

## MINUTES OF THE HSDV BOARD MEETING HELD April 11, 2012.

The meeting was held at the Dayton Schoolhouse Museum and called to order by President Vicki Kinney at 10:15am. Board members Laura Tennant and Donna McElroy were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

The minutes of the March meeting were distributed and approved without correction on a motion by Barbara Peck with a second by Grace Ricci.

Treasurer Grace Ricci reported a balance of \$12,292.74 and noted that the Society still owed Stony Tennant \$600 for the purchase of display cabinets from the Delta Saloon in Virginia City. The report was approved on a motion from Barbara Peck with a second from Tom Parcels. Grace reported that a list of current officers for the Society was overdue at the office of the Secretary of State. She noted that there was a \$25 filing fee and a \$50 late fee. In the past the State had supplied us with the necessary forms on a timely basis but now relies on the organizations involved to apply electronically without reminders from the State. Grace also inquired as to how long the Society should keep and store its past financial records, noting that she had them dating back to the Society's founding 25 years ago. After discussion it was decided to rely on the advice of our tax preparer but it was decided that for historical purposes all of the ledger records should be kept and stored at the museum but that the individual notes, receipts etc could be discarded.

### OLD BUSINESS:

25<sup>th</sup> Celebration: Vicki Kinney reported that she and member Mary Epperson would work on the yard and drip system of the museum in preparation for the event. Donna McElroy is working on a vintage fashion show and Vicki would consult with Linda Adams and Mabel Masterman as to the status of the invitations, quarterly newsletter and other items pertaining to the event. A report will be provided to the members at the general meeting April 18<sup>th</sup>.

May Lecture Series: It was noted that archaeologist Ron Reno will not be available in May but were informed that Rita Quilici Selmi and her family are investigating the history of their ranch and may be able to make an interesting presentation to the group about what may be the oldest ranch in the Dayton Valley.

School Program: Barbara Peck reported that dates for our presentations are difficult to set due to county budget restrictions as well as testing procedures within the schools. This year there will be 7 classes rather than 9 but the field trips to Old Town may be difficult to schedule, again due to budget cuts. At the suggestion of Tom Parcels, noting the importance of this program to the education of our youth, Barbara will investigate the costs of a field trip and the Society may consider underwriting all or part of them in order to maintain the program. She will need volunteers to help assemble the materials needed for the in class presentations and will solicit them at the upcoming general meeting.

Museum: Patrick Neylan reported that progress was being made on the exhibits at the museum and that most should be ready for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was noted that when the JohnD Winters barn is completed and the ranching/farming/blacksmith artifacts are moved there, space for additional school etc displays will be created. Signups for the daily operation of the museum during the month of May will be sought at the general meeting. Tom Parcels stressed the need to increase the number of docents or volunteers at the museum.

Carson & Colorado: Tom Parcels reviewed the need for an additional bookkeeping system and designated record keeper for the C&C projects and events. This person would then work in conjunction with Grace and report to her all transactions relating to the working group. Grace is agreeable to this arrangement at least for the time being. The Society will still retain only one bank account. Tom noted that several projects are needed at the depot prior to either the June box car working event or the August Dayton Railroad Days event. These include weeding, painting, and the placing of "No Trespassing" signs as requested by the Lyon Co Sheriff. Work dates will be set soon. As to projects he also informed us that as soon as the weather cooperates, the steps and other projects at the museum will be completed and will be done before the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Tom reported on the difficulties facing the Fernley Preservation Society and the City of Fernley and noted that when the legalities are settled we may anticipate some additional donations of RR artifacts but nothing is as yet determined. There is still a need to reroof and paint the box car at the depot. The Society wanted to thank Gary McElroy for rebuilding the rear steps at the depot. Not only are they now safer but also much more useable for moving large items into and out of the building. He also reported that the county's portion of the work on the firehouse is now complete and the Society will now camouflage the steel beams inside the building before Granny and the other displays can be returned.

NEW BUSINESS:

Oodles of Noodles: The event will take place on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Vicki Kinney will chair the event. The Society's booth will remain in front of the firehouse. A preliminary signup sheet will be circulated at the general meeting.

Rummage Sale: Gretchen Arndt will chair this event which will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was noted that Gretchen will want a pre-sort of the donated items as soon as possible. Vicki pointed out the need to rearrange or remove the stored display cabinets in the depot. It is hoped that the ones to be used by the Society at the museum, depot, or firehouse can be determined and the leftovers disposed of during the rummage sale.

Facebook: Vicki is looking into a set up with a link connection to the Comstock in VC.

Miscellaneous: Signage for the museum around Dayton needs to be improved or repaired.

Barbara Peck informed the Board that the Comstock Residents Assoc. is considering the donation of up to \$500 to local communities for historical preservation projects.

The meeting was adjourned by President Vicki Kinney at 12:15pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Neylan  
Secretary HSDV