

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE HSDV HELD: January 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Vicki Kinney and the pledge of allegiance was said by all. Vicki was pleased to see several new faces at the meeting and introductions were said.

Minutes of the November 2011 meeting were distributed and read. They were approved without correction on a motion by Ruby McFarland and a second from Laura Tennant.

Treasurer's Report: Grace Ricci reported a yearend balance of \$13,483.10 with income in December of \$1,417.00 and expenditures of \$3,220.32 (payment to Gold Canyon Steak House for the Christmas Party of \$2,130.00). Grace reported the total income for the Society for 2011 was \$27,111.47 which for the first time pushed the Society over the \$25,000 threshold and will require more complicated reporting to the IRS. Correspondence: a letter and donation of \$200 from the Burning Man Festival. Secretary Patrick Neylan will send a thank you letter.

It was reported to the general membership that Vivian Smith was returning from Texas after cancer treatments, Mike Perez had been seriously ill, but improving and that member Danny Boesen had recently passed away. Our prayers and thoughts were requested for these members and their families.

Before moving on to the business portion of the meeting, president Vicki Kinney outlined a plan for more concise and organized meetings in the future relying more on succinct committee reports and including more history segments. This is in order to make our meetings shorter but more meaningful to the members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: Camille Vecchiarelli summarized a recent meeting concerning the future of the Dayton Community Center. She noted that the center faced an annual operating budget of over \$15,000. Three possible solutions have been proposed: 1. a lease/partnership with the County. 2. A separate governing board similar to the one that operates the Dayton Event Arena, and 3. a change of use of the building. These will be presented to the Lyon Co. Board of Commissioners at their February 16th meeting to be held at the Community Center beginning at 6pm (CC issue scheduled for 7pm and all members are encouraged to attend). The proposals encompass discussion on such things as a GID, donations from contractors for improvements, volunteers for janitorial service, division of utility bills, maintenance of liability insurance, fee structure for use of the building, getting other organizations involved and many more. The importance of maintaining the historic integrity of the building was noted and that the Historical Society of Dayton Valley has pledged \$5000 from the Dayton Sesquicentennial Account, toward the final version of the project as part of the startup fund.

Christmas Party: Vicki Kinney thanked all who attended the party and especially the committee that worked so hard to set it up: Dagmar Webber, Lynn Erickson, Sheila Hodach and Jack Folmar.

NEW BUSINESS:

2012 Calendar of Events: Pres. Vicki Kinney outlined the upcoming year on the blackboard and requested volunteers to chair the various events. Response so far is as follows: Museum Docents: Donna McElroy, April School Program: Barbara Peck, May Lecture Series: Laura Tennant, Oodles of Noodles: Rummage Sale: Gretchen Arndt, Pioneer Ghost Walk: co-chaired by Judy Kent and Barbara Peck, Dayton Valley Days and Parade: Nothing decided. Nevada Day Parade: (theme: Military and their families: past, present and future) Ruby McFarland and Tom Parcels. Also needed is an election committee and chair for the annual Christmas party. Tom Parcels reported that there would not be a specific railroad event in April as usual but that the Carson and Colorado working group would meet and report on a future event at a later date. Other volunteers will be needed for these events. Other events for the calendar are a celebration of the society's 25th anniversary to be held in conjunction with the March opening of the museum and a series of field trips to

possible places as: Fourth Ward School in Virginia City, Nevada State Museum, Dangberg Ranch and Genoa Pink House. Normal work/clean-up days will also be needed at the museum and depot and these will be scheduled soon.

General Meeting Location: The possibility of moving the General Meeting back to the Dayton Community Center was discussed and overwhelmingly approved by the members present. The final decision/announcement will follow the Commissioner's meeting in February and if approved will be implemented at the March general meeting to be held March 21, 2012. It was also suggested that we move our May lecture series to the Community Center in order to help promote the use of the building as well as bring more attention to Old Town. A decision on this will be announced in February.

History Moment: A delightful and informative presentation on the preparation of the Society's annual historical scrapbook was made by long time creator, Mabel Masterman. She displayed several of her past efforts and detailed the process/sources for gathering, sorting and presenting the information. Mabel noted that this project was begun in 2005 and that the 2011 issue is being prepared at the same time items for 2012 are being gathered. Her other commitments suggest that someone else now take over the project with her mentoring and aid. This is one of the best ways to keep abreast of all that happens in Dayton and the Society. Anyone interested in taking this over, or being part of a team to accomplish this can contact Mabel directly. (246-4457). Member Linda Clements has contributed 5 boxes of local newspapers to the cause and the docents at the museum have found interesting items to be used in the future. Mabel also reviewed the history of the Society since its inception in 1987 and the official dedication of our museum in 1994.

Members Misc: Jack Folmar explained his recent move and apologized for his recent lack of participation in Society business. (NO APOLOGY NECESSARY!) Linda Clements displayed a recent publication from the Central Nevada Museum of which she is a member with the suggestion that we too list our donors once a year acknowledging them for their help with our work. Donna McElroy detailed the progress on the books from the old lending library at the museum and the fact that they had, for the most part, been moved to the depot for cataloguing and final disposition. She noted some of the rare books discovered and said many of them would be returned to the museum for display and reference. Donna also encouraged members to visit the museum and see the revamped displays and newly painted meeting/reading room in the back. Judy Harris mentioned the work of the Sterns in creating the original library and making these books available to us. The oldest book found to date is a volume of poetry printed in 1814.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Neylan
Secretary, HSDV