

MINUTES: HSDV BOARD MEETING HELD November 13, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by President Vicki Kinney at 10:30am and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present. Board members Margy Bethers and Donna McElroy were unable to attend.

Minutes of the October Meeting: Patrick Neylan distributed the minutes of the October meeting and they were approved as written on a motion from Tom Parcels with a second from Vicki Kinney.

Treasurer's Report and Correspondence: Treasurer Grace Ricci reported a balance of \$7469.56 with income for the period of \$960.90 and expenses of \$783.62. Correspondence included a bill from the Dayton Chamber of Commerce for renewal of our dues (\$60.00). As this was a recurring expense this would not require a motion and will be paid presently. Barbara Peck noted that the Chamber spotlights members and suggested that the HSDV be a subject of part of their future publicity. Laura Tennant also noted that any member of the HSDV could attend any function of the Chamber. Grace also listed two solicitations for tax preparation help and two applications for a credit card which she destroyed as per previous agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hayride to Statehood/Nevada Day Parade: Vicki Kinney displayed a certificate of appreciation from the Nevada Day Committee for our parade entry. She also noted many good reports and comments on the Hayride to Statehood. It seemed to be well received and attended. It was noted that 17 hay wagons with close to 20 people each were dispatched. Looking forward to Nevada's 150th it was suggested that perhaps we expand the event to include the local merchants, Misfits Theater Group and the Civil War reenactors to involve the entire community.

501(c)(3): Vicki Kinney noted she had spent considerable time on the phone with the IRS and was informed that perhaps some additional clarification may be needed and pointed out that the IRS was currently processing applications from May of 2012. Vicki expressed her frustration with the entire episode and hoped that it could be resolved prior to the change of the Board. Vicki also pointed out its completion will be necessary in order to process our 2014 renewal of the Nevada Tax Exemption form. It was decided that it was now the time to contact our state representatives for assistance.

Museum: Patrick Neylan informed the Board that the museum would close for the season after the weekend of Nov. 24-25. Patrick also introduced a motion to not accept loaned items to the museum collections: Our museum/society will no longer accept any items (artifacts etc.) on loan. Should our accession committee accept them (any artifact etc) it will be solely as a gift to the HSDV to be dealt with solely at the discretion of the HSDV. This includes retention, display, sale of, or any other alternative to be determined by the Board of the HSDV. Much discussion came about on this topic. Tom Parcels suggested a time limit on loaned items not to exceed 30days. Laura Tennant recommended options be left open for the Accession Committee to investigate each proposed loan on an individual basis and make a recommendation to the Board in the event an item of extraordinary historic significance come to light. Barbara Peck stressed the need to tighten the society's loan policy. Donna McElroy, through an email communication urged the retention of the loan policy. Patrick Neylan stressed that the Nevada State Museum recommends the total discontinuance of loans to museums and that that is the State policy, including the Marjorie Russell Textile Research Center. A revision to the motion stating: The Accession Committee could consider the loan of an artifact or other item to the HSDV/Museum

provided that it was of significant historic value and will be limited to a specific time limit ranging from 30days to 1year, usually for the purpose of a specific event or display that would promote Dayton history and would be approved by the Board. This motion was passed by the Board, Patrick Neylan dissenting. It was noted that additional specific forms would have to be created should the Society proceed with this policy and be in place prior to any acceptance. Patrick Neylan also reported on the return of antique quilt to the Holley family of Dayton and that two other returns of loaned items were still pending and had not been dealt with. Laura Tennant commented that over the 25 yrs of the Society only a few return issues had come up and that the early work of the founders of the HSDV has stood up well and served the community of Dayton.

RR Working Group: Tom Parcells reported that the SHPO Grant has been submitted and a copy will be filed in the Society records (it was filed after the meeting in the "Grant Application" file in the cabinet in the back room). Electricity to the Depot: Tom reported the cost would be about \$3000. \$1300 would be covered by NV Energy and the balance by the HSDV. No plan to proceed at this time. Disposal of the donated model RR items at the Depot was discussed. The "Train Store" in Carson is not interested. The Antique Collective in Mound House may be interested. Insulation disposal from the Depot was discussed. Research continues. Type etc will determine method and costs of disposal. Books: Elaine Bergstrom noted that some Reno book dealers may be interested in a "bulk" purchase of our books. Phyllis King has asked Elaine to pursue this option, but no final decision has been reached.

Computer Equipment/software etc: President Vicki Kinney urged the Board to complete the commitments made before the change of leadership. This includes the payment of \$5000 to the Dayton Preservation Committee (Community Center) agreed upon some months ago. It also includes the purchase of additional software and video camera/projection equipment that has been recommended by the committee appointed for that purpose (Jack Folmar and Jenny Dodds). Much discussion ensued concerning the soon to mature CD's, their original intention and their proper use going forward. A major CD generated from the proceeds of Dayton's Sesquicentennial (\$10,614.54) will mature in January 2014. It was decided that this could provide the \$5000 donation to the DPC but that the balance should be reinvested and not be used for the purchase of additional computer/video equipment, as that would not be in keeping with its original intent. Purchase of the additional computer/video equipment will be taken from the general fund. Grace Ricci will investigate any penalties for early withdrawals and Laura Tennant and Barbara Peck will determine the time frame of the Dayton Preservation Committee to see when the promised funds are actually needed. A smaller C&C dedicated CD (\$2600) will also mature soon and it was decided to transfer its proceeds to the general fund of offset the C&C purchase of rail etc that was paid for from the general fund. It is hoped that a resolution can be reached prior to the change of the Board to remove these issues from the new Boards concerns. In the same vein, Vicki Kinney stated that the new Board can and should determine a prudent and sensible balance to be maintained in the HSDV general operating account while reassigning surplus funds to projects or savings. It was also stressed that members of the outgoing Board would meet with the incoming Board members to help in any way possible with the transition.

P.E.T Mugs: Laura Tennant reminded the Society that the Lincoln Hwy celebration involving the P.E.T mugs continues until June 2014 and we need to retain our remaining mugs and make them available to cross-Nevada travelers and not offer them for sale in the museum or at our events.

P.E.T Filming: Laura Tennant noted the major success of the filming event that took place all around Dayton in October but lamented the lack of time, daylight etc that prevented the filming of the final segment; our museum. This is the foundation of our history and must be included in this epic production. As the filming of the Dayton portion, under the conditions of the grant, exceeded the grant limits Laura recommended and it was approved by the Board (motion Tom Parcels, second Vicki Kinney) that the HSDV will provide \$375 for the final filming segment of this project. This amount reflects only a portion of their expenses (3 men/half a day/100 miles travel/etc).The total product of the filming will be at the disposal of the HSDV for any purpose we deem useful for the promotion of Dayton and our history. The date of the additional filming is yet to be determined but will be announced when available.

Christmas Party: Gretchen Arndt was not available to report due to commitments in VC. As best known, the celebration will be held December 7 at the Dayton Community Center. An extensive buffet will be supplied by the Culinary Department from Dayton High. A social time will be from 6:30 to 7 pm followed by dinner. Cost per person is set at \$25. Jack Folmar will create the award certificates for the recipients but Vicki requests some help with the script to be used during the ceremony.

The meeting was adjourned at 1pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Neylan
Secretary, HSDV