

MINUTES: OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING OF THE HSDV HELD: October 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order following a "Hayride to Statehood" planning meeting by Pres. Vicki Kinney at 12:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Minutes of previous meeting were distributed and approved as read on a motion from Mabel Masterman with a second from Gretchen Arndt.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Grace Ricci reported a balance of \$7,292.30 with income for the period of \$2,984.23 and expenses of \$4,044.80. The report was approved on a motion from Laura Tennant and a second from Mabel Masterman. There was no correspondence.

President's Update: Vicki Kinney reported that the IRS was unavailable to consult concerning the status of the Society's 501 (c)(3) application and noted that its reinstatement was necessary to proceed with the purchase of additional computer software and other equipment needed by the HSDV. Linda Clements offered to shop the UNR Surplus sale for possible items needed by the Society.

OLD BUSINESS:

RRDays/DVD: Mary Ann Sichak provided a detailed financial report on the event. Although it noted a net loss of \$672, she pointed out that merchandise worth \$1900 remained at the museum for future sales. A full copy of the report will be filed with the permanent copies of the minutes at the Museum. Mary Ann also briefly detailed an evaluation meeting that followed the event where topics such as teamwork, communication, the need for additional pre-event help, involvement of more members and more formal committees were discussed. She pointed out that the interest in the old library books was not only unexpected but that it also added to the overall sales during the event. During the event 18 volunteers had helped, not counting those at the Firehouse/Jail or Museum. Andy Sichak commented that the DVD Committee had expressed an interest to work more closely with the HSDV in planning future events and provided several useful ideas: different kid's games, better signage and a wider entrance to the RR display on Pike St. The date for next year will be: 9/20-21/2014. There is a possibility of bull riding at the event center being added next year with transportation to and from to be centered at the Depot. Andy also reported that the DVD group had been impressed with our participation. Marty Lewis suggested we remove the wire fence on the Main St side of the depot property near the historical kiosks.

VandT Event: Linda Clements thanked all of the HSDV members who had helped with the event including opening the Firehouse and Museum, and noted that the V&T Group had donated \$500 toward the restoration of the depot. John Crowley pointed out that at least 20 people had taken advantage of the opportunity to tour the attic rooms and that several noted experts in the group had offered their help with restoration information going forward. An additional \$200 was raised during the event and the total cost had been \$45. Approximately 60-65 visitors attended the event.

P.E.T Filming: Laura Tennant reported that the filming had been rescheduled for 10/23 at 10am and would begin at the Dayton Cemetery. Filming is also scheduled for Old Town, the Museum, Rock Point Mill, Gold Canyon and the lime kilns. It is hoped to have a hiking and ATV segment as well.

Christmas Party: Gretchen Arndt announced the date of the party to be Dec. 7 at the Dayton Community Center and that it would be a catered buffet. The cost was not yet determined. Wine will be available on the tables.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hayride to Statehood: Vicki Kinney reported that the final plan was to have 3 trailers, each with a narrator on board (Tom P, Laura T and Margy B). Leaving the museum they would make 5 stops where the narrators could interact with the assigned spirit. Returning to the museum there would be games and refreshments for the visitors. Times will be 4-7pm to avoid traffic and to not interrupt restaurant business. All members were encouraged to park at the depot as well as bring cookies. Mary Ann Sichak suggested passing out an event program and the need to manage traffic at the museum hoping to route it in the side door and out the front.

Nevada Day Parade: Vicki Kinney reported that Stony Tennant would pull the float in the parade and that Duncan Lee and Keith McKim would pose as firefighters and a couple of ladies were still needed on the float as well as 6 members to ride on CLCFD entry.

Election Nominations: In addition to those nominated in Sept. Mabel Masterman was nominated for President. Sheila Hodach, Bernie Allen, Phyllis King and Gretchen Arndt were nominated for the Laura Tennant Award in addition to Sheila Hodach and Diane Parcels. Vicki Kinney and Patrick Neylan were nominated for the Board but both declined. Margy Bethers withdrew her name from the Board nominations. There was a discussion as to whether or not a "past president" Board position be created as automatic. It was also suggested by Andy Sichak that Board positions be staggered. These issues will be left to the incoming 2014 Board. Mary Ann Sichak offered to create a ballot for the November election. Nominations will be considered just prior to the voting. Absentee ballots will be accepted through the secretary and recorded on the day of the election.

Misc: There was a discussion about how to shorten the business portion of the general meeting so as not to discourage new members. One suggestion was to expand the history moment or even add a history lecture by outside speakers. This too will be examined by the 2014 Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Neylan
Secretary HSDV