

MINUTES OF THE HSDV GENERAL MEETING HELD: April 17, 2013

This meeting today marked the return of the HSDV to the Dayton Community Center as its meeting place and was called to order by President Vicki Kinney at 12:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance. Thirty-two members signed in for this meeting.

The minutes of the March general meeting, the minutes of the April board meeting and the March financial report was distributed to all members. The March minutes were approved as written on a motion from Mabel Masterman with a second from Gretchen Arndt.

Treasurer Report: Grace Ricci reported no income for the period, expenses of \$138.00 and an ending balance of \$10,784.98. Her report was approved on a motion from Tom Parcels with a second from Laura Tennant. The only correspondence reported dealt with walking tours of old Reno to be held in May and June. The brochure was made available to all members.

Before proceeding to Old Business, Pres. Vicki Kinney made known the offer from Keith and Carol McKim to donate a 4 burner bar-b-que to the society for use at the depot and other events. It was gratefully accepted with a round of applause from all members. Hope Keith can cook.

OLD BUSINESS:

Museum: Patrick Neylan reported that the accessioning of the Stony Tennant ranch/mining collection was going well with 375 artifacts recorded. He also stressed the need for members to sit the museum during the spring/summer months and especially during May when the museum would be open every day. Ruby McFarland reminded all members of the importance of the museum to the society's place in the Dayton community and the responsibility of every member to do their share in carrying out this mission. Some passed alarm issues were addressed but noted as corrected. The sign-up list for the remainder of April and the month of May was circulated. Many dates were filled in. Some members will consult their schedules and then sign up. Special thanks should be given to the members stepping up for the first time to help with this important work.

C&C: Tom Parcels announced that member Elaine Bergstrom would be in place as secretary for the working group. Andy Sichak will chair the combined DVD/RR Days celebration with Mary Ann Sichak working with Laura Tennant to handle publicity. Tom reported that the group was already in contact with the Union Pacific RR and that member Bernie Allen has arranged for 3 pieces of onsite equipment. Members with extra pieces of rail in their backyards were asked to consider donating to the event. Linda Clements commented on the need to remove the vermiculite from the attic of the depot. It was noted that the Board had already approved the funding up to \$288 but did note there could be an additional expense for special handling at the landfill. Mary Ann Sichak stressed the necessity of this project as the next step for the depot plans to move forward.

School Program: Vicki Kinney reported for chair Barbara Peck who was in the East helping her mother with some health issues. The determined schedule of classroom presentations as well as the schedule for subsequent walking tours was laid out. Help will be needed to conduct the walking tours. The field trips will last from 9:30 to 1:30. They will begin at the Rock Point Mill ruins and end up at Our Park. Help is needed to supervise the children. They will be conducted on May, 20, 22 and 26th. In addition to this report Barbara forwarded the information that Community Roots does have the necessary liability insurance to cover them while using the depot site for their summer farmer's market and only needs the proper address of the depot property to complete their paperwork. It was noted that it was hoped that the box car would be moved by that time and that some accommodation may be needed during the set up of our rummage sale on Thurs. June 13th. As an aside, but noted by Gretchen Arndt, chair of the rummage sale, we will not be accepting computer equipment or TV's during the sale. Donations are now being accepted for the sale and will be stored at the depot as in past years. Clothing is still acceptable.

May Lecture Series: Laura Tennant reported that the schedule, publicity, flyer and set up have been arranged and promises that the lectures, dealing with the old high school, the Bluestone building and the depot will be very informative as well as entertaining. Ray and May Walmsley will be featured speakers showing us life in Dayton in the 1940's!! Laura needs to coordinate with the refreshment committee on the final detail. After this meeting they will evaluate the facilities at the Community Center.

Fremont Lookout: After nationwide coverage of this historic event in the press and on radio and TV, Laura Tennant reports that all is in readiness. The schedule and itinerary for the committee has been determined and a box lunch signup sheet for members was circulated and given to the lunch chair. She reported that the cost of a box lunch for members should not exceed \$7.

PET (Pony Express Territory) filming: Laura Tennant stressed the need for an immediate meeting to determine the sites, events, and other locations for filming by the PET group. All members interested in helping with this important activity are urged to attend this meeting. It will be held in lieu of the regular docent meeting at our museum on April 24th at 10:30am. This is a rare and unusual opportunity for Dayton and careful planning is essential.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dayton Resource Guide: Vicki Kinney reported that the Board at its last meeting decided that participation in this publication in the past did not warrant the expense of participation going forward.

Member's comments, questions and issues: Laura Tennant announced a concert fundraiser to be held at the Community Center in August to benefit the restoration of the building. Laura noted that the society was a major monetary contributor to the formation of the committee dedicated to the preservation of the Community Center building (on the site of the original Lyon Co. Courthouse and early Dayton High School). Member Marty Lewis, also representing the Friends of the Dayton Library, brought to our attention the current debate concerning the level of library services within the Lyon Co. budget. Grace Ricci noted that the house plants at the museum needed more care and watering.

History Moment: Marty Lewis presented an enthralling depiction of the life of Laura Ellis Dettenreider in the early days of the Nevada Territory.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59pm by President Vicki Kinney.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Neylan
Secretary, HSDV