

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY

MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 21, 2015

The monthly General Membership Meeting was held at the Dayton Valley Community Center, Dayton NV. **Board Members present:** Linda Clements, Mabel Masterman, Gretchen Arndt, Grace Ricci, Phyllis King, and Laura Tennant. **Board absent:** Sheila Hodach and Lynne Ballatore. **Members present: 21** (Sign-in sheet: see Minutes Files.) **Guests: 1**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- Meeting was called to order at 12:30pm by President Linda Clements. Business commenced after the Flag salute. There was a brief special self-introduction of those present.

MINUTES:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the September 16, 2015 General Membership Meeting as modified. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Grace presented September Monthly Income and Expenses Report. Starting Balance: \$8,695.55, Income: \$4,924.93, Expenses: \$3,475.26; Ending Balance: \$10,145.22. After discussing, a motion was made to accept the September 2015 Income/Expenses financial report as presented (which already included a slight adjustment regarding accounting related to Railroad money.) Motion seconded and passed unanimously. Grace noted a charge of \$.07, expenses, was charged by the bank as a "service charge".

CORRESPONDENCE: Folder containing communiqués/catalogs requiring no action was circulated.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

- Linda noted because we were not aware of the deadline date for Nevada Day Parade entry, unfortunately we will not have an entry in the parade this year.
- She is still hoping for a Webmaster assistant to help out, or for someone who is willing to take over the site.
- With our growing membership, numerous questions concerning overall goals, usage of and primary vision for the C&C Depot project development have arisen. As a result she noted the board has reviewed/discussed our original long range plans for Depot property. Basically the BOD reaffirmed the initial concept(s) as established in 2006.
- In response to an inquiry Linda noted Phyllis will continue looking after property maintenance for all our stewardship locations and the inventory for gift shop items.
- Dates for HSDV to host a 2016 Dayton Chamber of Commerce Mixer are being explored.
- Linda acknowledged our Museum copy machine has been out of commission for months now. Seemingly, due to the copier's age it appears repairs are not realistic. Currently we're exploring options, including costs, to replace it.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Mabel noted that BOD nominations will close later on in this meeting.
- Ballots mailed back need to be received by HSDV no later than November 13th.
- If you're casting your vote in person at the Nov. 18th meeting, upon arrival, please identify yourself to Election Panel.
- Nominations for GN and LT Awards will open at today's meeting. They'll close Nov. 18th and be voted on by those present at the November General Meeting.
- Recent changes/adjustments to membership rates, effective for 2016-2017 Membership year were identified.

OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES:

- **BOD Nomination Close:** Linda announced "last-call" for 2016 BOD nominations. Having received no additional nominations, they were closed. Candidates: President – Linda Clements & Gloria Manning; Vice President – Steve Knowles & Mabel Masterman; Secretary – David Dukleth; Treasurer – Lynne Ballatore; Directors – Bernie Allen, Gretchen Arndt, Phyllis King, Duncan Lee & Stony Tennant.
- **Halloween Event:** HSDV has been informed extinguishers are required on all 3 our hay wagons. Discussion followed. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to authorize purchase of 3 extinguishers for approximately \$60.00. When not in use on hay wagons they will be located at the C&C, F/J and Museum. This will allow them to be readily available at other HSDV endeavors when required. Gretchen noted more volunteers are needed, especially as "spirited characters" and for children's games. Fliers have been distributed to schools and posters are being placed around town. We've been able to negotiate, as a donation, 30 straw bales; however, we need to return them to the donor day after our event. Additional volunteers with pick up trucks are needed for Friday. It was mentioned our Halloween event is not intended to be a big moneymaker for us... we do it to help educate residents and also consider it a way for us to express gratitude to the whole Dayton community.

- **Report: Railroad Days:** RRWG will be holding an event critique at their November meeting. Regarding financial success... Linda reported we made money in every area. She also noted that due to some funds coming from the NCOT Grant non-Railroad Day expenses need to be separated on financials.
- Duncan Lee reported a portion of the NCOT Grant money was used for videoing this year's event and will be used to promote our 2016 event. He noted we advertised Railroad Days this year on 3 Reno radio stations and 2 in Carson City. Feedback indicates it was quite effective. He talked to the fact the next Grant cycle would start in January.
- To allow easier entrance for people trying to see exhibits in the depot building, and better access to saloon area, Phyllis noted changes to pedestrian configuration need to be considered for 2016 event.
- It was noted that the C&C property was actually busier on Sunday that it had been on Saturday, including food sales.
- **Report: DAYTON book sales:** Laura reported book sales during DVD event were pretty slow on Saturday but there seemed to be more local folks on Sunday and sales were better. Laura said the large historical Dayton photos she displays during the signings are very popular. People love being able to view them. With Christmas ahead she thought we might hold a special event to encourage purchase of Dayton related gifts from Museum Gift Shop.
- **Overall DVD thoughts:** Museum and Firehouse/Jail were both open to visitors. Mabel noted the F/J logged a total of 871 people going through, with Saturday the busiest day with 678, a new record! The chili contest layout was conducive to bringing folks up Logan Alley towards the Museum. Many Dayton residents visited the Museum for the first time. With good crowds both days Phyllis reported Gift Shop sales were good.
- **2015 Christmas Party:** Gretchen relayed details for 2 possibilities regarding the Christmas Party. She handed out a comparison sheet showing "details" and asked us to select our preference and note remarks. Basic consensus was first choice would be to use the Community Center with Dayton High's culinary class catering the buffet. A motion was made to that effect. It passed unanimously. Gretchen will do follow-up, including firming up a date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **LT & GN Award nominations open:** Descriptions for both awards were reviewed and Linda opened nominations. Nominees for the LT Award included a husband/wife (together) which equals one nomination, plus another member. Nominations for GN Award produced 3 candidates and discussion of establishing a posthumous Award. Nominations will close and voting will be done by attendees at November 18th meeting. Results will be announced.
- **"Joe Ricci Sr. Posthumous Award":** Discussion developed about establishing a Posthumous Award. The intent is to honor historical society members and/or supporters who have passed away. Over the years folks have worked diligently protecting, preserving and promoting Dayton history. During the discussion it was brought up that had it not been for Joe Ricci Sr., a Charter Member of the historical society group, Dayton's old High School building (170 Pike St.) would have been demolished. When he was a Lyon County Commissioner Joe's committed intervention and unwavering influence was instrumental in saving building from being demolished. Today it serves as the town's Community Center. General consensus was to establish such an Award, in Joe's name. A motion was made and seconded that we would establish the **Joe Ricci Sr. Posthumous Award**, in perpetuity, to recognize earlier attainments these folks accomplished in helping preserve Dayton-area history. Motion passed unanimously.
- A brief synopsis on HSDV's forthcoming "Blacksmithing" program, yet to be put into action, was presented.
- Policy for requests of prints, etc. of HSDV's Dayton historic pictures, as adopted 6/17/15, was discussed. General consensus indicated most present concurred it was adequate. Additionally it was strongly felt any currently for sale in the gift shop that do not conform to Policy parameters must be addressed.

HISTORY MOMENT:

- Laura said today's presentation highlighting Dayton's past participation in Nevada Day festivities was inspired by a 1955 picture of Gloria Manning and 2 others riding on a Dayton High School float. During the presentation enlightening depictions of high school during the 1950s were told. This included "the" high school teacher, Miss Bernice Johnson, and how current events were covered in classes.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM MEMBERS:

- A suggestion to sell water at the Museum during DVD next year was made.
- Concept to try and sell Tie Plates prior to Christmas, perhaps at November 19th Dayton Chamber Mixer was relayed.
- Comstock Chronicle is going to start a Dayton edition.
- Stony Tennant's lecture for the Comstock Foundation lecture series was noted.
- Friends of the Library's upcoming "used book sale" is Dec. 5. "Pickles" cartoonist will give presentation Nov. 14th.
- HSDV is invited to sell DAYTON books at Yerington Museum's Annual Dinner. HSDV members also welcome.
- Kay Winters will celebrate her 95th Birthday November 1st.

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

Respectfully submitted, s/s *M. E. Masterman*

Mabel Masterman, Secretary

Minutes approved: **November 18, 2015**

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