

MINUTES OF THE HSDV GENERAL MEETING HELD: May 15, 2013

The general meeting of the HSDV was called to order by Pres. Vicki Kinney at 12:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance. Thoughts and prayers were extended to Board member Donna McElroy who was not able to attend this meeting.

The minutes of the April meeting were distributed and approved with one correction, that being, Board member Barbara Peck had not been able to attend the April General meeting. Motion: Mabel Masterman, with a second: Lois Wallace.

Treasurer's Report: Treasure Grace Ricci reported: Beginning balance: \$10,784.98. Income for the period: \$114.00. Disbursements: \$401.89 and a final balance of: \$10,497.09. Copies supplied to all members. No Correspondence to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rummage Sale: (Agenda item moved to accommodate a medical appointment). Gretchen Arndt reviewed the determined dates for drop offs at the depot and sorting of donated items. A sign- up sheet was circulated. Gretchen noted that sufficient help on these dates would permit early pricing, and reduce set-up time. It was noted that Laura Tennant would create a "boutique" area for especially nice items of clothing etc. It was determined that we still have several hanging clothes racks, although more would be a good thing. Donations of items are still being sought by the committee so let your friends know!

***** Society's Non-profit Status: Linda Clements inquired about our current status as it could impact fundraising by the C&C Group. Vicki Kinney explained the work that had been done, but also the unexpected complications arising from an incorrect EIN number used by the accounting firm striving to unravel the past and aid the Society going forward. This issue has been resolved and the Board hopes to have the application for reinstatement processed by early next week (May 22nd). It was noted that once the application was "accepted" by the IRS, we could resume seeking funds on a "pending" basis. Linda Clements requested that members involved with fund raising be apprised of the acceptance date to allow them to continue to pursue their efforts. This would be done by the Society Secretary.

School Program: Barbara Peck reported on the completion of all the "in classroom" sessions and expressed the interest of all the students in the upcoming field trips. An incredible number of students are impacted by this remarkable program, now several years old, and Barbara and the "ghosts" are to be commended on their ongoing dedication!! Museum coverage is assured for the field trips with an early opening on the necessary days. Field trip dates are: 5/17 Patrick Neylan, 5/20 Vicki Kinney, 5/22 Bob Wallace, and 5/24 Gretchen Arndt.

Lecture Series: Laura Tennant reported both a good turnout and good feedback on the first two lectures. She thanked the refreshment committee and all who worked on the set up and break down. Laura also thanked Ray Fierro for setting up a Facebook page that aided in the advertising. Laura noted that the final lecture would be on 5/16 given by Linda Clements and dealing with the Carson and Colorado Depot, and as Linda added, would look into the lives of some of the "people" involved with the railroad in Dayton, like the station masters etc!!

Fremont Lookout: Laura Tennant stressed that the event was a great success, thanked Mabel Masterman for arranging the lunches, and all who helped with the setup and decorations at the Community Center. Pictures of the actual "Fremont Lookout" would be coming from Elaine Bergstom

and supplied to the members by Jack “Cecil B. DeMille” Folmar very soon. Laura noted that this reading of the “name” has to be repeated at the next meeting of the Nevada Geographical Name Board in September in Las Vegas before it is submitted to the Federal Board for final acceptance.

Oodles of Noodles: Laura Tennant reported that she had met with the current representative of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. We are scheduled to keep our booth space in front of the Firehouse/Jail for the event but will utilize it for the display of “Granny” rather than a sales booth. The purpose is to reduce staffing needed by the Society for this event as well as help encourage more visitors to visit our museum. Laura was pleased to report an increased interest by the Chamber to work with the HSDV in the future.

C&C/DVD: Tom Parcels reported that plans for the “dual” event were progressing well and circulated a sign-up sheet for members interested in being a part of the C&C working group and/or helping with the September event. The form was an information gathering tool for the group as well as a fact finding exploration for member’s talents and interests. Thanks to Andy and Mary Ann for putting it together. Help in determining a meeting time/day for the group was discussed. Input sought from all members including the possibility of evening meetings if that better fit their schedules. John Crowley will supervise the removal of insulation etc from the depot. The cost for filters, gloves, contamination suits etc is not expected to exceed \$300. A work party to clean up the depot grounds is scheduled for 5/18 at 9am. All members of the Society are encouraged to help.

Pony Express Territory: Laura Tennant explained that filming sites were still in discussion, but that we were going to request Patrick Pharris and his crew come to Dayton during Oodles of Noodles.

Museum: Patrick Neylan reported that accessioning at the museum would resume after the rummage sale as too many other events were demanding the time of volunteers. The museum staffing calendar for the remainder of May and June were circulated. Patrick thanked member Sheila Hodach for stepping forward to assume responsibility for the staffing of the museum for the remainder of the season. Jack Folmar has volunteered to “post” assignments for volunteers so they can track their commitments. Special tours of our museum have been well received by various groups. Great Feedback!

NEW BUSINESS:

Comstock Youth Project: Vicki Kinney reported that Margy Bethers would oversee our sharing of a youth in this program with the Dayton Dog Park during the summer months and coordinate with other members to assure a positive work experience for the student. (Approved by the Board on 5/8).

Open Discussion Topics: Linda Clements stressed the need for the “Farmer’s Market” group to coordinate their times with the C&C working group to avoid overlapping or disruptions of work sessions at the depot.

History Moment: Laura Tennant enchanted the group with readings from the diaries of pioneer Lucena Parsons when she visited “Dayton” in 1851.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Neylan
Secretary,

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