

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY

MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 19, 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, Phyllis King, Sheila Hodach and Laura Tennant. **Members present:** 18 (Sign-in sheet: see Minutes Files.)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE:

- Business commenced after the Flag salute.

MINUTES:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the July 15, 2015 General Membership Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Grace presented June 2015 Monthly Income and Expenses Report. Starting Balance: \$5,642.45, Income: \$1,157.96, Expenses: \$1,222.97, Ending Balance: \$5,577.54. It was noted that due to \$53.56 taken from museum register for purchases that did not go through the checking account, the statement included technical adjustments to match bank statement. A motion was made to accept the July 2015 Income/Expenses financial report as presented. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

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

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

- Linda reminded HSDV members we need to have fun doing what we're doing. She said if you find yourself getting weighted or bogged down let her know because adjustments can be made to lighten the load.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mabel gave a brief reports on several items.

- **BOD staggered terms** – At its last meeting the board unanimously approved electing directors to fill all 7 positions for 2016; however, 3 of those positions will terminate end of 2016, and 4 will terminate end of 2018; 3 new board members will be elected for 2017 with their terms expiring end of 2019. Process will repeat each subsequent year, electing 3 one year and 4 the next.
- **Voting; 2016 BOD members** - Nominations for 2016 board will open at September 16th Gen. Membership Mtg. They will close at October 21st Gen. Membership Mtg. Early the week of October 26th official ballot packages will be sent US Mail to all members in good standing. Ballots returned to us through US Mail must be received by Friday, November 13th. Members also may cast votes by bringing their ballot to November Gen. Membership Mtg. ALL ballots will be counted at November 18th meeting and results will be announced. Gold Nugget and Laura Tennant Awards will open at October Gen. Mtg. and close at November Gen. Mtg. (where we'll vote).
- **Parameters; upcoming GN and LT Awards** - #1) "Gold Nugget Award" (Essentially a way to honor over and above acts, long standing, and/or notable distinguished supporter(s) whether or not they are a member.) Parameter Synopsis: Used to honor *exceptionally outstanding HSDV supporters*. #2) "Laura Tennant Perpetual Award" (Not a requirement or obligation to award yearly.) In 2009 members decided only to award 2 or less in any one year. A husband/wife together = one nomination.) Parameter Synopsis: From time to time as a member is recognized for their *contribution of time, efforts and devotion to historic preservation* their name will be added to the plaque.
- **Purchase of gold for DVD Comstock Gold Panners** – Clarification: In keeping with past practice, consensus was HSDV should contribute (\$200.00) toward the cost of gold used by the Comstock Gold Panners. Panning will be on Depot property this year, therefore, charge will be paid from RRWG funds.

OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES:

- **Updates for August 1st event** – Laura was ecstatic about the great momentum born from unveiling/book signing held in conjunction with Dayton's 1865 Grammar School 150th Birthday Celebration held recently in Dayton Valley Community Center. So much so, that we almost ran out of the initial 400 books purchased. More books have been ordered. She also noted sales were brisk at subsequent signings held at *Pony Expresso* and *Dayton Farmer's Market*. Discussion centered on future likely signing events, and advertising of event locations. Nevada Appeal features a special Dayton Page printed during the 1st and 3rd week of each month. There is a \$35.00 charge to have your event listed here. A motion was made seconded and approved unanimously to pay to advertise. The next major signing event will be September 12th, 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Dayton Valley Community Center.
- **Recent "Crazy Quilt Pillow" class** – Handcraft class was held August 15th by Gretchen at the Museum. It was

extremely successful. Almost everyone who signed up attended... in fact they asked when another class was going to be held. Gretchen noted she was very pleased and will be working on logistics for another future session.

- **RRWG “Tie Plate” fundraiser and RR Days event** – First, Linda relayed information on a special fundraising activity authorized by the board during RR Days. It’s designed to specifically raise restoration funding for “in-kind” requirements contained in C&C Depot and property grants. RRWG received a donation of approximately 1700 tie plates from a member, Bernie Allen. These “Tie Plates” were manufactured for the C&C by V&T shops, circa 1890. Purchaser could have a 2 line message (up to 20 alphanumeric characters) engraved for a \$100.00 donation or a 3 line (up to 60 alphanumeric characters) engraved for \$150.00 donation on the tie plate. Engraved plates will be “spiked” to ties located under display track, thus making them permanently displayed on Depot grounds. A “Tie Spiking Ceremony” will occur on first day of the event at High Noon when the first plates will be dedicated to 3 different Dayton families who are original Charter Members; Minor family, who basically originated the idea for saving the Depot; Winters family, who donated the first money to the project; and Bob Milz, Dayton County Commissioner who fought diligently in order to secure the property and then helped HSDV secure stewardship of property. Immediately after the ceremony fundraising tie plates will be offered for sale. Each purchaser will be given a certificate acknowledging their donation. This was followed by various questions on other activities or costs associated with both RR Days and/or the C&C project being scrutinized or queried. Financial issues: a report will be prepared by Treasurer and Vice President. Details will be reviewed for members at September 16th general meeting. Additionally, a motion was made and seconded to have the Secretary to prepare and send a request, on behalf of members, inviting or requesting Pete Dube’ of the Dube’ group Architects to attend a meeting for the purpose of talking to the group about current restoration status. Motion passed: 14 yes and 4 no.
- **Halloween Event** – Hayride and activities throughout town worked out well last year, will use again for 2015.
- **2105-2016 Membership renewals report** - Vicki reported currently 140 members have renewed. Currently 12 are no longer current. She also noted we picked up 2 new members since the book signing/Birthday event. A nebulous dialog involving whether or not courtesies we’ve previously extended to our newest members who jointed at the “year end” might need to be reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Pay Pal payment option** - At their recent meeting, board members felt moderately comfortable and in favor of pursuing more specific information on Pay Pal. Gloria Manning has agreed to pursue further details, including costs to the society and report back at a future meeting. Linda and Lynne will take part in exploring workable possibilities.
- **Lyon County Museum Tour** – Laura said as a result of our August 1st event, Mary Page, Lyon County Museum, had invited HSDV to Yerington for a guided tour of the County Museum. Members were quite interested. In an attempt to include as many members as possible Friday, September 25th was selected. We’ll car pool as much as possible and plan to leave Dayton around 11:30am, have lunch in Yerington, followed by Museum tour.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM MEMBERS:

- **Verbal concerns were expressed regarding** ~~In order to give an auxiliary comfort level to a few members concerning~~ various money issues relating to the C&C project. It was **requested** ~~suggested~~ a report ~~might be~~ prepared accounting for money spent by contractors, along with a simple accounting of volunteer’s time counting towards “matching funds” associated with grants.
- Another member expressed concern about money used currently from general fund, not past spending. When looking at current projects, expenses, etc, we need to make sure our general fund does not go broke.
- Briefly mentioned were 36 bags (40# each) of Comstock gold bearing ore dug out of Donovan we could possibly obtain from CMI. Specific information was nebulous. Johnye Saylor will carry message of HSDV’s interest to CMI and report back.
- **HISTORY MOMENT:** Laura told of things she learned while writing the DAYTON history book. There were facts or discoveries concerning Pleasant Grove; the old trading post on Main Street (Hall’s Station); and a picture of twin Indian babies in “cradle boards” thought to have been taken in Dayton in 1898; in reality it was discovered they’re Washington tribe babies. Information on other items relating to Dayton history has been discovered. A padlock she and a friend found 30 or 40 years ago near Johnstown and identified as being circa 1872, shows a second patent date of 1914 and is being researched. A photo of early Dayton High School basketball players has surfaced. Laura is now in possession of the original dye mold for the first Dayton medallion depicting a miner panning gold. Designed by Steven Saylor; Stony Tennant was the model. Only 1,000 medallions were made, however, only 5 of them were cast using gold from Gold Canyon.

ADJOURN: At 2:30pm motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s M. E. Masterman

Mabel Masterman, Secretary

Minutes approved as amended: **Sept. 16, 2015**

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