

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE HSDV HELD July 20, 2011

The meeting was held at the Dayton Branch Library and called to order by Pres. Vicki Kinney at 12:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

The minutes of the June meeting were distributed, read, and approved on a motion by Ruby McFarland with a second by Mabel Masterman.

Treasurer's Report: Grace Ricci reported a balance of \$12,159.99 with income for the period of \$8,035.92 and expenses of \$2,803.74. Grace noted that the liability insurance for the coming year would be paid for out of these funds leaving the dedicated insurance CD intact. The report was approved on a motion by Laura Tennant with a second by Bob Wallace. There was no pertinent correspondence.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Rummage Sale: Vicki Kinney reported net proceeds from the sale of \$2400.

Lincoln Highway Event: Donna McElroy thanked all society members who helped with the event noting that their help added much to the overall success. Proceeds from the event were \$1610 not including \$180 in museum sales or \$65 in Depot donations. Net proceeds were \$724.15. Donna noted that there were some residual supplies from the event that would be used in the future. These included gold gift bags, brochure printer paper, and beverage dispensing containers.

Sesquicentennial Celebration: Laura Tennant reported that Jack Folmar has been attending the county meeting as the representative of the Society. She also stated that a historical picture display of Dayton would be set up in Yerington on 8/31 as part of the celebration. The Board had voted to purchase a 3 piece set of Sesquicentennial Medallions for the museum for \$80 and Jack displayed the mounted set he had created. Jack reported that for the county wide picnic in Aug. there would be no charge for entrance or parking at the park at Lahontan and that there would be 2 food serving areas and 2 bands for entertainment. Also there will be games for the kids including a bounce house. He noted that Smith's in Dayton was the low bidder for supplying the food for the picnic.

Mark Twain Group: Ruby McFarland thanked all the members who helped greet and tour the Mark Twain group in Dayton, especially Stony Tennant for his walking tour, Mabel Masterman for opening the Firehouse and Larry Schmidt for his talk on the Tahoe wood camp. All of the visitors enjoyed themselves and commented that we had provided a totally different type of touring experience than they had ever had before. It was noted that in addition to their generous donation of \$500 their members had spent \$45 in the museum gift shop. Vicki Kinney commented on the publicity advantage the event provided for Dayton. Linda Clements noted she would include the event on the website under past events as well as our other events if she is supplied with the pertinent information.

Box Car: The Board had voted to accept the donation of a period Southern Pacific narrow gauge box car. Bob Wallace reported that a group had made a trip to Bishop CA to view the car and noted that it was in better condition than expected although it does need some work. Pictures were circulated. Stony Tennant mentioned that most of the iron was intact and that the car could be retrieved using the Society's newly donated trailer rather than renting equipment. The estimate to retrieve, fix up, display the car and reimburse member's travel expenses should not exceed \$2000. Linda Clements noted that local (Bishop) railroad groups would be available to help and that a plaque acknowledging the donation would be mounted on the finished car. Tom Parcels said that NDOT should be consulted as to requirements for placing the box car on depot property.

Flat Bed Trailer Donation: Donna McElroy reported the acceptance of a 24ft flat bed trailer from Dayton Valley Turf Co. and that it would serve many uses such as retrieving the box car, parade float, moving supplies (tables/chairs) stage, etc. Stony Tennant estimated the work needed on the trailer to be no more than \$1500 which the Board has already approved. This work includes: new tires \$4-500, decking \$500 and misc \$500 which would include new hitch, stake pockets, wiring and paint. Linda Adams inquired about the insurance ramifications of the trailer. Grace Ricci will contact the insurance company. Stony pointed out that due to its oversize width the trailer would require a special annual \$60 permit in addition to regular registration fees.

Museum/Depot Maintenance: Tom Parcells reported that Lyon Co. Fire had begun weed abatement at the depot and would continue in the future. Plans were arranged with Mr. Workman to disconnect the existing sewer connection. A signup sheet was circulated for a work party at both buildings. Needs include: painting museum porch and weeding, depot window frame and loading dock painting, fence repair and overgrown tree removal inside sheds.

Lyon County Fair: After much discussion as to whether or not the Society should/could participate it was decided that Jack Folmar and Pat Neylan would look into a way to distribute Dayton literature without the need to create a manned booth at the fair. Jack will work the 150<sup>th</sup> yr booth.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Museum Textile Preservation: Donna McElroy reported that a representative from the Marjorie Russell Textile Museum had given us some restoration supply catalogues and tips on how to preserve the textile items in our museum including their proper cleaning and placement of blinds on the windows. Donna also noted that there are plans for regular monthly accession meetings to catch up with that work. The permanent accession book is now at the museum and all but the most recent entries have been copied electronically by Morgan Webber.

Membership Dues: Notices are going out soon. Mable Masterman offered to help Judy and Grace with the process. Laura Tennant stressed the need for a comprehensive membership drive soon.

Spirited Ghost Walk: Barbara Peck requested a co-chair and Donna McElroy volunteered. A planning session will be held immediately after the Aug general meeting.

Comstock Mining Co.: Barbara Peck recommended the Society draft a letter of concern based on the Society's Mission Statement and connection with the Comstock Historic District showing our opposition to the proposed open pit mining in Storey and Lyon Counties. We should support the Comstock Resident's Association. This was approved on a motion by Mabel Masterman and a second by Lynn Erickson

Dayton Valley Days Event: Laura Tennant is the chair for this event and plans will be discussed at the Aug general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned following a prayer for the health of Morgan Webber as requested by Ron Rowe.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Neylan  
Secretary, Historical Society of Dayton Valley