

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY

MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 18, 2015

The monthly General Membership Meeting was held at the Dayton Valley Community Center, Dayton NV. **Board Members present:** Linda Clements, Mabel Masterman, Lynne Ballatore, Gretchen Arndt, Grace Ricci, Phyllis King, Sheila Hodach and Laura Tennant. **Members present: 26** (Sign-in sheet: see Minutes Files.)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- Meeting was called to order at 12:30pm by President Linda Clements. Business commenced after the Flag salute.

MINUTES:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the October 21, 2015 General Membership Meeting as presented. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Grace presented October 2015 Monthly Income and Expenses Report. Starting Balance: \$10,145.22, Income: \$1,760.41, Expenses: \$3082.58, Ending Balance: \$8,823.05. A motion was made to accept October 2015 Income/Expenses financial report as presented. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Envelope containing an old letter dated 11-07-1902 was received as potential artifact donation; an organization in Virginia City has joined HSDV; additional Tie Plate orders received – reminder that for 3 lines inscription cost is \$150.00, \$100.00 for 2 lines.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

- Linda advised her surgery was rescheduled to December 8th.
- Flier listing Comstock Foundation lecture series was made available.
- Members were apprised BOD approved an amount up to \$300.00 for purchasing a new copier for Museum; “Black Friday” shopping promotions will be pursued in hopes of finding a good buy.
- In order to avoid Docent confusion it was decided that function/operational reference sheets for each of our venues will be prepared and available in 2016.
- It is likely we will be using e-bay as a means of selling our old books.

CURATOR OF MUSEUM COMMENTS:

Pat Neylan noted the following

- Hands-on security alarm and close-up processes will be reviewed with Docents, including some phone usage information.
- Pat is aware of a tour request during January.
- Sign-up sheets for new docents will be circulated at January meetings.
- Training and docent meetings will start up in February.
- Carr Sandell will be doing docent shift scheduling during 2016.
- Docent coverage for May history month has become a burden. Various possibly option possibilities to be explored.

2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Linda officially closed voting 2016 BOD members. Whereupon Election Panel started doing the tally.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Mabel announced that the first item under Old Business/Updates would be to close Award nominations/tally votes.
- She reminded members that the Board previously voted to stagger BOD term endings. At the end of 2016 the Vice President's and Secretary's terms will end, along with 1 director's. In 2017 those 3 positions will be filled with those terms expiring end of 2018. At the end of 2017 the current President's and Treasurer's terms, along with 2 director terms will expire. For 2018 we will elect these 4 positions and expire at end of 2019. Process will repeat each year electing 3 in one year and 4 the next.

- Mabel had hoped to announce “firm dates”, 2016 meetings. Unfortunately we are still awaiting confirmation from the Community Center. At this time we still anticipate BOD meetings will remain 2nd Wednesday and Gen Mtgs. will still be on the 3rd Wednesday.
- The Election Panel was acknowledged and thanked (in advance) for all their efforts.

OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES:

- **Award nominations CLOSE, ballots cast:** One additional nomination for Gold Nugget Award was received. At this time nominations were closed, ballots were collected and tallying by EP got underway.
- **“Joe Ricci, Sr. Posthumous Award”:** Starting with 2016, this award, established by the membership, in perpetuity, is a means to formally recognize attainments of historical society members and/or supporters, who have passed away. It’s a way to acknowledge their efforts and accomplishments in helping preserve Dayton-area history over the years.
- **Christmas Party:** Gretchen said invitations for Christmas Party just went into the mail. She reaffirmed Dayton High’s culinary class was catering the buffet and let us know menu items. All details are moving along nicely. However, she explained that due to Community Center scheduling our set-up-take-down time was tight. For this reason the Christmas tree will be our main decoration. Everyone is requested to bring a wrapped gift to put under the tree for Dayton’s needy—infants to seniors. (Gifts are not required but are greatly appreciated by the Dayton Food bank.)
- **Report: Halloween Event:** Co-Chairs Gretchen and Lynne noted that overall things went quite well this year and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. Attendance was actually a little lower this year; however, event logistics seemed to go smoothly and were manageably relaxed this year. Volunteers need to be addressed earlier in the planning process. Co-Chairs have compiled a list of things to consider for the future thus making overall event planning smoother.
- **RRWG:** Grant for further C&C restoration is due December 4th. Linda, Stony Tennant and John Crowley were previously authorized by the BOD to be in charge of grant request on our behalf. She noted the Dube’ report had been received and some exceptions will be required. Regarding key and lock change updates for the C&C, the board previously approved accepting the County’s offer splitting costs 50/50 and authorized \$325.00 of HSDV funds to be spent to rectify key/lock issues. As in past years, the RRWG will not hold a December meeting. Bernie Allen mentioned that overall general consensus indicated 2015 RR Days was the biggest and best yet. He credits, in part, to having the grounds “opened-up-more” giving better visibility to activities. He mentioned that when the remainder of the zoo shed is removed that will open it up even more. Duncan Lee mentioned how the grant money for RR Days we received from NCOT had been spent. Part was used for radio advertising, however, next year we will be able to supply promotional video to local TV stations as a result of being able to plan ahead for next year.
- **Disposition for Blacksmithing Program:** The board previously accepted a request by Andy Sichak, on behalf of Stony Tennant and himself, to retract request asking HSDV to sponsor a Blacksmith and History training program.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Announcement: 2016 BOD members:** This year we sent out 148 ballots for BOD elections, 95 were returned. The following were elected 2016 Board Members: President, Gloria Manning; Vice President, Mabel Masterman; Secretary, Dave Dukleth; Treasurer, Lynne Ballatore; and Directors, Bernie Allen, Duncan Lee & Stony Tennant.
- **2015 Award recipients:** Laura Tennant Perpetual Award recipients were announced: Lynn & Rube Erickson, and Marty Lewis. Gold Nugget Award will go to Jack Folmar. The newly created “Joe Ricci, Sr. Posthumous Award” will be awarded for the first time at the Christmas Party. In 2016 members will have an opportunity to honor past supporters posthumously.
- **Upcoming NCOT grant application:** Duncan Lee noted upcoming NCOT application grant dates, parameters, and other logistics involved. A total of \$200K will be available this grant cycle. It was agreed that those who might be interested in discussing further would stay after the meeting for that purpose.

HISTORY MOMENT:

- Dave Dukleth presented an interesting history on Government Surveys, when they were first established in Nevada (1861-Carson Valley) and why. He noted that in 1865 a Dayton Township map was started. He passed around early Nevada plat maps from his personal collection which was quite interesting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS: None

ADJOURN: At 1:55pm motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s M. E. Masterman

Mabel Masterman, Secretary

Minutes approved: **January 20, 2016**

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