

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF HSDV HELD August 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm at the Dayton Branch of the library by president Vicki Kinney and the pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

President Vicki reported that Laura Tennant had undergone a hip replacement and that everything was going well. Keep Laura and Morgan in your thoughts and prayers.

The minutes of the July meeting were distributed, read and approved on a motion by Mabel Masterman with a second by Barbara Peck.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Grace Ricci supplied a report that showed a balance of \$12,180.56 that included income for the period of \$599.47 and disbursements of \$578.90. The report was approved on a motion by Donna McElroy with a second by Tom Parcels. There was no correspondence to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Box Car: Tom Parcels reported that the donated narrow gauge box car would arrive in Dayton in late September. Its arrival was postponed until after Laura Tennant recovered from her hip surgery. The expenses for the project would consist up travel/room costs for four members for two nights but should be well under the estimate approved by the Board.

Museum Accession/Displays: Donna McElroy reported that progress has been made with the backlog of items awaiting accession and stressed the need for more sessions in the future. The next is scheduled for September 14th following the Board meeting. Linda Adams pointed out that any other sessions in September could clash with preparations for the Dayton Valley Days event. Donna noted that much cleaning and straightening has been done at the museum including rearranging and creating some displays especially an entire wall of early Dayton photos dedicated to the Society's long time film expert Morgan Webber. A Druid Hall display is also in the offing. Vicki thanked Donna, Jack, Margy and Pat for all their efforts. The next major project is to update and complete the labeling of displays in the museum. All members are invited to help. The next work session will follow the docent meeting 8/24. Donna also reported that a book vendor was working to determine the value of some of the books at the museum. Final disposition of the books will await further examination which due to our time restraints will be made a winter project.

Museum Maintenance: Vicki Kinney noted that she had requested from Home Depot a donation of material to aid in the completion of our projects involving the museum, depot and box car in an amount of about \$1500. It is being considered. Tom Parcels commented that this could lead to a relationship with Home Depot for future projects. Tom went on to note the need for weed removal at the museum to reduce fire danger and reported that the weeds at the depot had been sprayed by Lyon County Fire but that they needed to be raked up. The Fire Dept. will spray the depot with pre-emergence weed killer and noted that Lyon Co. will disconnect and remove the sewer from the depot. Tom had attended a Lyon Co. Commissioners meeting and reported that he had thanked Mike Workman for his help with our buildings and made the commissioners aware of our Lincoln Hwy and Mark Twain events as well as explained about the arrival of the box car. This was all well received. Donna noted that the Parks Dept. had made repairs to the drip system at the museum.

Dayton Valley Days: Linda Adams explained the types of help needed for the event and a signup sheet was passed around. Help is needed with manning the museum, depot, parking, society booth as well as parking and set up and tear down. The boy scouts have committed to helping with parking. The society will also provide a historic display at the Community Center as well as a continual running of the DVD Dayton Pure Gold. It was also decided to provide two gift baskets for the silent auction. On the recommendation of Vicki Kinney the Society will not participate in the parade. Linda Adams suggested we have a basic flyer for the Pioneer Ghost Walk ready for handing out at Dayton Valley Days. Vicki said that unless a good deal turned up for a proper tent for the event we would simply use a member's.

Sesquicentennial Celebration: Jack Folmar reported that the last picnic planning meeting would be held Aug. 23rd. All is in order for the picnic. Jack will be working the county booth selling coins etc from 11 to 4 and could use an occasional spelling. The Society will not supply a historic picture display in Yerington but will donate to the county a properly framed photo of the original courthouse in Dayton.

Kiwanis Mixer: After discussion it was decided to hold a "thank you" mixer for the Kiwanis for all their work in our community and not just their help with our RR Jamboree. Donna suggested perhaps combining this with the arrival of the box car. A date will be set at the September general meeting.

Pioneer Ghost Walk: Barbara Peck described three needs for this event: 1. Hospitality and refreshments. 2. Ghost characters and 3. Workers for the games. A planning meeting followed the general meeting.

Gold Mining on the Comstock: Barbara Peck read a letter from the Society to the Storey Co. Planning Commission stating our opposition to allowing mining within the Comstock Historic District. It will be read at their 8/18 meeting in Virginia City. A copy is on file with the Society.

NEW BUSINESS:

PBS Sutro Special: Jack reported on his role in the filming of a documentary concerning the contributions of the Jews to Nevada history based on the book by Reno author John Marshall entitled "Jews in Nevada". Jack represented the HSDV school program as well as Adolph Sutro. He circulated a set of photos taken during the filming.

Nevada Day Parade: Tom Parcels reminded us that we voted to provide a float for the Nevada Day Parade in Oct. Ruby McFarland is working on a design. The theme is recreation in Nevada.

Mabel Masterman shared a letter from the Churchill County Museum in Fallon thanking us for a recent gift of some papers and pictures.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Neylan
Secretary HSDV