

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

September 9, 2015

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

Meeting was called to order at 10:35am by President Linda Clements.

**Board Members present:** Linda Clements, Mabel Masterman, Grace Ricci, Sheila Hodach, Phyllis King, Gretchen Arndt, Laura Tennant and Lynne Ballatore (left at 11:30am). **Others present:** None.

**MINUTES:**

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of August 12, 2015 Board of Director's meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Grace presented August Monthly Income and Expenses Report. Starting Balance: \$5,577.54, Income: (\$7,900.00 from Grant), Total = \$16,880.77, Expenses: (\$9,762.76 for C&C), Total = \$13,762.76, Ending Balance: \$8,695.55. A motion was made to accept the August 2015 Income/Expenses financial report as presented. Motion seconded and passed unanimously. Laura will pursue un-processed check HSDV sent in May to Silver City Preservation Society.

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

- Invitation received from Yerington Museum inviting us to their rededication of Firehouse #3; booth application for Lyon County Fly-in; annual application Official Museum Directory (passed on to Secretary); and bulletin Historic Reno Preservation. A folder containing items not requiring action was passed around for review (or not).

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Linda stressed we had a need for volunteers to work at Railroad Days site during DVD and encouraged everyone to try and help out with something.
- Upcoming Sept. Chamber Mixer: Due to conflict with upcoming DVD preparations HSDV had opted to decline hosting September Chamber Mixer. Incorrect publicity got released by Chamber. Linda contacted them.
- Sketches for Nevada Day Parade Float have been drafted by Gretchen.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Mabel gave several updates and a clarification.

- Clarification: money from NCOT grant covers publicity/advertising for 2015 RR Days. The \$2,400 previously approved was to cover any expense, i.e. T-shirts, which might not be covered by grant money.
- Noting the recent BBQ was fun, Mabel thanked Tennants' for sponsoring and hosting the Annual event.
- 2016 Board Nominations open at upcoming September 16<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting, close at October 21<sup>st</sup> General Membership Mtg. "Secret" ballots will be sent to members (in good standing) via US Mail week of October 26<sup>th</sup>. Ballots will be counted at November 18<sup>th</sup> Gen. Membership Mtg., counted and honorees announced.
- 2016 Nominations for Laura Tennant and Gold Nugget Awards open October 21<sup>st</sup> Gen. Membership Mtg. and close November 18<sup>th</sup> Gen. Membership Mtg. and counted.
- Last 2015 General Membership Mtg. is November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS/ UPDATES:**

- **Upcoming Sept. 12 sale/book signing:** Laura reported signing would be 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Community Center, Saturday. She's in receipt of some nice feedback, commendations and communications about the book which she saved. Additionally, Laura and Jack Folmar will be presenting a lecture, selling and signing the DAYTON book on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at the Gold Hill Hotel. Nevada State Legislature bookstore has been contacted about selling the DAYTON book. A motion was made, seconded and passed permitting 20 books to be put aside for sale and see how sales go. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura said she and Jack would be participating in Authors Day at the Carson Library.

- **TRUE WEST Magazine:** HSDV and Dayton are currently listed in this magazine.
- **Yerington Museum Tour:** HSDV members will be touring the Yerington Museum on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Plan is to car pool, have lunch in Yerington, and go on an afternoon tour. Laura is firming up details.
- **Accession records:** Work resumed a couple of weeks ago. Laura said there is a lot to be done and they are holding weekly work sessions at 9:00am each Wednesday at the Museum.
- **Upcoming Railroad Days:** Volunteer help is needed at the C&C for both Saturday and Sunday. Participation was encouraged. Phyllis gave detailed updates concerning signage, food/beer, live music, and onsite activities which include handcar & motorcar rides, gold panning, and civil war reenactments. Inside the Depot living history will be presented and hands-on exhibits (including RR simulators) will be featured. A “Tie Plate” dedication ceremony will be held at 12 Noon on the C&C property. Parking, including handicap, will be offered. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to purchase 7 handicap parking signs at \$5.39 @.
- **Museum & F/J open during DVD:** Staffing for both locations are being handled by their lead docents. DAYTON books will be sold at the booth, Museum and C&C locations. Laura and Jack will be signing books brought to them at Dayton Community Center.
- **Special financial report on C&C project:** “Special” financial report postponed due to overall financial report being due 9/30/15.
- **Halloween Event:** Scheduled for Thursday evening, October 29<sup>th</sup> and begins at the Museum. Our annual family oriented event is expected to have 3 hay wagons, all with “ghost hosts”. There will be 5 educational “talking story” spots throughout town where “history coming at you” type events will depict a variety of things that helped make the town what it is today. Subjects may include Chinese & Italian heritage, Mark Twain, first marriage/divorce, Civil War re-enactors or a vigilante hanging. Various games and light refreshments will also be offered at the Museum. Co-Chairs are Lynne Ballatore and Gertchen Arndt. Lots of volunteers are needed when we put on this event and there’s something for everyone who wants to help out.
- **Pay Pal Account:** Additional decisions need to be made and this will be addressed after RR Days/DVD events.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2015 Christmas Party:** Gretchen Arndt will be Chairing the 2015 Party. BOD suggested it be held on a Saturday evening. Chair is in the process of checking out various venues and prices. She’ll report back next month.
- **September Gen. Membership History Moment** – Laura offered to handle September’s subject.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:**

- **Nevada Day Float:** Theme this year is “ONE STATE. MANY CULTURES”. Gretchen Arndt and Lynne Ballatore offered to Co-Chair HSDV’s float committee. Parade will actually occur on October 31<sup>st</sup> this year.
- **Tables, tents and canopies:** Tents, canopies and tables are still needed for Depot grounds during RR Days.
- **C&C door key(s):** Concerns were expressed regarding lack of accountability and a variety of different keys on various door locks for C&C Depot doors. Consensus is this needs to be addressed sooner rather than later.
- **Gold/Silver bearing dirt from Comstock Foundation;** HSDV has been offered the opportunity to secure a limited number (up to 50) of 60# bags of dirt that came from Donovan, a Comstock mine. More information is needed; at the board’s request, Gloria Manning is pursuing and will oversee details related to their offer.

**ADJOURN:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 12:20pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*S/S: M. E. Masterman*

Mabel Masterman, Secretary

Approved by the Board: **October 14, 2015**

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