

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY**  
**MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

June 11, 2015

The monthly Board of Directors Meeting was held at the Dayton Valley Community Center, Dayton NV.

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by President Linda Clements.

Board Members present: Linda Clements, Lynne Ballatore, Mabel Masterman, Grace Ricci, Gretchen Arndt, Sheila Hodach (departed early) and Phyllis King. Absent: Laura Tennant. Others present: Nancy Sbragia and Julie Workman.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of May 13, 2015 Board of Director's meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Grace presented May Monthly Income and Expenses Report. Starting Balance: \$4,785.63, Income: \$419.30, Expenses \$607.61; Ending Balance: \$4,597.32. A motion was made to accept the May 2015 Income/Expenses financial report as presented. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

There were several incoming items of communications not requiring action or formal discussion. Folder containing them was passed around for review (or not).

Mabel read a complimentary letter received from the Director, Honey Springs Battlefield Historic Site (Oklahoma) where Pvt. Carnal had been wounded in battle with regards to our recent June 7<sup>th</sup> Memorial Ceremony at Dayton Cemetery.

**BRIEF REPORTS/CONCERNS:**

This is Linda's first meeting as President and she conveyed her philosophy regarding HSDV to board members. Basically, we all need to relax and have fun. Don't hesitate to call others for help. Don't feel obligated to do more than you can do. She plans to continue her predecessor's example of involving others and not overwork our "usual members". We'll encourage members do what they are good at and have a passion for doing. Allow board members the option to adjust assignments, etc. in order to reasonably accommodate needs-of-the-business. Don't sweat the "small stuff". In addition to formal Agenda items, board members will have the opportunity to express additional individual concerns.

**BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS:**

- There were 6: Comments noting #1.) Incomplete status 2014 HSDV Scrapbook and concerns that last few are "scrapbook art" and not really following previously established parameters which are based on putting focus towards historical recordation of year's events/activities in an appealing presentation; #2.) Consider a reasonable increase in dues starting in 2016-2017; #3.) Enhancements to HSDV computerized data bases need to be looked at; #4.) We are spending less money this year than last year; and #5.) Noting basically yard work maintenance issues were over for the season and; #6, a question regarding reordering of book that has sold out.

**UPDATES (OLD BUSINESS):**

- **Report – Room Tax Meeting:** Gretchen and Lynne represented HSDV at Room Tax meeting. HSDV requested \$1.5K. \$500.00 was awarded for our August 1<sup>st</sup> event. This year (only) a total of \$8.5K was available for distribution.
- **Report – Oodles of Noodles:** Museum and Firehouse/Jail were open for tours. Donations to park in Depot lot were accepted. Event attendance was down this year. Saturday the F/J had just 212 visitors; Sunday (due to HSDV hosting Pvt. Carnal Memorial Service at Dayton Cemetery) F/J closed at 1:00 pm. At that time just 62 had visited. We did not sign up for a booth this year. Total donations received = \$209.02 plus \$93.00 from Depot parking.
- Mabel reported Dayton Chamber of Commerce sent us a bill for booth space at Oodles of Noodles. No payment was made because we hadn't signed up for a booth. On Friday while cleaning F/J Mabel reported she was approached by a Chamber Officer requesting payment. Later, while attempting to resolve, Linda discovered a conundrum regarding OoN booth payment issues. Bottom line: Best interests of our society would be served by paying the \$45.00 fee for this year. However, any future requests for booth fees from OoN will be addressed at the time we receive them. Grace was directed to send them a check.
- **Overview of Memorial Ceremony for Pvt. Carnal/Civil War Veteran:** Around 300 people, including more than half in either Civil War-era attire or other official dress attended ceremony. HSDV hosted the event. Other

organizations participating included the K.I.A. Ghost Soldier Motorcycle Club, Nevada Civil War Volunteers, Northern Nevada black Cultural Awareness Society, Patriot Guard, and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil Way, University of Nevada Cadet Band and War Veterans Memorial Association of Western Nevada. In addition to recognizing Pvt. Carnal's service to his country all veterans were recognized with reflection, honor, respect and remembrance for their service. Afterwards at the Museum HSDV hosted a reception featuring light refreshments. Linda was thanked for her role as event coordinator, Melanie Cooper and Mabel both received recognition for the excellent job they did with publicity/media coverage. Members providing refreshments at the reception were recognized as were our member "worker-bees". Colin Crowley did video recording. It was noted this event was picked up by AP and publicity went worldwide and KNPR Las Vegas interviewed Linda.

- **Upcoming June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale:** Good response to request for items we can sell. However, more volunteers are needed, especially for set-up on Thursday and 2:00pm Saturday when we close.
- **August 1<sup>st</sup> 150 Schoolhouse/Dayton Book Event:** Julie Workman and Nancy Sbragia noted they were overall event coordinators. The book signing itself is from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. However, the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Event, 3:00pm to 5:00pm will have a more structured format. Hospitality, displays, and other logistics are being identified with some more pressing than others at this time. Julie is basically handling oversight of hospitality tasking; Nancy is working on contacting several former students and old-time-families for inclusion. Mabel is overseeing contacting dignitaries and all aspects associated with invitations. Out of necessity, many details will not be firmed up until after Laura returns to the mainland the first week in July.
- **RRWG:** Phyllis noted a new brochure handout for RRWG has been completed. RRWG also donated a large picture gotten (some time ago) from Fernley to a raffle benefiting the Narrow Gauge Railroad club. The club made \$480. The new track Bernie Allen, Steve Knowles, David Dukleth and Duncan Lee have been working on at the Depot is definitely drawing interest to both the property and project. A Chair person is needed for upcoming Railroad Days event.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Requests for historic pictures:** Proposed parameters addressing requests coming from the public for copies of HSDV historical pictures from our collection were discussed and firmed up. A motion was made and seconded that we propose the following parameters to our members at the general meeting for their concurrence: HSDV would make photos from our collection available for a fee, plus actual cost for getting it reproduced; purchaser has a right to use photo (credits to us), however, they can't reproduce it in any manner. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Publicizing society events:** Subject temporarily tabled until next month.
- **Hospitality Committee:** Consensus was by using a core concept for hospitality our needs would be addressed more efficiently. Barbara Madison, Gretchen Arndt and Sheila Hodach will work together as a core-team and contact members to solicit additional help in fulfilling requirements.
- **Welcome package ideas:** Subject set aside for time being.
- **Discuss process for reviewing HSDV forms:** Subject set aside pending more research.
- **Halloween Event Chair:** Carried over to General Membership Meeting.
- **Representation at DRCAB meetings:** Linda attended the most recent one. DRCAB will accept brief written report in lieu of representative physically attending.
- **Dayton Chamber representative at HSDV meeting(s):** Brief discussion pending further exploration.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURN:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 12:30pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/s M. E. Masterman*

Mabel Masterman, Secretary

Approved by the Board: 7-8-15

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