

MINUTES OF THE HSDV GENERAL MEETING HELD August 21, 2013

The meeting was held at the Dayton Community Center and called to order at 12:35 by President Vicki Kinney. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present. Guests in attendance were Jo Grzebyk and Mike Timmerman.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were distributed by Secretary Patrick Neylan and approved as written on a motion from Mabel Masterman with a second from Jack Folmar.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Grace Ricci reported an ending balance for the period of \$14,651.36 with income of \$1644.56 and disbursements of \$445.51. The report was approved on a motion from Mabel Masterman with a second from Laura Tennant. There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pres. Vicki Kinney reported that the 501 (c) (3) had progressed to the review process and final word should be available in early September. She also reported the purchase of a Dell computer system for the museum for \$1196. It includes the unit, monitor, keyboard and mouse. It will be purchased under our State Sales Tax exemption number and will be set up by Jenny Dodds and Jack Folmar. It will operate under Windows Business 7 with update capabilities and is compatible with the Museum Past Perfect program. It should cover the needs of the Society for some time into the future.

RR Days: Mary Ann Sichak brought the group up to date on the plans for the upcoming September event. John Crowley will oversee food sales and Linda Clements will conduct pertinent lectures on both Sat. and Sun. In between there will be an ongoing showing of Jack Folmar's Law's RR disc. Both the hand car and the Speeder will be running for public rides. Signup sheets for work assignments were circulated. Smith's will allow bag stuffers prior to the event as well as a booth set up on their property to promote membership in the HSDV. Gretchen Arndt will oversee the silent auction and will work with Steve Saylor. She requests items to be donated for several baskets which may be theme based for each of the nationalities in Dayton's history. Jenny Dodds inquired as to plans for interchanging information about each of the HSDV sites (Depot, Firehouse and Museum). The purpose was to drive traffic from each of our sites to the others. Vicki Kinney suggested a strong verbal reminder at each site to each visitor to encourage traffic. Our veteran State Fair locomotive cut out with signage will be positioned on Pike St. directing visitors to the depot exhibits and rides. Laura Tennant suggested a brief "written out" announcement be supplied to the DVD MC for repeated reading during the event. Duncan Lee, from past experience suggested the format. A discussion ensued concerning the parking of cars on the depot property during the event. It was generally agreed that the loss of income from parking would be more than offset by the added exposure to our event, the rides, tours, lectures, etc and in the long run benefit the intentions of the society in a far greater way thereby increasing the general public's knowledge of the historical significance of the depot and our efforts to save and restore it. In addition, the placement of the track for the handcar and the Speeder could deter additional parking on the site. Vicki Kinney stressed that work on our proposed Nevada Day Parade float could be utilized to become an entry in this year's DVD's parade.

Museum: Patrick Neylan stressed, like the Working Group, the need for staffing at the museum during the DVD/RR Days event. It will take the efforts of several members to insure that our most prominent and important resource is available to the public during the month of September and especially during DVD. To maintain comfortable shifts during DVD it will take the efforts of at least 8

Society members, dedicated to the museum and no other Society activity. The initial signup sheet was circulated. Response indicated some additional follow up will be required. Patrick Neylan also informed the group of the recent donation of an accordion from Dennis Cassinelli of Dayton, that had been played by his father during the 1930's and 40's in the Odeon Hall. It will soon be on display at our museum. Jack Folmar related the recent meeting with a Research Volunteer from the Sutro Museum in San Francisco at our museum in Dayton (8/19). Information was shared, exchanged and it was determined that perhaps their group from San Francisco should travel to Dayton to enhance their research and swap some photos with Jack. Jack also provided a handout to share information about the past filming activities of a German based film group in Dayton. Vicki Kinney reminded the group of the unusual number of "special tours" our museum provides and of the visitors that come in during meetings, work projects etc when we are "officially" closed. Recently a great niece of Abner Blackburn's visited Dayton and left a donation for the HSDV. Tom Parcels announced a 9/4 special tour of Old Town for Michelle Newman a travel writer for a Houston paper.

P.E.T Filming: Laura Tennant again reported a rescheduling of filming due to weather/smoke...whatever!! It is hope it can take place on Tues. Aug. 27th.

Nevada Day Parade: Vicki Kinney stated that "float ideas" are needed. This year's NDP is the official kick-off of Nevada's Sesquicentennial celebration and Dayton needs to be a part of it. Our entry will be adjacent to that of Central Lyon Co. Fire District as we will be sharing a theme. Mabel Masterman reported that Chief Gillenwater is very enthusiastic in his support of the efforts of the HSDV and will supply two pieces of fire equipment and drivers for the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pioneer Ghost Walk: Vicki stressed the need for a new chair and fresh ideas for the event. Linda Clements suggested the ghosts could relate the history of the buildings in Old Town.

2014 Elections: Vicki noted that nominations will be opened at our September General Meeting and that the office of President and Secretary will be vacant as well as one or two Board Seats. Jenny Dodds suggested a detailed description of duties be made available to members to aid them in their decision as to whether or not to run for an office. Pres. Vicki Kinney noted that she would address that issue.

History Moment: Linda Clements gave a fascinating description, with printed excerpts from 1928 to the early 1930's, of an autograph book discovered in the upper floor of the Dayton Depot. John Crowley displayed a "Sweater Board" uncovered above the "added" laundry room of the depot. It was most likely used by Helen Barton.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Neylan
Secretary, HSDV