

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY

MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 20, 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, Phyllis King and Laura Tennant. **Absent:** Sheila Hodach. **Members present:** 20 (Sign-in sheet: see Minutes Files.)

WELCOME/CALL MEETING TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE:

- Business commenced after the Flag salute.

MINUTES:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the April 15, 2015 General Membership Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Grace presented April Monthly Income and Expenses Report. Starting Balance: \$4,949.13, Income: \$148.88, Expenses \$312.38; Ending Balance: \$4,785.63. A motion was made to accept the April 2015 Income/Expenses financial report as presented. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing requiring attention; folder containing communiqués was circulated.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

- Linda A. a letter of resignation resigning as President, effective May 21, 2015, she had presented at the BOD mtg. Previously submitted letter had been addressed at the board meeting. She noted family reasons were causing her husband and her to relocate to the Bay Area. She elaborated on why she had joined Dayton's historical society, sharing particular sentiments from personal experiences. She thanked everyone for the privilege of serving as a board member. She's greatly enjoyed being a part of the historical society for the past 10 years and wishes us continued success with the programs we've been providing to the community. At this point members gave her an overwhelming ovation of appreciation letting her know she definitely will be missed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Mabel advised that at its May 13th meeting BOD voted to move Linda C from Vice President to fill upcoming vacant position of President; and Lynne Ballatore was appointed Vice President. Both appointments effective May 21st (through 2015 year end). Immediately after our meeting members were invited to stay and partake in farewell refreshments with Linda A.
- 2015 EVENT Calendar adds and changes have been made. Annual August BBQ has been scheduled for Sunday, August 23rd at the Tennant's house. Calendar updates have been provided to all members.
- Comstock 3 Schools Tour, jointly sponsored on May 9th, was well received. Attended by 15 people the event produced \$75.00 for our organization.
- At its May meeting the board approved up to \$100.00 for printing programs with an insert outlining information on Pvt. Carnal. They will be handed out at the June 7th event.
- Room Tax application will be handled by Laura; however, other board member(s) will be representing HSDV at June Room Tax meeting in Yerington. Therefore, our June 10th BOD meeting will probably be rescheduled.

OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES:

- **Civil War Veteran-Memorial Ceremony:** Linda C said we're now being contacted by other associations plus media sources, including Nevada Secretary of State's Office, seeking information about June 7th event. Currently HSDV is firming up details for final flier and event participants. The information will then be released within the community. A program being given out at the event will outline information on Pvt. Carnal himself. This will allow introductory portion to be kept to a minimum. Memorial Ceremony will be focused on Honor, Respect, Remembrance and Contemplation aspects of the occasion (*nothing political*). Help is needed for various activities prior to and after the event. Members are encouraged to volunteer "somewhere" and help. Contact Linda C. Everyone was *highly encouraged* to wear "clothing of the period" to Memorial Ceremony.

- **Oodles of Noodles:** Given it's not likely we will have a booth at the event this year, Gretchen said HSDV participation will be centered on Museum, Firehouse/Jail and C&C Depot locations. It was suggested newer members be contacted and encouraged to actively contribute by helping out at a site that interests them.
- **Rummage Sale:** Marty Lewis reported no new work days have been scheduled for right now since we are pretty much caught up at this point. Volunteers are needed "early" on Friday, June 12th to help with set-up and also to work the event on Friday and Saturday. She said there will be a "10 cent table" this year and the Holiday table will be priced at "make an offer". After the Rummage Sale unsold clothing will be donated to Silver Springs food bank with the remaining items being given to Multiple Sclerosis.
- **C&C RRWG:** Linda C gave current updates of projects and activities associated with Depot and property. She notes electricity pole is installed, hay bales need to be removed from shed area (fire hazard), box car restoration updates overviewed, property line concern has "unofficially" been marked and our belongings have been moved onto Depot property, plus weeds will be removed at creek/culvert area to help alleviate fire danger.
- **Call for volunteers:** It was discussed that members are volunteering less frequently than they have in past years. This trend will impact success of our events. One suggestion was to encourage participating to newer members; another thought was focusing on importance of what we provide to the community, such as spotlighting our stewardship of 3 historical locations and how we what we do impacts our town; and an overall need to attract the involvement of younger people to participate in our organization.
- **"History of Dayton" book:** Laura advised final edit is complete. Books will be offered for sale on Amazon starting August 1st. She noted the board had approved co-mingling the book's initial unveiling with our August 1st School Sesquicentennial Celebration. The board also approved September 12th as a tentative book signing/sale event. Member consensus: provide all 5 Lyon County Libraries with donated book copies.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Newspaper "decision":** Over the years Dayton articles, pertinent to historical society activities and our records, have been clipped from the Mason Valley-Leader Courier Weekly Newspaper for inclusion in our society's yearly scrapbook. A member donated the subscription. This is no longer the case. The board authorized HSDV to pay for subscription. Laura noted MVN-LC has changed their layout. More focus is being placed on the LC section to cover Dayton issues, events, etc. Laura's column has been moved to that section. She encouraged us to send press releases and other information germane to HSDV to them for inclusion.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

- Members were reminded of May 28th lecture by Don Dallas being held at Dayton Library.
- Historical society could consider capitalizing on fact lectures are going to stop at old Gold Hill Hotel.
- Douglas County Hist. Society lecture June 10th. Linda C to be their featured speaker.
- Barbara Peck said removing "pigeon poop", etc. along boardwalk in front of Union Hotel and adjoining building will be at 10am tomorrow. Bring shovels, brooms, containers, etc..
- Last field School Program field trip will be Friday May 22nd (weather permitting).
- Grace noted an interesting article on Dayton was published in Nevada Appeal today.
- Shirley Kagle described a 3K run she participated in as a Sr. Citizen Center fund raiser. Saw possibilities for us to do similar event in old town Dayton to help us raise funds.
- David Cooper gave info on "group" Civil War re-enactment Memorial Day weekend at Fort Churchill.

HISTORY MOMENT:

- Linda C presented a very interesting assemblage of little known sequential information on the history of Pvt. Scott Carnel, the Civil War Soldier buried in our cemetery and being honored on June 7th. He had originally been a slave who went on to live in several states during his lifetime. Additionally research on whereabouts of his descendents (children and grandchildren) is being done.

ADJOURN:

- At 2:00 pm Linda A handed the gavel over to Linda C. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Passed unanimously. Whereupon members were invited to the main room for light refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s M. E. Masterman

Mabel Masterman, Secretary