

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 18, 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 12:33 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.), Lynne Ballatore (Tres.), David Dukleth (Sec.), Laura Tennant (HSDV Historian), Duncan Lee (Dir.), Stony Tennant (Dir.), Pat Neylan (Museum Curator - museum duty today), Burnie Allen (Dir.) absent **Other members present:** Gretchen Arndt, Linda Clements, John Crowley, Phyllis King, Elaine Bergstrom, Andy and MaryAnn Sichak, Shiela Hodach, Johnye Saylor, Al and Julie Lucero, Tony Westbrook VanCleave. Melanie Wilhelm (22 total members present Sign-in sheet available in Minutes Files).

MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Lynne presented her Treasurer's Report for April detailing HSDV Income and Expenses. Starting Balance April: \$8,424.10, Income: \$402.99, Expenses: \$483.73; Ending Balance: \$8,343.36.

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Lynne received a flyer from Nevada Arts News, Museum Network News. Another donation to the HSDV memorial fund in memory of Del Miner (Julie Workman is requesting status of donations (names & amounts) made in Del Miners name and will get a letter of thanks). Also another donation to the tie plate memorial.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Gloria was contacted about the use of a cellphone audio guide application (app) to provide self guided tours at the museum or may be useful in other areas of Dayton. Laura suggested the self guided tour we presently have and as to whatever is decided she would want involvement as to what historical information is being relayed. The contact (Kyle Pierce from OnCell) was wanting to market an app or provide a service related to self guided tours. Gloria will pass request on to Pat.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Dave noted the Thursday evening historical lecture tomorrow night on the Dayton Cemetery. The final lecture is June 2nd on the Union hotel. Both events begin at 7 pm in the Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS/ UPDATES:

- **Membership Dues:** Vicki proposes prorating dues for those joining during the membership year (starting July 1). Individual memberships to be changed from \$17 to \$18 and family from \$35 to \$36 to aid in prorating dues (\$1.50 and \$3 per month respectively). Lifetime membership for family and for individuals is \$250. In meetings last year it was proposed that we change individual dues to \$125 and keep family unchanged. Also discussed was charging the individual rate to members when they turned 18 and not let them remain under the family rate. Consensus to charge \$250 for both family and individual lifetime memberships and also use the \$18 and \$36 for prorating individual and family memberships. Discussion on definition of family. Mable made motion on above with family defined as two adults.
- **Status of Repairs at the Museum:** Stony reported on the museum roof leak. He made repairs on the upper roof but another area of leakage was found where lower roof joins. He has located the source of that leak and will be repairing it next. He has not worked on the depot roof yet. The add on portion where the laundry room is located still needs roof repair. He has also talked to Kurt Gomez about plastering a portion of the museum walls but no time frame has been set.

- **HSDV Photographs:** Laura reported that Jack Folmar's HSDV photos have been turned over to Elaine. Jack submitted a summary of the photos and negatives he used as well as his concerns. Laura noted the need for a complete photo inventory and will be the Chairman of the committee. Some of the photos are from private collections and most need to be credited to photographer where known. Laura suggested getting in a group prior to accessioning. Linda has her photo collection and wishes to be on any committee we form.
- **RR Depot Committee Reports** Duncan reported on a water leak in the depot irrigation system that he will fix. He also noted that an 18-wheeler truck has been parking on the depot grounds. Signage was considered to notify truckers to stop using that area. He has spoken to Doug Green concerning any costs. Stony suggested seeing if any County Codes might address the problem. Laura noted that our alarm system contact has been called. No results yet concerning repair or expansion. Rails and ties are being moved at the depot grounds in preparation to installation. Box car will need to first be reinforced prior to movement nearer to Ziller Way on north side of garage. He is also drawing up plans for RR Days during Dayton Valley Days Sept. 17th and 18th. There will be live music both days, saloon, food, RR car rides, gold panners to be contacted, sale items, and a possible Saturday night concert. He needs member volunteers to help with all the events. Linda suggested an outreach to all members. Laura will prepare a letter with Linda's input for RR Days specific events.
- **CCCHP Grant Status:** At the BOD meeting Linda discussed her Revised Scope of Work relating to the CCCHP Grant proposal. That proposal will be tomorrow. Plan will cover preparation for the depot's move. Also will be doing deconstruction of the added on exterior rooms, assuring that structural stability is maintained. Site preparation and foundation installation will be followed by the moving of the depot. Restoration can then begin on the final exterior and interior of the building. Duncan and Linda also notified Board of Mike Workman who is working with the Minor family concerning the paneling removed from interior of museum for the use in the house that Chester Barton's mother had lived in. There may be additional panels for other historic remodeling needs. Others also expressed interest in paneling, cabinets, and any doors removed be saved for the Community Center. Laura added that the work in the Community Center is with the Dayton Preservation Committee which she is a member. The County has been a big help with Mike's guidance. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has also provided Grant money.
- **PastPerfect Training at Nevada State Museum:** Laura reported on the training at the Nevada State Museum, believing it will be a big help with accessioning. Director Sheryln Hayes-Zorn (Sheri) conducted the training and is willing to make a trip to Dayton for further on site training.
- **School History Presentation:** Vicki reported that the school history presentations involving the 4th grades at all three elementary schools went very well; Dayton and Riverview on May 2nd followed by Sutro on May 3rd. Pat was narrator and also played Manly Johnson, Gloria was Lucena Parsons, Al Lucero was assistant superintendent R. S. Raw from the Sutro Tunnel construction years (1869-78), Julia Lucero was Bertha Scott. Vicki was Fanny Hazlett. Vicki and her group used Barbara Peck's time line from past years events and adapted it to this years' presentation. Laura commented on her history presentation to the 8th grade class. They did not express the same interest as the younger students. A member suggested that this type of role playing might be a fund raising opportunity.
- **Oodles of Noodles:** Gloria will be checking with the Chamber of Commerce on having a booth. The RR Group will be having rides and the blacksmith demonstration is planned as was done for Dayton Valley Days.
- **Removing Water Savers from Toilets in Museum:** Stony will take care of.
- **1919 Desert Canary Auction:** Ebay auction had the 1919 school year book of interest to early history of the Dayton High School. Laura bid and won the item for \$191. We also have the year books from 1921, 22, 26, and 27 at the museum.
- **Liability Insurance:** A recent member fell at the museum and was injured. It was reported that visitors are covered but injuries to members should be covered by member's own insurance.

- **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. Gretchen has prepared a work schedule starting this week through the dates of the sale. The collection and storage of items will be at store front office No. 103 at River Vista Storage next to Edward Jones. She needs more donations and wants volunteers to sign up to help with sorting, pricing, packing, transporting to setup area, sales, and cleanup. Linda will place the sign up sheet on one of her HSDV web sites. Banners and signs will be placed outside as sale date nears. Gretchen with Duncan Lee will be placing an ad in the Nataqua Newspaper. Laura will also place ads the last week before sale. Linda noted that this sale pays for HSDV insurance. Gloria noted that our advertisement has been put in the May 10 - June 10 Nataqua News. She put some copies in the Museum. Gretchen also promoted her upcoming handy craft workshop using a quilting technique known as "yo-yos" that applies pin wheel edging to pillow cases. Workshop is from 1 pm to 3 pm in the museum on May 28th. In the Fall she will present a demonstration on stained glassing using cloth material instead of glass.
- **May Historic Lecture Series:** The lecture series for May History Month is being held in the Community Center beginning at 7 pm with the 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 on the lives of two well known local residents went very well. The May 12th lecture on the 1862 Bluestone Building with a panel presentation also was well attended. The May 19th lecture was to be presented by Karen Howe on the Dayton Cemetery (Whispers of the Past). Laura and Pat will fill in for Karen. 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.

HISTORY MOMENT:

- Linda presented the plan for removing the exterior walls at the depot and restoring the remainder interior portion to its original condition in 1881. She handed out a floor plan and exterior view based on a 1914 picture. She gave a brief history of the building to the extent known. The building was built here in 1881 or rebuilt from a freight depot moved in from Mound House as suggested by an article in the VC Territorial Enterprise. Interior paneling was added when it became a residence. When it was sold to Chester Barton the windows and a fireplace were added and doors were changed. The depot was like the depot at Laws (RR Museum near Bishop) and the one at Keeler (east 'shore' of Owens Lake). Contact Linda if you would like to help with the deconstruction at the depot. Mention was made of using Newspapers.com for research.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

- Melanie Wilhelm reported on a magazine (Cactus Farmer) article on old school houses and would like us to get recognition in a National magazine. She will meet with Laura.
- MaryAnn presented flyers on a presentation by the Comstock Foundation at the Community Center. On May 24th at 6 pm a lecture on the history of the Marlette Water System will be presented (\$5 tickets).
- Cynthia McCall presented a fictional novel on Dayton 'history' that she wrote. She asked for ideas on how to promote the book and asked for suggestions after reviewing the book.
- Tony Westbrook VanCleave 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. Also bookmarks promoting Carson Senior Follies which is an event coming up in a couple months.

ADJOURN: At 2:15 pm - motion by Mabel to adjourn, seconded by Gloria. Motion passed unanimously.

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

David Dukleth, Secretary HSDV *Approved by the Board: Jun 15, 2016*

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