reported that two telegraph machines, obtained from Fernley, were sold for \$25 each. Andy Sichak shared a sign that was made for Camille Vecchiarelli and the courthouse and requested opinions on appropriateness.

HISTORY MOMENT – Laura shared information she uncovered in her book research regarding the Shirley family and a 42 page diary written by “Inez” of growing up in old time Dayton. She shared some of the very interesting stories in the diary and suggested the possibility that the Society try to get permission to publish it.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

*Submitted by Mary Ann Sichak, HSDV Secretary
Approved: October 15, 2014*