

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

October 14, 2015

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

Meeting was called to order at 10:40am by President Linda Clements.

**Board Members present:** Linda Clements, Mabel Masterman, Grace Ricci, Sheila Hodach, Phyllis King, Gretchen Arndt, Laura Tennant & Lynne Ballatore. **Others present:** Stony Tennant, Elaine Bergstrom, MaryAnn & Andy Sichak.

**MINUTES:**

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of September 09, 2015 Board of Director's meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

- Communication regarding Labor Law requirements received. HSDV is a non-profit with no employees; they do not apply to our corporation. An application form received from America Alliance of Museums. Secretary noted that in keeping with past practice(s) HSDV opts not to join organizations if membership is of no real benefit to our organization. Notification of upcoming conference for non-profit organizations was given to Lynne. Folder containing items not requiring action was passed around for review (or not).

**ANCILLARY DISCUSSION – HSDV BLACKSMITHING PROGRAM**

- In July Andy Sichak presented verbal information regarding a possible HSDV sponsorship of a "Blacksmithing and History Training Program". He expressed a willingness to put together a written proposal to this effect. When checking with HSDV's insurance carrier our Secretary noted the insurance agent strongly advised against what had initially been proposed in the Blacksmithing idea. Secretary was informed the primary liability was on the person teaching the class; that person should be the one to insure the operation naming HSDV as additionally insured.
- Stony Tennant spoke to the group. Basically saying he and Andy had not formalized what they wanted to do, however, he would speak to their intention. Stony imparted how he had gotten into Blacksmithing and the idea behind our establishing a Blacksmithing program. He noted their class would be presenting students the rudiments of basic blacksmithing, including basic safe practices, and how to put together their own shops. There would be no hands-on practicing on our premises; students would do that at their own homes. Andy concurred he was in agreement with the intent as stated by Stony. Cost of instructional materials, fees, parameters and minors participating was discussed at some length. Board consensus: what was now being proposed had merit; however students would need to be HSDV members and minors would need parental permission to participate. A reasonable fee covering membership and supplies should be charged. Stony and Andy are to present a "going forward" plan to the board prior to commencing this activity. A motion was made and seconded that upon BOD acceptance of "going forward" plan and other conditions, Blacksmithing Workshops sponsored by HSDV, where blacksmithing rudiments would be taught, however all hands-on work would be done by student's at their homes would be authorized. Fee to be charged covering expenses and the cost of their memberships. Motion passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Linda introduced several future ideas to consider relative to existing society newsletters. Her thoughts included formats, article content, and frequency; possibly even establishing a semi-editorial board for scholarly content. Both Laura and Linda expressed interest in participating.
- A brief overview of a V&T Historical Conference held in Carson City attended by Linda and husband was given.
- Regarding future filings of HSDV tax returns, Linda advised that although 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tax Consultants have sold off a portion of their business the agreement with us to do our yearly IRS filings for HSDV remains the same.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mabel gave several updates and clarifications.

- A reminder that nominations for 2016 BOD close at October General Membership meeting. Ballots to be mailed to members in good standing week of October 26<sup>th</sup>. All mailed back ballots need to be received by Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Mabel advised 2015 Election Panel consisted of the following members: Lynn Erickson, Mary Epperson, Carr Sandall, Karen Howe and Carol Oehler.
- Nominations for Laura Tennant and Gold Nugget Awards open at Oct, General Mtg. close Nov. Gen Mtg.
- Mabel asked for teamwork from everybody in getting timely information to Secretary so thank you notes, etc. can be sent to community members who have contributed. Securing this information has become a real problem. Same issue in securing names of participating HSDV members so they can be recognized for their help in the Newsletter.

**OTHER BOARD CONCERNS: C&C Depot/property project**

Numerous questions concerning overall goals, usage of and primary vision for the C&C Depot project development have arisen. As such, Linda felt we needed to review and reaffirm our initial long range plan (updated in June 2006). She noted a transportation grant to preserve and restore the C&C Depot Building to its 1880s character with the intent of producing a welcome and educational Dayton railroads center at the entrance to downtown had been previously secured. (Initially Dayton Chamber of Commerce planned to also be located there also.) Discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to basically reaffirm the initial concept(s) contained in the 2006 Long Range Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS/ UPDATES:**

- **Report: Railroad Days event:** Lynne and Phyllis noted that although the actual de-briefing could not be held until October 20<sup>th</sup>, the following items could reported: we know RR Days made money this year; people “had a ball” as they indicated they’d be back; Gold Panners, food, rail track events and musicians were a big draw; and saloon did very well. A couple of areas need to be addressed for next year. Especially flow of people through the venue area, more specifically getting people into Depot to see exhibits; and a lack of advertising going to students in local schools. Many positive comments and interest associated with “Tie Plate” project dedication.
- **Overall HSDV DVD activities:** Overall event attendance was up this year. Museum and Firehouse/Jail were both open to visitors. Mabel noted the F/J logged a total of 871 people going through, with Saturday being the busiest day with 678, a new record! Museum also had nice steady crowds with many Dayton residents visiting it for the first time. According the Phyllis, Gift Shop sales were good. Unfortunately donations received at the blacksmithing demonstration, although separately identified, got lumped together in donation totals.
- **Recent book signing:** Laura noted DAYTON book continues to sell well at recent signings. With Christmas coming up she thought we might hold a special event and encourage residents to purchase “special” DAYTON presents from the Museum Gift Shop. In February Laura will be giving a lecture at the Nevada State Museum.
- **Special C&C financial report:** Delayed until approximately November.
- **Halloween Event:** Scheduled 5pm to 8pm October 29<sup>th</sup>. Lynne and Gretchen reported they have been working on event logistics. Currently they’re short 2 trucks (to pull hay wagons); people to play living characters; Soroptomists have offered to handle children’s games; and cookies for refreshments are needed. Hay bales need to be secured. Additionally, props and decorations from previous years have yet to be found.
- **Nevada Day Parade:** Due to unfortunate circumstances HSDV will not participate this year.
- **2015 Christmas Party:** Gretchen will have more information at October General Meeting.
- **Pay Pal Account:** Will not be pursued until after Halloween event.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Accessioning is progressing. Laura read a rather lengthy list of newly accessioned items asking board to approve those acquisitions. Discussion ensued. A motion was made and seconded to postpone the action until board members had a chance to review it. Motion passed unanimously.
- Current webmaster could use help with the Site. Linda indicated we have a new member who might volunteer.
- Earlier this year Mabel noted HSDV dues have not been increased since 2005. All things considered, she felt an increase was justified. Additional clarification of a couple of fee parameters should be shown on application form, effective with 2016-2017 Membership year. Motion made and seconded, to raise dues for individual memberships to \$17.00; family memberships to \$35.00 (children under 18 are included); and specify that Life Membership for 1 individual is \$125.00; however, Life Membership for 2 adults remains \$250.00. Motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to confirm policy a previously established on June 17, 2015 for selling HSDV’s historic pictures. Additionally, we’ll make policy adjustments to all photos currently for sale so prices, photo credit, etc. conform to policy. This applies to both framed and unframed pictures. Motion passed unanimously.
- **October Gen. Membership History Moment** – Laura offered to handle October subject.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:**

- Treasurer noted Silver City Preservation Society has never cashed our donation check (due to lack of a checking account). A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously the check be returned and replaced with cash.
- It was not necessary to use \$2.4K “seed money” previously authorized (if needed) for Railroad Day Expenses.

**ADJOURN:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 1:05pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s: *M. E. Masterman*

Mabel Masterman, Secretary

Approved by the Board: **November 10, 2015**

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