

## *MINUTES OF THE HSDV GENERAL MEETING HELD March 21, 2012*

The meeting was held at the Dayton Branch Library and was called to order by President Vicki Kinney. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

The minutes of the February general and March board meetings were distributed and approved as written on a motion by Ruby McFarland with a second by Sharon Glashan.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Grace Ricci reported a balance of \$13,746.49 with income for the period of \$120.00 and expenses of \$329.84. The report was approved on a motion by Camille Vecchiarelli with a second by Laura Tennant. There was no correspondence to report.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Noted local archaeologist Mr. Ron Reno gave a presentation of his research done in the Dayton area at the Keller-Cohen mill located south of the Dayton bridge near the bank of the Carson River. It was an excellent presentation very much appreciated by all in attendance.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Museum: Donna McElroy reported on the progress made at the museum on the displays and urged all members to visit and see the improvements for themselves.

Carson & Colorado: Tom Parcels informed members that the plans for the August Dayton Railroad Days were moving forward. The official date is 8/18 and 8/19. The event will include exhibits, entertainment, swap meet etc and will be a fundraiser for the box car restoration.

Firehouse/Barn: Stony Tennant reported that the structural work being performed on the firehouse should be completed in a week to 10 days and then the society would complete the project by covering the structural steel with wood to give the appearance of beams. This will stabilize the lean of the building. Stony also told us of the progress on the Charles Braun barn that was donated to the society recently and will be soon be converted into the JohnD Barn in honor of JohnD Winters and will house the museum's farming, ranching and blacksmith equipment, much of which was donated by the Winter's family.

Community Center: Laura Tennant reviewed the County Commissioners plan to draft an annual lease with a newly created non-profit group that will administer the facility. Fees collected will help with maintenance and building upgrades. This will reduce the burden of operating expenses on the county.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** The official date has been set for May 5, 2012 at the museum. A planning meeting is set for March 30, 2012 and an invitation will be included with an upcoming newsletter being prepared by Mabel Masterman.

Fund Raising Project: It was proposed by Stony Tennant that the society create, annually a collectable medallion to be marketed and sold at events, the museum as well as on the internet. Final cost estimates are being sought but it is predicted that they would cost about \$1500 for the initial set up of both sides of the medallion with a cost of about \$600 in subsequent years to redesign the one changing side. After those costs there would be a cost of

about \$8 each to strike plus the spot price of the silver. The medallion would retail for \$20 above the creation costs. The annual design change would enhance the medallions collectability.

Antique Freight Wagon Donation: With the dissolution of the Fernley Preservation Society the HSDV has agreed to accept a former Dangberg ranch freight wagon and a second smaller vehicle as well as some items related to the Carson & Colorado. Stony Tennant will arrange a group to travel to the Fernley Depot and accept the donation.

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

Gretchen Arndt reminded members that the rummage sale was approaching and we should all seek items to be sold at the event. She noted that a lot of help will be required for the event and reminded us that this is a primary fundraiser for the operating expenses of the society.

Tom Parcels informed members that it had been reported that a door on the depot had been left, not only unlocked, but open and stressed extreme care when anyone enters the building to be sure it is kept secure.

Donna McElroy introduced some new members and some guests attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Patrick Neylan  
Secretary HSDV