

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 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 12:25 pm by President Gloria Manning followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Business commenced after the Flag salute. The Agenda for today's meeting was made available.

Board Members present: Gloria Manning (Pres.), Mabel Masterman (V. Pres.), David Dukleth (Sec.), Laura Tennant (Historian), Pat Neylan (Museum Curator), Duncan Lee (Dir.), Stony Tennant (Dir.), **Other members present:** Gretchen Arndt, Linda Clements, John Crowley, Phyllis King, Elaine Bergstrom, Vicki Kinney, Andy and MaryAnn Sichak, Shiela Hodach, Johnye Saylor, Al and Julie Lucero, Tori Westbrook VanCleave. (Sign-in sheet available in Minutes Files).

- Gloria added a couple of items to the agenda; below RR Depot Committee Reports add Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) Grant report from Linda. Also add May Presentation Lecture Series after May Presentation Month Volunteers. Gloria also suggested that we appoint the Chairman for the School Presentations and tours and place this as an item after the CCCHP Grant. Duncan asked to add an agenda item concerning advertising for the May History Month after RR Depot Committee Report. Gretchen asked have the rummage sale moved to top of old business.

MINUTES:

- The previous month's General Membership Meeting minutes were reviewed. No corrections. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Gloria presented Lynne's Treasurer's Report for March detailing HSDV Income and Expenses. Starting Balance: \$7,696.05, Income: \$1,186.26, Expenses: \$458.21; Ending Balance: \$8,424.10. Also reported; outstanding checks totaling \$427.35 and a checkbook balance of \$8,851.45.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- With Lynne out of town Vicki reported that at last week's BOD meeting Lynne had received news from the Douglas County Historical Society. They are doing a presentation titled Bloomers, Bustles, and Bows, the History of Unmentionables. other events in area; National coin week in Carson City at the Nevada State Museum and a chautauqua presentation by Mary McNair Mathews on April 26th hosted by the Comstock Foundation and Nevada Humanities.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

- Gloria requested that cell phones be silenced or turned off during meetings. She reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for accuracy and asked members to state their name for the record when called upon.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- A new PBS (affiliate KNPB) documentary series on Comstock history and Nevada mining was mentioned as well as the chautauqua presentation hosted by the Comstock Foundation with Nevada Humanities.

OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES:

- **Update Rummage Sale:** (June 17th and 18th) Gretchen presented a sign-up sheet for people to volunteer for item pickup, sorting, pricing, setup, sales, and cleanup. Volunteers were asked to mark down their name and time when available. She also got a contract for the use of a store front at no charge in the River Vista Commercial Center for storage of donated sale items. The HSDV will be charged for a required change of locks when space is vacated. Gretchen read the contract. Liability Insurance of \$1,000,000 was required. Discussion followed concerned signing without knowing the additional liability insurance cost. Motion made by Laura to have the contract signed by the HSDV. President. Mabel/Stony seconded. Discussion about lock cost and insurance contacts (Alpine Insurance). Gloria will make the insurance contact. Laura amended motion to approve signing contract should Gloria find the increased liability insurance cost satisfactory. Stony seconded amended motion, none opposed, no abstentions.

• **Reports on decisions made at BOD:**

- 1) A formal letter of thanks sent to the 21st Century Tax Consultants for their pro-bono assistance. Through no fault of our own HSDV discovered IRS had terminated our 501(c)(3) tax status in 2011. 21st Century played a vital role with their assistance. Our organization will also offer to give them a HSDV Business Membership for as long as they still own the business
- 2) At last weeks BOD meeting Steve reported on an operational track plan to fit in with the movement of the Depot to its final location. He handed out a diagram showing the relationship of the track plan to the repositioned depot. There will be both narrow and standard gauge tracks with track switches. HSDV matching funds will be combined with anticipated grant money. Steve's plan was accepted by the BOD in last weeks meeting. Duncan (RR Committee Manager) added that the track plan has not been presented to the RRWG for approval. Discussion summary; Gloria, Linda, Laura, and Stony with consensus that after the track plan has been reviewed by the RRWG and they have made their decision it will then be presented to the Board. Duncan agreed and asked that in the future the Board be sure that one of the three RR Committee Officers have first approved what the Board is asked to approve. Andy brought up his concerns relating to work done by Peter 'Pete' Dubé of Dubé Group Architecture which had prepared a plan (5 months ago?). It was reported that Lyon County (Grant administrator of contract) paid Dubé Group before any report was submitted to the county or HSDV. (mention made in the Aug. & Nov. 2015 Gen. Membership Meeting minutes). Eventually a report and architectural plans were received but the report was largely copied from materials provided to him by Linda and his plans had many errors and inconsistencies. Steve's layout plan appears to be one of Dubé's architectural drawings depicting the depot building, its orientation to town streets, parking, and landscaping. The plan Steve presented included the location of RR tracks as worked out by the HSDV's RRWG. Stony and Linda summarized saying that Dubé failed to address changes that the RRWG had asked for and in addition his plan did not address structural issues or include construction specifications. Linda will present the RRWG's revised plan to the Board. Duncan asked as to what the Board had approved when Steve presented his track plan last week. MaryAnn, Pat, Linda, and Stony summarized Steve's presentation to the Board by saying that the plan was only considered a 'plan to proceed - basic concept - in progress - living plan' subject to Depot and RR Group approval and it was intended to give Steve assurance that the building corner locations will be laid out on the ground before any track is laid.
- 3) Gloria reported on other BOD decisions; The Board approved the use of Robert's Rules in our meetings saying that it be used as close as possible, as a guideline to begin with, but with freedom to adapt them as needed. The intent is to improve meeting length and establish better order.
- 4) The accessioning Committee will be reviewing the policy on accepting loaned items and will bring their proposals before the Board. The RR Committee had expressed a need to accept loaned items.
- 5) Status of repairs at the museum; Pat will work with Phyllis, Duncan Lee, and Stony. Stony reported on roof leaks and the repair process. Museum will be first priority. Kurt Gomez is the masonry contractor working up a price for repair of cracked plaster in museum.
- 6) Linda has been appointed to the by-laws committee.
- 7) Forms committee formed with Pat as chairman who will make a selection of members to be submitted to the Board.
- 8) Vicki will be reviewing membership dues and meet with Board members before dues renewal next month.
- 9) Decision was made to use on a trial bases a credit card transaction device (NSB Clover Go) for use on smart phones to handle credit card transactions. Device cost is about \$30 with about 2.7 % transaction charge, no minimum and no monthly charge. The device charge may be refunded after our trial use. Suggestion made to use at rummage sale. Stony suggested a check-out form or some procedure to track its use and location. Linda suggested Lynne be in charge of its use.
- 10) Gloria reported that we have three volunteers for the by-laws committee to work with Linda, Gloria, Mable and Lynne. The volunteers are Pamela Abercrombie (presently executive director of Comstock Foundation for History and Culture), Melanie Cooper, and John Crowley. Pamela was nominated by Stony, seconded by Laura and selected by Board vote; four approved, one opposed, two abstained. First meeting will be at the museum on May 9th at 3 pm.
- 11) Phyllis reported on April 16th yard clean-up at firehouse, Museum, and Depot; Duncan, Phyllis, Vicki, and Pat worked.
- 12) Vicki was asked by Laura to be the Chairman for the school history Chautauqua presentation and to schedule area tours. Vicki asked for vote, all said yes, none opposed, no abstentions. Vicki continued with an update on her school history presentation involving the areas 4th grade elementary schools. All three elementary schools want a presentation; Dayton's is scheduled for 9 am on May 2nd followed by Riverview at 1:30 pm, and Sutro at 9 am on May 3rd. Pat will be narrator and act as Manly Johnson, Gloria will be Lucena Parsons, Al Lucero will be the superintendent from Sutro Mines, Julia Lucero will be Bertha Scott. Vicki will be Fanny Hazlett, Vicki and her group will be using Barbara Peck's time line from past years events and adapt it to this years' presentation.

- 13) Pat needs additional docent volunteers (11 am - 3 pm) to fill in at the Museum during May History Month. The Museum will be open all month May 1st-31st in celebration of Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month. Stony and Pat will have special exhibits. Hours 11 am to 3 pm on week days, regular hours on weekends.
- 14) Laura reported on the lecture series for May History Month to be held in the Community Center beginning at 7 pm with lecture at 7:15 pm.; Theme: Historic legacy and how it leads to the future. Laura reported that the May 5th lecture by Steven Saylor will be on the lives of two well known local Indians. The May 12th lecture is on the 1862 Bluestone Building with a panel presentation. The May 19th lecture by Karen Howe will be on the Dayton Cemetery. The June 2nd lecture will be on the 1870 Union Hotel by Linda Clements. She would like anyone with stories or information about the Hotel to contact her. Members are encouraged to attend. There will be refreshments.

RR Committee Report on what decisions were made at the BOD meeting:

- Duncan reported that the loaned Baggage Cart has been moved to the Depot grounds (cart described in last month's General Membership Meeting minutes). In further discussion from the man loaning the cart it appears to be in his daughter's Trust. The daughter works in Las Vegas as a Historical Preservationist planning to move to Dayton. Duncan is planning to get in touch with her. Duncan addressed roof leak in the museum. Stony addressed the issue of nails that have pulled loose on the roof (about 20 nails in a 4 x 4 ft. area near the eave) and the past efforts to seal over them. Stony's solution is to replace the nails and use a new sealer that he is familiar with. Duncan reported on the Committees management plan for the Commemorative Tie Plate Sales Program. The manager of the restoration and usage project at the depot will be responsible for the inventory, sales, and bookkeeping of the tie plates, and railroad operations will be responsible for the installation of the plates and maintenance of the display. The Society's Publicity Committee consisting of Duncan and Laura will handle marketing. Duncan is also the lead for the RR Days project. The Nevada Commission on Tourism Rural Counties Marketing Grant application has to be in by next week. Duncan has completed that application asking for \$12,500 and requiring HSDV matching funds of \$2,000.00 and includes volunteer time, labor, and materials. The Grant is for newspaper print ads (KUNR and Fallon mentioned), banners, PA system, radio spot, television advertising, DVD mailer, electronic press release, and a direct mailer to other Historical Groups and RR publications. Laura made motion to have Duncan apply for the Grant, Pat seconded, none opposed, none abstained.

Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) Grant:

- Linda reported on her application for the Grant. She would like reference made to Mabel's newsletter for more detailed info. We will be getting \$136,000. Depot Restoration Committee (i.e., Linda, John, and Stony) to determine the best ways to budget this money.

NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES:

- Laura checked on being able to sell books at one of the Dayton Library Committee events. May 20 didn't work but on June 11th they can sell during the opening of their reader program. Discussion on what percentage of sales to give them. Motion made by Laura to offer \$2.00 a book, Duncan seconded, all agree, none opposed, no abstentions.

HISTORY MOMENT:

- Laura presented the History Moment on the removal of the more recent flooring in the kitchen area of the Community Center. Stony noted how the floor revealed clues to its formal usage. Plans are to use CCCHP Grant money to get all floors down to original wood floors when the building was the Dayton High School.
- She also reported on her trip together with Vicki, MaryAnn, and Gloria to the Nevada Historical Society for PastPerfect training conducted by Director Sheryln Hayes-Zorn. They are also working to remotely access the program from home. Sheryln also offered to travel to Dayton to help in training. Vicki will be working on getting us a members' tour of the Societies Reference Library.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

- Vicki reported on a couple upcoming anniversaries at the Dayton Valley Branch Library. The 20th anniversary of the building's opening is on February 1, 2017. The 20th anniversary of the ground breaking is next month, May 4th, with a re-breaking of ground to plant a commemorative plant. Refreshments will be served from 4 to 6 pm.
- Tony from the Battle Born Civil War Reenactors Civilian and Non Combatant Corps have put together a cookbook for sale. She brought a few to sell for \$10.00 each.

ADJOURN: At 2:40 pm - motion by Stony to adjourn, seconded, Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, s/s: *D. L. Dukleth*

David Dukleth, Secretary HSDV *Approved by the Board: May 18, 2016*

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