

MINUTES OF THE HSDV GENERAL MEETING HELD October 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Vicki Kinney and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Vicki gave a report on the condition of member Vivian Smith who is receiving treatments at a Texas cancer center. Continued prayers are requested for both Vivian and Emmett as they deal with the situation.

The minutes of the September meeting were distributed. With the correction of the date of the box car to 1888 the minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Wallace with a second by Laura Tennant.

Treasurer Grace Ricci reported a balance of \$12,968.89 with income for the period of \$2,184.60 and expenses of \$3,098.48. The report was accepted on a motion by Camille Vecchiarelli with a second from Bob Wallace. No correspondence to report.

A special guest, Dan Willis from Lyon County Department of Parks and Cemeteries, made known a proposal from the VC E Clampus Vitus group to place a special bronze marker at the gravesite of James Finney in the Dayton Cemetery. It would be approximately 18x24 in on a 12in pedestal. The wording on the plaque was not available at this time but would be forwarded to the Society for review. The issue will be brought before the Lyon Co. Commissioners at their meeting October 20, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

Box car/trailer: Tom Parcels reported that the Society will use Bob Foster's trailer for Nevada Day as our trailer will not be ready. He also reported the need to evaluate what the box car needs to enable the Society to co-apply for a restoration grant with another organization by November 1, 2011. We also need to return the borrowed trailer to its owner soon. Bernie Allen has investigated the proper height for a display loading dock and will have a recommendation. Stony Tennant requests a "restoration help needed" banner to attach to the box car.

Pioneer Ghost Walk: Vicki Kinney noted that help was needed in distributing flyers. Laura Tennant has created ads for local newspapers. Vicki showed the group large assorted bags of candy to be used at the event. We have purchased 4 such bags for \$12.50 each. Laura Tennant reported that Logan and Shady Ln will be closed for the event. The county will provide barriers but we have to put up signs explaining the reason for the closures. Vicki read off a list of ghosts who would "appear" that night and said game set up will begin at 3pm. Ghosts should "appear" at 4:30 at the museum. A final preparation meeting will follow the general meeting.

Nevada Day Parade: Tom Parcels informed us that Tom Zachry will record two songs to be played from the float during the parade (Night Time in Nevada and Home Means Nevada). We are still working on obtaining some of the items needed to decorate the float. There will be a trial assembly on Thursday 10/27 at 10am at the depot. Parade day the float will leave Dayton at 7am.

Christmas Party: Dagmar Webber has made the arrangements for the party. It will be Thurs 12/8 at the Gold Canyon Steakhouse. Cost will be \$30 per person (includes tax and gratuity). Entrée choices will be prime rib, chicken or fish. Jack Folmar is creating the invitations and hopes to have them in the mail during the first week of November.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Museum Tour: On 10/22 a group of Dayton Girl Scouts will take a special tour of the museum conducted by Laura Tennant and Tom Parcels.

SPECIAL HISTORY TRIVIA: Laura Tennant provided the group the fascinating story of the Dayton "D". The earliest reference to it appears in the 1926 Desert Canary, the Dayton High yearbook. Part of the

story is that the painted letters were a guide to early aviators. An annual project for seniors was to re-whitewash the letters every year. The "N" for UNR was put up in 1913. The "E" for Elko was put up in 1916 in honor of a teacher who died in the Ruby Mountains. In 1908 a bill created three school districts in Lyon Co.: Fernely, Smith Valley and Dayton. Prior to that one year of high school was taught in the grammar school (museum).

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS AND AWARDS:

Vicki Kinney reviewed the criteria for both the Laura Tennant and the Gold Nugget Award.

Nominations for the Laura Tennant Award:

Tom Parcels by Linda Adams

Jack Folmar by Patrick Neylan

Judy Harris by Laura Tennant

In November we will vote for two of the above.

Nominations for the Gold Nugget Award:

Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge Assoc. by Tom Parcels

Lyon County Sheriffs Dept. by Laura Tennant

Central Lyon County Fire District by Patrick Neylan

In November we will vote for one of the above.

Nominations for the award were closed on a motion from Bernie Allen with a second by Bob Wallace.

Officers and Board members: The current officers and board members were nominated:

President. Vicki Kinney by Marty Lewis

Vice Pres: Barbara Peck by Linda Adams

Secretary: Patrick Neylan by Donna McElroy

Treasurer: Grace Ricci by Linda Adams

Directors: Tom Parcels, Laura Tennant and Donna McElroy by Bernie Allen

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 by President Vicki Kinney.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Neylan
Secretary HSDV