

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 20, 2016

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by President Gloria Manning followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Business commenced after the Flag salute. The Agenda for today's meeting as well as the financial report were handed out.

Board Members present: Gloria Manning (Pres.), David Dukleth (Sec.), Lynne Ballatore (Tres.), Pat Neylan (Museum Curator) **Others present:** Phyllis King, Gretchen Arndt, Elaine Bergstrom, MaryAnn & Andy Sichak, Vicky Kinney, Linda Clements, Mel Wilhelm, Johnye Saylor plus other members (total - 18) (Sign-in sheet available in Minutes Files.)

MINUTES:

- Copies of the minutes of the General Membership Meeting for November 18, 2015 were handed out. Gloria asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes and none were reported, so approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Lynne reviewed the Income and Expenses Reports for November and December. Starting Balance November: \$8,823.05, Income: \$526.08, Expenses: \$875.50; Ending Balance: \$8,473.63.
- Starting Balance December: \$8,473.63, Income: \$1,568.00, Expenses: \$1,870.27; Ending Balance: \$8,171.36. She specifically identified the income items: Dayton Book \$88.00, Christmas Party \$1,230.00, C&C Grant \$100.00, Tie Plate \$150.00. Also identified expenses: AT&T internet \$45.00, Copier \$124.99, Christmas Party \$280.28, DHS Culinary Arts \$1,320.00, Patrick Media \$100.00 and is the C&C Grant money.
- Starting Balance for 2015: \$5,149.34, Income \$34,421.89, Expenses: \$31,399.87, Ending Balance 2015: \$8,171.36.
- One addition/correction from Linda Clements was to add (NCOT) specifying it as the Nevada Commission on Tourism Grant after the lines labeled C&C Grant in order to be more specific about its origin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Lynne presented items received in our PO mail box: Flyers from the Nevada Arts Council and the Historic Reno Preservation Society, a card from Charter Advertising Design, CostCo mailer (decision to re-up and at what level to be determined), AT&T internet decision (will go back before BOD), something from Lyon County (related to the room tax Grant of \$750.00 being used by Duncan Lee for History Month. May try to use some for Sutro Tunnel Tour), Mary Ann said the tour is through the Comstock Foundation – They plan to have three different lectures (tentatively in June to be held in the Community Center) followed by a presentation on site at Sutro by Jack Folmar. Andy reported that the final tour is not finalized since the property isn't yet accessible and he added that the target dates may in turn have to be moved out.
- Letter from Secretary of State related to the required list of officers.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

- Gloria appreciates all the volunteers and admits that she is still learning all the rules....also is looking forward to working with all of us and wants us to listen to every persons ideas with no animosity towards anyone....listen respectfully to each other before making decisions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: David had an item or two passed on from Mabel.

- Tom Parcell's passing. He was an HSDV member since '07 according to Vicky. Members also signed a card of condolences to be sent to his wife.
- A Thank You letter to the HSDV and forwarded by Mabel from former resident Mary Jeanette Barkley (maiden name Ferguson). She received a Dayton book donated to her from Phyllis. The letter wanted to thank her and Mabel. The book brought back to her many old memories of Dayton. Laura and Linda Clements will be getting back with her.
- Kay Winters day was proclaimed by the Lyon County Commissioners for December 3rd. Some members (Johnye, Mary Ann, Andy, Gloria) attended the event. News of the event will be added to Grechen's HSDV scrapbook.

- Mention was made of other events of a historical nature in our area : Gold Hill Hotel lecture series on the 28th and the Comstock Foundation has an event at Saint Mary's Art Center on the 26th
- Gloria gave a brief report on what was decided at the BOD meeting: Lynne had addressed the need to change the names (signers) on the HSDV checking account with Nevada State Bank. After discussion it was decided that the current President, Treasurer, and Secretaries names will be updated at the bank. All three signers need to go together to make this change at the bank. A copy of the Societies minutes will also be required at the Bank and we will need our HSDV on-line Officers information updated with the Secretary of State's Office before visiting the bank. We also need to update the Registered Agent status since Grace Ricci will no longer be acting as our agent. Lynne also found that by using HSDV's Shady Lane address the Society can be designated as its own Registered Agent. A \$60.00 fee is required for the change of Agent. Lynne will be working on all this and get back to us as the information is updated.
- Lynne discussed our CD's. Most are with the US Bank and one is with the Bank of the West. She will have to change the contacts but anything further can wait until next month since Grace is still updating the CD information/numbers.
- Lynne brought up some tax information. She would like to put in a 990-N form (on line) for our taxes instead of using 21stCentury. The form is used when gross receipts are less than \$50,000. We had used this form in 2007-8 but stopped over the next few years resulting in our loss of 501(c)3 non profit status at that time. It also is notification that we are still an active organization.
- Lynne put before the group as to who should have Post Office Box keys. Lynne will have one and Gloria a second one. Phyllis is working on the other key issues and should be contacted for any questions or to turn in keys. Linda Clements handed her PO key over to Gloria.
- Lynne is working on the AT&T account and is considering other options.
- Vicky will be writing a memorial for Tom Parcels in an upcoming Docents Newsletter.
- Rummage Sale and storage. Grechen will be working on storage and is pushing for more help...so volunteer. Date of the sale is not set.
- Tie Plate for Tom Parcels: The HSDV will not be buying the plate but members have volunteered to donate towards its cost (Donors so far are Laura, Lynne, Linda, and John Crowley) . Contact Lynne for donations.
- At the end of 2016 the VP and Secretary's terms will end along with one Directors term. Stony has chosen to be the Director ending his term this year. In 2017 those three positions will be filled with their terms expiring at the end of 2018. Also at the end of 2017 the current President's and Treasurer's terms along with two directors terms will expire. For 2018 we will elect these four positions and they will expire at end of 2019. Process will repeat each year electing three in one year and four the next. I would like to appeal to the general membership to consider running for one of the three positions coming up at the end of the year. It's a great chance to work in promoting the rich history of the area. Many of the people listed at the top of the minutes have served on the Board or as Chairman in past years and would be glad to answer your questions. Members are also encouraged to contact the museum, railroad group, or any Board member to get yourself involved and learn more about the local history while helping the Society.
- Laura reported that 800 Dayton History books were in the original order and that there are about 260 remaining. Duncan Lee will be helping to set up a marketing committee. The books were purchased at a cost of \$8,239.00 and have brought in \$10,709.00 with a profit of \$2,470.00 The sale of the remaining books is all profit! Ray Fierro at the Pony Espresso will be handling book sales at his store and through FaceBook. A new order will be made only when the current inventory is gone. It was suggested that upcoming events such as History Month and Sutro event will be good opportunities for book sales. Suggestions for other marketing ideas and book sales opportunities will be welcome. Contact Laura for more info.
- Accessioning continues to progress with the working accessioning committee. Laura is part of the accessioning review committee and in order to speed up the accessioning process has asked for a policy change to allow acceptance of items. She will present the accessioned items to the Board rather than having to get pre-approval of the items by the Board which delays their work. Board has final approval on acceptance of items. Laura and her group have many years of experience evaluating items for the museum. This new policy will be updated in the BOD handbook. Methods of updating the Manual to assure that all are kept up to date and current was discussed. The feasibility of an electronic version will be considered. Andy initiated a discussion concerning changing by-laws and the possible use of or need for a Parliamentarian with Mel, Linda C, Mary Ann, Gretchen, and Johnye adding input. Gloria suggests a revisit in a future BOD meeting when Mabel (our resident rules expert) returns.
- The policy concerning the current amount of \$200.00 which Chairpersons are allowed to spend be lowered. A \$100.00 limit on an individuals purchase was approved and the chairperson would inform the Board of purchases. The Board will still maintain final approval. Any amount larger than \$100.00 will need board approval prior to purchase. There are forms that the RR group has used in the past to report expenses.

- Laura informed us of a member doing ancestral research on those buried at the DV Cemetery. She plans to donate her research to the HSDV museum's genealogical research library when finished. The new member wishes to remain anonymous at this time.
- Laura requested that we need to revise the by-laws to use Roberts Rules of Order. Laura said that current wording is to use Roberts Rules 'on occasion'. This will wait for Mabel's input.
- We will be discussing budget committees and chairman needs at the next BOD meeting.
- Laura had \$200.00 approved for plaques. A decision needs to be made (next BOD meeting) on what wording to use for the Joe Ricci Sr. Posthumous Award.
- Linda Clements informed the group on the next Grant we hope to get when the HSDV meets (likely in March) with the Nevada Commission For Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP). This group is made up of a selection of people from around the State (five reps from areas such as museum directors, librarians). She is hoping for \$200-\$225k towards depot restoration.
- Gretchen reported on the Christmas Party. There was a very good selection of food this year and wanted to thank all for the donated gifts which filled nine large size leaf bags. Christmas dinner brought in \$1,230.00. Expenses were \$1,600.00 mostly going to the school for the \$30 dinners they prepared leaving \$370.00 spent for the party.

NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES:

- **Docent Training at the museum:** Pat reported on the opening of the museum and his Docent training plans. The 2016 season was kicked off this morning with a tour of the museum followed by a walking tour of the town. Another tour is scheduled for next weekend and Pat reported that a Cub Scout Pack plans to visit the first weekend in February. Pat and Linda Clements are also negotiating with the ghost hunters who want to investigate ghosts in the museum. The museum will reopen weather permitting on the first weekend in March and run through the first weekend prior to Thanksgiving. He needs a minimum of 12 volunteers to operate the museum for a month. The docents are requested to work one three hour shift a month. Need 15 people in months with five weekends plus 4 or 5 alternates for a total of 20 people to commit to three hours a month. Docent training will be offered at the museum on the first Thursday in February (the 4th) at 9:00 am. A sign up sheet was passed out for this introductory session to introduce people to what is involved. Pat stressed that the training session is not a commitment to anything. Special sessions can be arranged for people who can't make the scheduled introductory training. Pat stressed that the museum is our most important asset to introduce people to Dayton history. A new display is being made on the history of the Rock Point Mill with 18 new photos gathered by Elaine and captioned by Laura Tennant. A decision on staffing at the museum during this May's Nevada History Appreciation Month will be made at the March Board meeting. The event was successful but our volunteer staff was overworked.
- Linda Clements reported on the water leak at the Depot in a portion of one of the add on rooms used for laundry (located off of the kitchen). Removal of this room might be the first priority for work in the depot. Volunteers can get started inside before the Grant money is available. Hopefully we will have the Grant money in June or July. Money will be used to remove the exterior add on and foundation related work in preparation for the building move.

HISTORY MOMENT:

- Vicky Kinney presented the History Moment for Laura Tennant with the reading of excerpts from the Dayton High School Bugle dated March 20th 1915. All students were taught at the Dayton Public School in 1915 (present museum building) until the construction of the High School in 1918 (present Community Center) Basketball tournaments involving Carson City were being played at this early date and players traveled by train to Carson City. The advertisements were also quite interesting. This issue as well as a July 1915 issue will be preserved in the museum.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

- Johnye encourages people to check out the Comstock Foundation for History and Culture lectures held at various places on the second and forth Tuesday of each month. Next one is at the Saint Mary's Art Center on the 26th. Gold Hill Hotel has a lecture series every Thursday. VC's Silverland Hotel (Inn & Suites) also has history events according to Elaine.

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

Respectfully submitted,

s/s D. L. Dukleth

David L. Dukleth, Secretary

Minutes approved: February 17, 2016

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