

MINUTES: HSDV BOARD MEETING HELD: September 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Vicki Kinney. Board members Laura Tennant and Donna McElroy were absent. Member Mabel Masterman was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

The minutes of the past Board meeting were distributed by Secretary Patrick Neylan and approved as written on a motion from Barbara Peck with a second from Tom Parcells.

Treasurer's Report: Grace Ricci reported a beginning balance of \$14,621.36 with income for the period of \$489.95 and disbursements of \$6788.45, leaving an ending balance of \$8352.86. The report was approved on a motion from Barbara Peck with a second from Margy Bethers.

OLD BUSINESS:

501 (c) (3) Application: Vicki Kinney reported that after a 45 minute wait on the phone she was informed that our application was in "intermediate review status". What that means remains uncertain, but possibly that we need to supply some additional documentation.

C&C/DVD: Tom Parcells reported that the track necessary for the upcoming event has been laid and that all necessary arrangements with the State RR Museum for the use of their hand car have been completed. The Union Pacific RR is scheduled to set up a display for the event. Barbara Peck reported that the Board of Commissioners had approved a resolution returning the depot property to a "single lot" rather than 3 distinct properties. Barbara unexpectedly, represented Dayton and the Historical Society at a recent Commissioners meeting in Yerington when Mr. Workman was unavailable. It was fortunate for us that she was in Yerington at the time! She noted that the surveyor charged with the rezoning of the property would donate one half of his fee to the project. The balance of the bill will be submitted to Lyon Co. Tom Parcells noted that the Converse Co. would be conducting ground water sampling on the depot property on 9/16 because in the past the property was the site of a gasoline station. They are checking for residual contamination. Vicki Kinney reported that for the DVD parade, the Society would be using a trailer borrowed from Dayton resident Steve Martin. The theme of our event may have to be different than that of the Nevada Day parade.

Museum: Patrick Neylan reported that there has been increased interest in the docent program at the museum and that two training classes for new docents have been held. There is adequate coverage for the DVD event thanks to the efforts of Sheila Hodach and Jack Folmar. A list of those willing to help as docents is being prepared and those interested will be contacted at the upcoming general meeting or shortly thereafter personally by Sheila. Grace Ricci mentioned the recent donation of items from a branch of her family (the Pieretti's) which is now on display in our museum. Some written history of the family has been recently sent to her, but it did not include any *dates*, which very much annoyed Grace!

P.E.T Filming: This has been rescheduled for Sunday Oct. 6th.

Lincoln Highway Mugs: After much discussion it was decided by the Board that the leftover Lincoln Hwy mugs could be sold through our gift shop at a retail price of \$6. Should enough remain in December they could be considered for favors at the Society's Christmas Party.

NEW BUSINESS:

Computer System: The equipment has been delivered and installed in the backroom of the museum. Jack Folmar and Jenny Dodds have prepared a list of additional equipment (projection/audio) and software necessary to bring the Society up to date in a myriad of categories. The total cost of their recommendations is \$4138. After much discussion the Board has decided to table this item until the October Board meeting. This will allow time for the Board to assimilate the results of RR Days, its costs, benefits, etc into their thinking as well review the penalties associated with early withdrawals of CD's. Although these additions may be critical and necessary, the Board has the ongoing responsibility to insure the basic financial stability of the HSDV going forward. There needs to be a prudent balance in general funds maintained at all times. In light of all the major recent acquisitions and activities of the Society, the Board recommends caution moving forward.

Recent Documentary Filming in Dayton: Barbara Peck reported that the recent documentary filmed by John Allen in Dayton was a great success. Judge Camille Vecchiarelli and Barbara Peck were interviewed. Filming took place at the Justice Court Building as well as at other sites in Old Town Dayton. The product will air on some Reno Stations.

Nevada Day Parade: Vicki Kinney informed us that the application for our entry had been submitted. We will be using a "Firefighter" theme which will include the "FireBelles" Ladies who for many years supported our volunteer fire department. This will tie our 150th year of fire protection into the beginning of the 150th celebration of Nevada's Statehood. An entry fee of \$55 for early registration has been paid.

Ghost Walk: Vicki Kinney is hoping for new ideas for a new format for this event; something that will maintain the history focus that is necessary but appeal to those who have attended this event several times over the past years. The normal docent meeting scheduled for 9/22 at the museum at 10:30 am will be dedicated to exploring new ways to keep the old ghosts alive!! All members of the Society are invited to come with their ideas and help reinvent this important event!!! Barbara Peck suggested that we perhaps change the date of the event to avoid overlapping with other organizations.

Elections: It was discussed that the Board in October may change the status of "Society Historian" to a voting member of the Board. It was noted that the office of President as well as Secretary will be available in the upcoming November election and that all members are encouraged to think about this level of service. Official Nominations will begin at the September general meeting.

The September History Moment will be provided by Tom Parcels...aka...Frank Bugsby!!

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Neylan
Secretary, HSDV

