

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY

MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 21, 2015

The monthly General Membership Meeting was held at the Dayton Valley Community Center, Dayton NV.

Meeting was called to order at 12:30pm by President Linda Adams.

Board Members present: Linda Adams, Linda Clements, Mabel Masterman, Grace Ricci, Gretchen Arndt, Sheila Hodach & Laura Tennant. **Absent:** Phyllis King (ill). **Members present:** 28. (Sign-in sheet: (see Minutes Files.)

WELCOME:

- Business commenced after the Flag Salute. Linda A. gave a warm welcome. Members did “self-introductions” going around the table. Two new members were acknowledged.

MINUTES:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the November 19, 2014 General Membership Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- Grace presented Monthly Income and Expenses reports as follows: *November 2014* - starting balance was \$7,212.45; income = \$0.00; disbursements = \$1,425.58; ending balance = \$5,786.87. *December 2014* - starting balance was \$5,786.87; income = \$1,796.00; disbursements (excludes RR Group) = \$2,433.53; ending balance = \$5,149.34. A motion was made and seconded to accept treasurer’s report as presented. Motion passed unanimously. HSDV also received a nice monetary donation from one of our members and a donation in memory of Charlene Smock.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- As a way to disburse incoming communications not requiring action or formal discussion, yet might be of interest to some members, a folder containing those communiqués will be circulated during the meeting. Members may view folder contents (or not) as folder goes around.

BRIEF REPORTS:

- President, Linda A. thanked Gretchen Arndt and committee members for their hard work and coordination in doing the 2014 Christmas Party. It was a festive event.
- Noting this was the first Gen. Membership Mtg. of 2015, Linda A. presented a brief synopsis of where we are today. She touched upon the culture of our organization, where we left off last year, what, why and where, as an organization we need to focus this year. We need to grow our volunteer members also.
- Mabel gave brief updates on status of current arrangements (recently renewed) with 21st Century Tax Consultants (a Business Member). They’re doing IRS filings for us pro-bono. Owners Marlene and John Larson were instrumental in getting HSDV’s past IRS tax issues resolved for us last year (pro-bono).
- Mabel also commented on election of 2015 Board Members which went very smoothly. A new process was undertaken. One that was more inclusive and allowed all members to easily vote and provided better anonymity for our member’s votes. Feedback was very positive. Ballot packets sent out: 114; ballots cast through mail: 88; ballots cast at Nov. Gen. Mtg.: 8. A total of 96 members voted (compared to 30 +/- in years past).
- Mabel recapped an existing policy established in 2005 giving members a 15% discount on purchases from the gift shop.

OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES:

- **Current Status C&C Depot:** Linda C. gave updates on present Depot restoration status. She provided updated information as contained in her 1st Quarterly Status report on CCA pre-construction filed with the State. Additionally, a brief overview relating to upcoming Grant information and other possibilities relating to the C&C were combined and relayed as a part of her updates.
- **Book signing, Women’s Legacy Project:** In addition to the *Nevada Women’s Legacy Video Project* HSDV participated in last year, Linda C. said a book of biographies of those interviewed has been produced. Dayton’s book signing will most likely occur in March during Women’s History Month. It’s

possible Douglas County women, plus Lyon County's only other participant who lives in Silver City, will join with us at a Dayton event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2015 Events Calendar:** Linda A. presented a newly prepared 2015 Events Calendar which was adopted by the board at its January meeting. Members reviewed and discussed 2015 events.
- **HSDV (internal) Event Coordinator:** The Board previously appointed Lauri Emerich to be a centralized point for overall internal events coordination. Lauri then spoke to a need for having a one-point-overall-coordinator who reports back to the board. She described her tasking and noted that as a new position we know adjustments will be forthcoming but we'll all work together on any issues that may arise.
- **Carson City Exhibits – Nevada Women's Legacy Project:** Mabel told of upcoming Carson City events being held this spring. One will feature the Women of Nevada's 17 Counties during February and the second event, being held March 16th thru April 1st, will feature Nevada *Women's Legacy Quilt Project*, *Video Production of Nevada Women* and *Soft Sculpture*. The Women's Legacy Project group is still firming up details.
- **Laura Tennant has been nominated for inclusion on Nevada Women's Legacy quilt!** In November one of our members, who was interviewed for the *Nevada Women's Legacy Video Project*, was sent an email from the Legacy inviting nominations for Nevada women who had influenced their life. Those nominated will be honored by having their names included on statewide community art quilt project honoring Nevada women of diversity. She nominated Laura and kept it a secret until our first 2015 meeting when the nomination was revealed (much to Laura's shock, surprise and delight!). Laura's descriptor is listed as a Lyon County "Dayton Historian" and "Author". The quilt will be displayed March 16th thru April 1st at the State Capitol. (It wasn't easy keeping that kind of a secret around here for so long!)

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

- 1.) Scrapbook chairperson Shirley Kagel relayed information pertaining to upcoming 2014 Scrapbook;
- 2.) Pat Neylan announced first docent meeting of 2015 will be held on Wednesday, January 28th at the Museum. Subjects that will be discussed were identified;
- 3.) Brief report on a public meeting attended by MaryAnn Sichak and another member which was hosted by news media. Coverage for Dayton events, etc. was discussed; and
- 4.) Laura noted the deadline for final draft on her book of Dayton History is Tuesday, January 27th. Draft is ready to be sent to publisher.

HISTORY MOMENT:

- **Dayton Cemetery's 79th US Colored Infantry, Civil War Veteran;** Linda A. presented her interesting research on Civil War Veteran, Pvt. Scott Carnal, who is buried in Dayton's Cemetery. Although history is not exactly clear how he ended up in our Dayton Cemetery, she presented interesting information on his military history and other aspects of his life. When he died in 1917 research suggests it's unlikely he was given an appropriate ceremony or gratitude for his service. HSDV is sponsoring a Memorial Ceremony and are joining with Ghost Soldiers Motorcycle Club - Chapters 1 & 2, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – Gen. Wm. Passmore Carlin Camp 25, Nevada Civil War Volunteers and War Veterans Memorial Association of Western Nevada. The joint Memorial Ceremony will be held at 2:00pm, Sunday, June 7th at the Dayton Cemetery.

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel Masterman, Secretary

Minutes approved by the Board February 18, 2015