

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

April 12, 2017

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

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 am by President Gloria Manning followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**Board Members present:** Gloria Manning (Pres.), Stony Tennant (V. Pres.), David Dukleth (acting Sec.), Lynne Ballatore (Tres.), Laura Tennant (Historian), Pat Neylan (Museum Curator), Linda Clements (Dir.), Julie Lucero (Dir.), Phyllis King (Dir.) **Not present:** Mabel Masterman (Sec.) **Other members present:** Elaine Bergstrom, Karen Howe, Duncan Lee, Jerry Van Loo, Al Lucero, MaryAnn and Andy Sichak, Janet Steeper. (Sign-in sheet available in the Minutes Files).

**MEMBERS COMMENTS:** Those wishing to speak during this time are asked to state their name for the record in order to be given the opportunity to get something on the agenda for the next meeting or to move forward an agenda item. Time will be limited to three minutes.

**MINUTES:** Last month's BoD minutes were reviewed. Minutes approved as adjusted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Lynne presented her Treasurer's Report for March detailing HSDV Income and Expenses. Starting Balance: \$8,243.01, Income: \$287.58, Expenses: \$439.81: Ending Balance: \$8,090.98.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Lynne received correspondence from the Hillhouse W, Ltd. a western history book seller, Crestline promotional logos products, Data Graphics, Carrot-Top Industries with flag related products, and a publication entitled The Engineering News Record. The Secretary of State notified us that the old DHS service mark is coming up for renewal. It's \$50 to renew for 5 years. Linda felt we can let it go since we're not using these old service marks. She noted we should continue to renew our HSDV and RR service marks.
- Gloria mentioned that she purchased the USGS publication on EBay relating to Nevada's Iron Deposits.
- Laura noted that she has an additional \$88 from the sale of her book.

**BRIEF REPORTS/CONCERNS:**

- Gloria added an item; add 'Old Wagon' to the end of new business in today's agenda.
- Linda asked if there were any updates concerning the Swobe property since it wasn't on the agenda. Nothing new known.
- Linda also asked for a clarification on the old Pike Street church mentioned in the minutes of March 8th. Pat has plans to set up a meeting after Easter.
- Phyllis asked for an update on the plastering of walls at the Museum. Pat had no update.
- Phyllis also made a request to buy paint for the bathrooms in the museum. She also would like to use Kilz paint to cover the walls before painting. Stony made motion to buy the best scrub able paint and that it be the same or approximately the same color as the existing wall color and to authorize an amount not to exceed \$150. Seconded by Lynne. All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS/ UPDATES:**

- **a) Fund raising ideas, which one:** Rummage sale discussed. Laura suggested holding a sale and asking for donations rather than pricing items as is done in the Silver City rummage sale. Stony suggested storage on-site rather than moving donations from another location. Concern expressed about rodents and risk of water damage. Stony suggested laying down gravel and that since the storage is short term rodents shouldn't be a problem. Holding the sale on the third week of June was suggested. Janet Steeper volunteered to chair the sale and with Gloria's and Laura's help will handle advertising.
- **b) Setup of PayPal Account:** Lynne had no new updates.

- **c) Budget for 2017:** Lynne prepared a worksheet. Stony will meet with her and go over it to discuss categories. Linda added info relating to grants and matching funds.
- **d) Laptop for PowerPoint presentations:** Linda is working with her family on the laptop her family is donating and asked permission to spend \$24/yr. for Office for Non-profits software. She will also have Libreoffice programs on the computer. Laura made motion to have Linda finish getting what she needs to get the laptop up and running. Stony seconded it with discussion on computer check-out procedures. Pat stated that the museum already has check-out procedures. Gloria ultimately will be in charge and members should coordinate with her if they need to remove the computer from the museum. All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.
- **e) RR Committee:** Linda updated workday information at the depot. Work will be moved from the 3rd Saturday to the 4th Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm (or so). She left a flyer with more information. Weed pulling on the depot grounds is also needed. She is also attending a meeting on the 20th at 10 am with NDOT people, County people, and State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPO) to go over a transportation grant. They will meet at the depot so she needs help to clean the depot area and move trash beforehand. She updated us on the removal of the vermiculite insulation.
- **f) Bylaws updates:** Lynne is working on getting the group together.
- **g) UNR request for Dayton Info:** Laura gave a gentleman some historic pictures as well as info from one of her Reflections newspaper columns that related to historic flooding in the Dayton area. The UNR library had not made the request as previously assumed but the display will be at the UNR.
- **h) Printers at museum:** Elaine updated the group with her printer research. Our HP printer is not printing on glossy paper without smearing. HP printers are only serviced by HP and must be shipped out of our local area and thus she found that it would be too expensive to send ours out for repairs. We can still keep the HP for large scanning. It will print 11 x 17. She recommended buying another Brother printer (Inkjet this time) like the ones she and Don are using in their home and one would cost about \$314 through Amazon. Ink replacement in the two pack black was \$30.91 and in the three pack color was \$27.99 through Amazon. Laura made the motion to replace the smaller Brother printer (LaserJet) in the museum with Elaine's recommendation. Linda also recommended we get the extended warranty if available. Julie seconded. All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.
- **i) 100 Year Birthday of Community Center:** Laura reported on the Dayton Preservation Committee of which she is a member. She reported that the Committee is also part of Dayton Valley Days. She reminded them that next year is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the high school in the building now used as the Community Center. She wanted the okay with the HSDV joining in with the Committee and jointly holding an all-school reunion. Everyone agreed. Linda reminded everyone to look at the cabinets in the Community Center's kitchen which were removed from the depot's kitchen.

#### NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES:

- **1. Union Hotel reconstruction issues and support:** Linda updated the group. Far West Engineering was hired by the County to advise on engineering at the Hotel. Stony also added comments concerning issues of zoning usage with the inclusion of the Odeon Hall and the Fox building in the discussion.
- **2. Nevada Travel Commission Map issues:** Linda commented on the lack of recognition of Dayton's place in Nevada's history in the recent NV Travel (Tourism) Commission Map or the Travel Nevada brochure. It was suggested that it may be due to the limited hours at the museum and that Dayton has no room nights. Julie pointed out that the HSDV has a walking tour open 7 days a week. Al also mentioned that there is no listing for DVD or Oodles of Noodles in the Commission information.
- **3. Park Service style Lookout Panorama markers at Cemetery:** Linda suggested one at the cemetery overlooking Dayton. She offered that it may be an item worth a grant request. Stony suggested looking into Highway funding.
- **4. Accessioning:** Move to item 7. History Moment.
- **5. Arts Council information:** Gloria said Steven Saylor had been at an arts council meeting and had called her. He told her someone was having an event on May 3<sup>rd</sup> where HSDV could display our brochures, etc. and gave her contact information. He also noted grant money can also be secured from them. Gloria tried to get in touch with them but so far had not received a response back.
- **6. NDOT Picture of highway construction:** Gloria provided the Highway Department with an early highway construction picture of Lakeview Hill found in Barton's papers.
- **7. History moment:** Laura reported on the accessioning of some 50 bottles at the museum as well as working on displays. Janet has been helping on various projects. MaryAnn has been documenting all the accessioning information from the past two years. Laura has put some of the bottle information in one of her columns and read a true story about a murder (possibly two) using a bromo-seltzer bottle containing a deadly powder rather than the original contents. A

second (or third) unintended victim also lost her life. Laura has also made copies of historical 1890's Dayton's Public School Christmas Programs. She read some of the names of the students.

- **8. May General Membership meeting:** Laura suggested we hold the next meeting at 7pm with a short General Meeting followed by the History Program. All agreed. Phyllis mentioned the weekly hospitality meetings during May History Month. Let Julie know if you can help with food. It was decided to hold the events on the 3rd, 10th, 17, we'll skip the 24th, and the last one on the 31st to accommodate the lecture on the Union Hotel.
- **9. Reprint of book "Our Days in the Desert" by Ada Quilici Bommarito:** Laura reported that Karen Howe has been in contact with Ada and was given two copies of this self published book. Karen plans to donate one to the society and the HSDV has given Ada a Dayton history book in trade. Laura wants to look into the price to reprint this out of print book from Ada's life at the ranch through the depression years up to 1941 when the ranch was sold.
- **10. Old Wagon:** Laura reported on a contact from Mark Dangberg, curator of the Dangberg Home Ranch in Carson Valley concerning his research into Heinrich Friedrich Dangberg. According to Stony, Dangberg's wagon was brought west with him in 1853 (came west in 1856 according to Dangberg website). Mark's research led him to Ken Hamilton, Executive Director, Nevada Day Inc. The wagon is at Laura and Stony's home and they recommend transferring it to the Dangberg Ranch as an act of good will. Stony has made repairs to the wagon using his forge to make replacement metal parts to match the original hardware. After he finishes one more part he can then use his trailer to transfer the wagon to the Dangberg Ranch. Stony also has some Dangberg papers concerning the wagon. According to Stony, Dangberg's owned two livery stables and a feed lot in VC and used the wagon to deliver grain to Dayton. Mark would like to come out and see the wagon on April 14. Linda made the motion to move the wagon to Dangberg's Ranch. Julie seconded. All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed. Laura mentioned that the new VC newspapers would be a good place to publish the wagon information. The Comstock Chronicle and VC News have been combined into a new VC paper. Laura reported that she will have a column in a second new VC paper that is to be called the Dayton Dispatch and is to begin publishing May 5. Lynne suggested getting a subscription for the library.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:** Linda suggested that we print more post cards of our area's historical photo collection to sell at the museum. She commented that they are good advertising. Linda suggested Joe Curtis as a possible source for postcards. Laura recalled that Morgan had our original postcards produced. Pat recalled that it was through Vista Print.

Julie brought in a box of fresh picked lemons from Stockton.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 12:50 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, s/s: D. L. Dukleth  
David Dukleth, Acting Secretary HSDV

*Approved by the Board: May 10, 2017*

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