

MINUTES: HSDV BOARD MEETING HELD April 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Vicki Kinney at 10:30am at the Dayton Museum. All Board members except Donna McElroy were present. Prayers and thoughts are with Donna and Gary. In addition, members Jack Folmar and Mabel Masterman were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

The Minutes of the March meeting were distributed and accepted as written on a motion from Laura Tennant with a second from Grace Ricci.

Treasurer Grace Ricci reported a balance of \$10,784.98. Expenses: \$138, \$0 income for the period. The report was approved on a motion from Barbara Peck and second from Margy Bethers. There was no pertinent correspondence.

President Vicki Kinney began a discussion of the official title and voting capability of the position currently held by Laura Tennant on the Board. Mabel Masterman suggested a motion at the General Meeting to clarify the issue, but after some discussion it was decided by the Board to amend the bylaws to read her position as "Dayton Historian" rather than "Curator of the Dayton Museum". This would be more in keeping with her actual position and continue to allow her to vote on Board issues. This was accepted on a motion from Tom Parcels, with a second from Barbara Peck.

OLD BUSINESS:

Museum: Patrick Neylan reported that the accessioning program was progressing well. To date 350 items in the JohnD Barn had been inventoried and an additional session would follow this meeting. He also stressed the ongoing problem of getting members to sit the museum on the weekends and the probable greater problem of staffing during the month of May when the museum will be open 7 days a week. It is hoped that this will be dealt with at the general meeting.

C&C: Tom Parcels reported that three distinct pieces of rolling stock would be available at the depot for the RR event in coordination with Dayton Valley Days. Andy and Mary Ann Schiak will oversee the event. Elaine Bergstrom will act as secretary for the RR working group. It was noted that the attic bird screens at the depot are in need of repair and some work was needed on the grounds. The removal of insulation from the depot will require the acquisition of some breathing/filtering equipment and that an estimate of the costs would be forthcoming at a subsequent meeting. Tom also reported the possible procurement of the necessary lumber to restore the depot as well as the box car might be acquired from the Dept. of Forestry at no cost although the transportation and custom milling of the lumber could cost in excess of \$5000.

Lincoln Highway Mugs: Vicki Kinney reported that the commemorative mugs for this summer's event could not be purchased via a grant obtained by the Pony Express Territory as was previously thought, but as advertising for them had already been placed the PET would cover the cost of the mugs (approx \$10,000) and request the towns along Highway 50 to reimburse them to the best of their ability. After discussing the pros and cons of participating the Board on a motion by Tom Parcels with a second by Margy Bethers, voted to contribute \$500 to the project. Dayton will receive 500, Dayton specific, mugs to be given to Lincoln Hwy travelers during the summer season. The travelers will have the opportunity to collect a set of 7 different mugs as they travel across Nevada. It was also noted that since the mugs will not be paid for with a grant from Nevada Commission on Tourism we could retail the leftovers in our gift shop or at our future events and recover all or part of our costs.

PET Filming: Laura Tennant stressed the immediate need to form a committee to select appropriate filming sites in and around Dayton and get on the filming schedule as soon as possible.

School Program: Barbara Peck that the pre-lessons for each class would be shortened to 1 ½ hr each. The first "Ghost" appearance would be 5/2 1pm at Sutro Elementary. Five Ghosts per session. As the school year ends on 5/31 this year all programs must be completed by then. Barbara will need extra help for the walking tours as the groups will be larger than in the past. This involves walking through Old Town from 9:30 to 1:30pm. Help will be sought at the general meeting.

Computer: Vicki Kinney will consult with members (Jack, Jenny, Linda C etc) to finalize our needs and discuss the possibility of adding internet service at the museum. A definite decision is to be made by the May meeting.

Events: Gretchen Arndt will chair the Rummage Sale with Vicki Kinney as co-chair. The Society will not have a sales booth at the Firehouse during Oodles but will provide information and guide visitors to the museum. No word yet about a plan by the Fire Dept for an event in July. May lecture series is set: 5/2 Dayton High School, 5/9 C&C Depot, and 5/16 Bluestone Building. We will need setting up help at the Community Center prior to each lecture.

Geographical Naming: Their Board will meet at the Lyon Co. Utility Building 9am to Noon. Lunch will be served to their Board members and Society members who reserve in advance at approx. 12:30 at the Community Center. Following lunch their members will tour the Dayton museum and time permitting the Firehouse. Set up for the luncheon is 10am. Help will be needed from society members. Following the tours a car pool group will travel out Fr. Churchill Rd to view Fremont Peak.

NEW BUSINESS:

April History Moment: Laura Tennant announced that the moment would be presented by Marty Lewis. Margy Bethers will be the presenter for June.

Dayton Research Guide: After discussion it was decided that an ad in this publication did not necessarily fit the needs of the Historical Society of Dayton Valley and therefore we would not place an ad in it.

501(c)3 Reinstatement Process: Patrick Neylan reported to the Board that after extensive research by Board members and several meetings with the accounting firm that has recently taken over the business of the Mayhorn Group, that had in the past overseen the Society's tax preparations that despite the difficulties in determining the exact reasons for the breakdown of the Society's record of reporting to the IRS, the ultimate responsibility rests with the Historical Society of Dayton Valley. The Society is very appreciative of the efforts of the new owners, H & R Block, in aiding us in addressing the problem and helping us seek out the solution that will ultimately resolve the issue. The reinstatement process has begun but as the first step, the Board of the Historical Society of Dayton Valley has unanimously passed a motion submitted by President Vicki Kinney, with a second from Tom Parcels that states, going forward only a committee made up of the President, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Historical Society of Dayton Valley will be responsible for the timely filing of any and all necessary reports due to the Internal Revenue Service whether or not the Society has sought the help of an outside agent.

It was also decided that this would be specifically added to the duties of officers going forward to aid them when assuming responsibility upon their election. It is the hope of the Board that this will help cure past problems and prevent others in the future.

A future meeting with the new accountant will be sought by President Vicki Kinney as soon as possible to expedite this process and work toward the restoration of the Society's non-profit status.

(Secretary's note: The meeting is scheduled for April 18th)

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Neylan
Secretary, HSDV