

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING OF HSDV November 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Vicki Kinney at 12:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved on a motion by Ruby McFarland with a second by Donna McElroy.

Treasurer Grace Ricci reported a balance of \$12,151.40 with an income for the period of \$948.21 and expenses of \$627.58. It was noted that the check for \$70.00 to Dorothy Wingard for the light sticks for the Ghost Walk was to acknowledge the donation from the Soroptimist group. With this correction the report was accepted on a motion from Laura Tennant with a second by Barbara Peck. Correspondence: Grace read a Thank you note from Dagmar Webber for the Society's sympathy and help during the Celebration of Life held for Morgan Webber. Range Magazine has a book, "Call of Cow Country" available for Christmas at a 50% discounted price of \$17.95.

Special Guest: Mr. Shawn Keating, Lyon Co. Building Inspector, attended our meeting to report on the status of the Firehouse-Jail repair project. He reported that Farr Const. had been chosen as the project contractor, permits have been issued and a preliminary walk through will be scheduled shortly with work to begin in early January 2012. The work will be coordinated with Stony Tennant from the HSDV. It was noted that Farr Const. was the contractor for the Community Center's recent seismic retrofit. Stony Tennant outlined the process for stabilizing the side walls and entry door frame of the Firehouse while retaining its historic preservation.

Mr. Keating also explained that he would be involved in the discussions about the future of the Community Center and its maintenance and operation and urged all our members to attend a workshop meeting scheduled for December 13th. He stressed the strained resources of the County and the ongoing need to set priorities for future projects as well as the need for community input. Linda Clements reminded us that the Community Center has to be viewed from its historic aspect as well as its function as a community center. It should be noted that Mr. Keating explained that the process going on with the Dayton Community Center applies to all community centers in Lyon County. Laura Tennant emphasized the need for HSDV to be involved in whatever process affects the Community Center and all members present agreed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Box Car: Tom Parcells explained that we needed a complete assessment of what work needs to be done on the box car prior to winter. This includes some weather proofing and painting. He noted we had lost a grant applied for from a RR organization. The funds for the grant had been oversubscribed.

Pioneer Ghost Walk: Donna McElroy thanked all who had participated in the event, especially the ghosts, and reported that it had been well received by the public. Donna highlighted the cooperation and help received from the Soroptimists and the Dayton Valley Task Force as well as the excellent preparation done by Barbara Peck. Laura Tennant noted that she had made a historical presentation recently for the Soroptimists and had heard many positive comments that the kids had enjoyed the event showing their interest in history as well as increased exposure for the Dayton Museum in the community.

Nevada Day Parade: Member Bernie Allen, the Nevada Day Parade Chairman, presented Pres. Vicki Kinney with a First Place Award Plaque, Historical Division, for the Society's entry in the 2011 parade. Tom Parcels and Ruby McFarland expressed their thanks to all who helped with the event.

Christmas Party: Vicki Kinney reported that all the plans are set and sign ups are coming in rapidly.
NEW BUSINESS:

Linda Clements discussed the recent newspaper articles concerning Genoa vs. Dayton. She, after much effort, has obtained the permission of the last living relative of Elizabeth and Elene Wilbur, who typed the diary and donated a copy to Stanford, to print her diary and recommends that the Society produce them in book form. The Board will take this under consideration at their next meeting. Linda will also write a rebuttal to some of the erroneous information printed in the papers.

Elections: On a motion by Lynn Erickson with a second by Laura Tennant, it was voted to elect the officers and board members for 2012 presented on the ballot by acclamation. Ballots for the Laura Tennant and Gold Nugget Awards were then distributed to all in attendance. After counting by Barbara Madison and Lynn Erickson the results were announced: Laura Tennant: Jack Folmar and Tom Parcels. The Gold Nugget: Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge Society.

Historic Facts: Grace Ricci informed us that her husband, Joe Ricci, had been county commissioner for twenty years (1958-1974 and an additional 4 year term later) and was responsible for preventing the sale of the old high school building and converting it into the present day Community Center. Grace noted that his district at that time included Mound House, Dayton, Silver City, Silver Springs as well as Fernley.

Misc: Vicki Kinney commented that she hoped to shorten the meetings in 2012 through the increased use of committee reports and add more historic facts and a social aspect.

Donna McElroy publicly thanked Ron Rowe and Tom Parcels for all their behind the scenes work for the society at the depot and museum throughout the year. Applause confirmed her sentiments.

Jack Folmar unveiled two sets of photos chronicling the Nevada Day Parade and Pioneer Ghost Walk noting that copies for members could be obtained on request.

Ron Rowe expressed his regrets that he would be resigning from the society in order to gain more personal time in the future.

The meeting was adjourned by President Vicki Kinney.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Neylan
Secretary, HSDV