

# HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY

## MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 16, 2015

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

**Board Members present:** Linda Clements, Mabel Masterman, Lynne Ballatore, Gretchen Arndt, Grace Ricci, Phyllis King, Sheila Hodach and Laura Tennant. **Members present: 21** (Sign-in sheet: see Minutes Files.) **Guests: 1**

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- Meeting was called to order at 12:37pm by President Linda Clements.
- Business commenced after the Flag salute.

### MINUTES:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the August 19, 2015 General Membership Meeting as amended. Motion passed. One abstention.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Grace presented August Monthly Income and Expenses Report. Starting Balance: \$5,577.54, Income: (\$7,900.00 from Grant), Total = \$16,880.77, Expenses: (\$9,762.76 for C&C), Total = \$13,762.76, Ending Balance: \$8,695.55. A motion was made to accept the August 2015 Income/Expenses financial report as presented. Motion seconded and passed unanimously. Laura is pursuing an outstanding check sent in May to Silver City Preservation Society. Liability Insurance Policy comes due in October. Prior to renewing papers were given to Lynne for her review.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Folder containing communiqués requiring no action was circulated.

### PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

- Linda advised that her upcoming surgery has been postponed.
- Upcoming Sept. Chamber Mixer: Due to a previously identified conflict with upcoming DVD preparations HSDV had opted to decline hosting September Chamber Mixer. Incorrect publicity was released by Chamber. She has contacted them.
- Linda stressed a need for more volunteers to help out at Railroad Days site during DVD event. She encouraged everyone to try and volunteer whatever time they could.
- We are still in need of tents, canopies, tables and ice chests to use during RR Days. Please mark with your name.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mabel gave a brief reports on several items.

- **Special financials report on C&C project:** "Special" financial report postponed due to overall financial report being due 9/30/15.
- **DVD coverage Museum & F/J:** Staffing for both locations are being handled by their lead docents. DAYTON books will be sold at the booth, Museum and C&C locations. Laura and Jack will be signing books at Dayton Community Center.
- **TRUE WEST Magazine:** HSDV and Dayton are now listed in this magazine. Additionally, our Dayton Museum has been nominated under "Best in the West" category.
- **Pay Pal Account:** Further research is needed. We will pursue after RR Days/DVD events.

### ELECTION NOMINATIONS:

- As a courtesy to several members who would have to leave the meeting early, NEW BUSINESS item "**Nominations for 2016 Board**" were opened at this time. Five nominations were made. Agreement to accept by person who was nominated is required. Several of those concurrences are currently pending.

### OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES:

- **Related to RR Days and C&C project:** Steve Knowles and Bernie Allen reported track work and a Section Shed project are complete. Volunteers have been on site 3 days a week since November. Restoration of the Section Shed is the first structural undertaking on C&C property that HSDV has accomplished without using any of the Grant funding money! Members made a couple of inquiries about coordination between the County and Pete Dube', and verbiage in a Press Release noting that, when complete, the complex would be used as a "C&C Museum, Welcome and Cultural Center". Members were encouraged to visit the Depot property and see what changes have occurred. DAYTON books will be sold in the Depot. Purchasers can have them signed by Authors at the Community Center. Phyllis itemized several upcoming expenses associated with food and beverage portion of RR Days saying she needs checks for deposits on deliveries being made this Friday.

- **Halloween Event:** Scheduled for Thursday evening, October 29<sup>th</sup> and begins at the Museum. Our annual family oriented event is expected to have 3 hay wagons, all with “ghost hosts”. There will be 5 educational “talking story” spots throughout town where “history coming at you” type events will depict a variety of events that helped make the town what it is today. Subjects may include Chinese & Italian heritage, Mark Twain, first marriage/divorce, Civil War re-enactors or a vigilante hanging incident. Various games and light refreshments will also be offered at the Museum. Co-Chairs are Lynne Ballatore and Gertchen Arndt. More volunteers are needed to help out that night.
- **Status: 2015-2016 Membership renewals:** To be given at a later date.
- **Special Yerington Museum Tour:** By invitation, HSDV members will be touring the Yerington Museum on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Plan is to car pool, have lunch in Yerington, and go on an afternoon tour. Laura is firming up details.
- **Report: sale/book signing:** Laura reported the September 12<sup>th</sup> DAYTON sale/book signing was a very quiet event. We made between \$400.00 and \$500.00. Two books were sold at the member rate. At the signing Jack Folmar gave out special book markers (with colorful tassels) he made. Additionally, Laura and Jack said they will be presenting a lecture in conjunction with, selling and signing DAYTON books on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at the Gold Hill Hotel.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Gold bearing dirt from Comstock Foundation:** HSDV was been offered the opportunity to secure up to 50 sacks of gold/silver bearing dirt that came out of Donovan, a Comstock mine. Gloria Manning had previously been asked to pursue and oversee details relating to the offer. On our behalf Gloria accepted one 60# sack of dirt and 50 small burlap 2”X4” drawstring bags donated by the Comstock Foundation. We were informed that, *per ton*, the dirt probably contains \$83.00 of gold and \$33.00 of silver tailings. Gloria is overseeing handling and getting the small bags filled. She’ll also establish a price per bag. We’ll be selling those small burlap bags of dirt during upcoming RR Days and DVD event.
- **Nevada Day Parade Float:** Theme this year is “*ONE STATE. MANY CULTURES*”. Parade will occur on October 31<sup>st</sup> this year, which is officially Nevada Admission Day. Gretchen Arndt and Lynne Ballatore offered to Co-Chair HSDV’s float committee. Gretchen gave a brief description of float’s configuration which, will be our own version of “History Coming at You”, and will incorporate Nevada Day theme. Many hands make light work. Volunteers are always welcome to help.
- **2015 Christmas Party:** Gretchen Arndt is our 2015 Party Chairperson. To be held on a Saturday evening (looking at December 5<sup>th</sup>). She’s in the process of checking out various venues and prices. More information in October.

**HISTORY MOMENT:** Laura gave an interesting synopsis of an 1853 Dayton Pioneer, Laura Ellis Dettenreider. Laura Dettenreider’s great, great, great, great (that’s 4X great) granddaughter, Kate and husband John live in Berkley, CA. Kate had done research on the Dettenreider family and has contacted HSDV’s Laura (Tennant) over the years. The grandmother has been mentioned in the DAYTON book. Kate and John came to our book signing to buy a book. Near the end of her life, the grandmother ran a boarding house in Virginia City and is supposedly buried in an unidentified grave site in Virginia City.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS FROM MEMBERS:**

- Suggestion was made about possibility of nominating Barbara Peck for the NEVADA HUMANITIES AWARD. Barbara initiated, established and, as chair has continued to oversee our presentations of HSDV’S Dayton History Program. It’s been presented yearly to 4<sup>th</sup> graders at all Dayton Elementary schools for the last 9 years.
- A question arose about how earnings and/or out of pocket expenses are determined for the DAYTON book in relation to actual profits. Lynne and Grace are currently tracking. When confirmed, records will reflect that.
- A question regarding follow-up on an earlier idea presented by a member to share history and reach younger folks (and adults) in the community by creating a blacksmithing program was asked. Program could include hands-on workshops (likely fee based). Previously board members briefly considered a basic *Blacksmith and History Training* proposal presented to them. However, a variety of concerns were brought forward at that time. At this point no further action has been taken. Major issues regarding insurance, liabilities, and other items must be addressed first.

**ADJOURN:** At 2:45pm motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/s M. E. Masterman*

Mabel Masterman, Secretary

*Draft Minutes modified/ approved: **Oct. 21, 2015***

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