

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY

MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 17, 2015

The monthly General Membership Meeting was held at the Dayton Valley Community Center, Dayton NV.

Meeting was called to order at 12:30pm by President Linda Clements.

Board Members present: Linda Clements, Mabel Masterman, Lynne Ballatore, Gretchen Arndt, Grace Ricci, and Phyllis King. **Absent:** Sheila Hodach and Laura Tennant. **Members present:** 16 (Sign-in sheet: see Minutes Files.)

WELCOME/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- Craig Mears, a guest, was introduced.

FLAG SALUTE:

- Business commenced after the Flag salute.

MINUTES:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the May 20, 2015 General Membership Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Grace presented May Monthly Income and Expenses Report. Starting Balance: \$4,785.63, Income: \$419.30, Expenses \$607.61 Ending Balance: \$4597.32. A motion was made and seconded to accept May 2015 Income/Expenses financial report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing requiring attention; folder containing communiqués was circulated.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

- Linda noted she was pleased to be our President now. She conveyed her philosophy regarding HSDV to members as she had presented it earlier to board members. Basically, she feels we need to relax and have fun. Don't hesitate to call on others for help. Don't feel obligated to do more than you can do and it's vital for members to pitch in and help out whenever possible. She plans to continue her predecessor's example of involving others and not overwork our "usual members". Members will always be encouraged do what they have a passion for and are good at doing. Don't sweat the "small stuff".

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Mabel gave a brief update on Oodles of Noodles. There were fewer booths and festival attendance was way down this year. Museum and Firehouse/Jail were open for tours. Donations to park in Depot lot were accepted. We didn't have a "booth" this year. Total donations received = \$209.02 (includes donation received during Sunday's Memorial reception held at Museum), plus \$93.00 from Depot parking. She reported Dayton Chamber attempted to charge us \$45.00 for booth space and when she was cleaning the F/J on Friday a Chamber Officer approached and requested payment. Later, while attempting to resolve, Linda discovered an unanticipated conundrum seemingly existed regarding OoN booth payment issues. Bottom line: Best interests of our society would be served by paying the \$45.00 fee for this year. However, any future requests for booth fees from OoN will be addressed at the time we receive them. Grace was directed to send them a check
- Concern remains about lack of publicity chair. Carried over to July General Meeting. More personal contact with members is needed explored encourage more participation and involvement.
- Hospitality Committee is going to function using a "core concept". This will more effectively address various needs the group might have. Barbara Madison, Gretchen Arndt and Sheila Hodach will work in tandem as a core-team. In turn, they will contact members asking for their help to fulfill requirements.
- Mabel read a tremendously complimentary letter received from the Director, Honey Springs Battlefield Historic Site (Oklahoma) where Pvt. Carnal was wounded in battle. They recognized the significance of event and sent their regards to our group for hosting, as well as to the others involved with June 7th Memorial Ceremony at Dayton Cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES:

- **Rummage Sale:** Marty Lewis and Vicki Kinney noted Rummage Sale brought in a whopping \$3,829.00! Vicki said additionally, we sold \$227.00 worth of antique books plus 4 old antique typewriters. This yearly event helps HSDV pay for insurance. Members offered a nice round of applause. Marty stated Rummage Sales are very labor intensive events. Sadly, only a minute percentage of our membership seems to want to help each year. For that reason they suggest we re-evaluate having a Rummage Sale and consider other funding options.

Suggested activities could include having a barn dance, or sponsoring a dinner train ride (Comstock area). Consensus was to pursue subject(s) during a separate meeting.

- Lyon County Sheriff's VIP group provided overnight security at the Depot. After discussing, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to send a \$100.00 donation to the volunteer group.
- **Civil War Veteran-Memorial Ceremony:** Linda said there was wonderful cooperation and participation by all 8 groups involved. Around 300 people, including more than half in either Civil War-era attire or other official dress attended ceremony. In addition to recognizing Pvt. Carnal's service to his country, all veterans were recognized with reflection, honor, respect and remembrance for their service. The Museum HSDV hosted a reception afterwards featuring light refreshments. Our numerous HSDV volunteers were all profusely thanked.
- **August 1st 150th Schoolhouse Event + Dayton History book:** Julie Workman and Nancy Sbragia noted they were the "overall" event coordinators. The book signing itself is from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. However, the 150th Birthday Event, 3:00pm to 5:00pm will have a more structured format. Hospitality, displays, and other logistics are being identified, with some more pressing at this time, than others. Julie is basically handling oversight of hospitality tasking; Nancy is working on contacting several former students and old-time-families for inclusion, and photos to display. Mabel is overseeing contacting dignitaries and all aspects associated with invitations. It is anticipated invitations will be in the mail first week in July. As it stands today, Laura will do a brief synopsis about Schoolhouse history. We would like "the alumni" to be involved with the birthday cake portion.
- **Report: Room Tax application:** Lynne reported she and Gretchen represented HSDV at Room Tax meeting. HSDV requested \$1.5K. \$500.00 was awarded for our August 1st event. This year (only) a total of \$8.5K was available for distribution and they were pleased to have secured money for us.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Volunteers - upcoming events:** Linda noted members will be asked to identify any tasking they might be interested doing. We'll base questions on concept of "there are things that need to be done, here are some. Are there any you might be willing to help with, solo or with someone else?" Project is still in exploratory status.
- **Dayton Valley Days:** Vicki will be HSDV's "overall" Chair. RRWG will handle all details relating to the Railroad Days portion. Museum and Firehouse/Jail activities will be handled by their Lead Docents.
- **Halloween Event:** Lynne offered to be a Co-Chair but needs someone else to step forward as a Co-Chair.
- **Policy - requests for HSDV's Dayton historic pictures:** After discussing, a motion was made and seconded to approve the following policy: For a \$20.00 fee per photo, HSDV will handle getting a hard copy of photo reproduced; customer pays actual printing cost of copy; purchaser has a right to use photo (credits to us), however, they may not reproduce it in any manner; nor will we release digital images. Motion carried with one nay vote.
- **HSDV representation at DRCAB-CHD meetings:** Linda attended the June meeting, however, DRCAB will accept brief written report in lieu of representative physically attending. Nancy said she often goes. Julie, our Dayton representative on the CHD board, often gives oversights to CHB on Dayton including HSDV events.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM MEMBERS:

- Member was curious whether or not we will participate in Nevada Day Parade this year. (No firm answer.)
- A question was asked and answered about securing Grant money for RR Days & what it would be used for.
- Positive feed-back received regarding Welcome Package Ideas listed on BOD agenda. Thought it was a great concept. (Due to unanticipated time restraints at June BOD meeting item had temporarily be set aside.)
- It was noted Union Hotel now had new owners.
- Guest book at Museum is full and we need a new book.
- Question concerning RRWG grant. At this time it appears there needs to be a meeting for representatives of all stakeholders.
- Wanted to know if a tentative list of volunteers has been established for making contact with members? (No)

HISTORY MOMENT: Due to meeting length, Linda's presentation on Rock Point Mill was deferred to a future meeting.

ADJOURN: At 2:03 pm a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s M. E. Masterman

Mabel Masterman, Secretary

Minutes approved **July 15, 2015**

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