

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAYTON VALLEY MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 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 12:35 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.), Lynne Ballatore (Tres.), David Dukleth (Sec.), Laura Tennant (HSDV Historian), Duncan Lee (Dir.), Stony Tennant (Dir.), Pat Neylan (Museum Curator). **Directors not present:** Mabel Masterman (V. Pres.) **Other members present:** Linda Clements, John Crowley, Phyllis King, Elaine Bergstrom, Don Bergstrom, MaryAnn Sichak, Andy Sichak, Phyllis King, Vicki Kinney, Kathy Lee, a total of 24 members present including two new members (Mr. and Mrs. Vander Laan), one guest. Sign-in sheet available in Minutes Files.

MINUTES:

- The previous month's General Membership Meeting minutes were reviewed. No corrections. Minutes stand approved as distributed. A decision summary of approved motions from last weeks BoD meeting was handed out.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Lynne presented her Treasurer's Report for June detailing HSDV Income and Expenses. Starting Balance: \$8,829.32, Income: \$4,720.59, Expenses: \$972.94; Ending Balance: \$12,576.97.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Gloria reported that Grace Ricci passed away at her son's home. She had been the HSDV treasurer for 29 years and was one of the Society's founding members. Gloria also reported on the resignations of Steve Knowles and Director Bernie Allen. They had been active on the Railroad Committee. Gloria stressed the need for volunteers for the remaining events this year; Railroad Days including the DVHS Booth (Mabel may have this covered or have something setup) during Dayton Valley Days, the Spirited Halloween Event, the Nevada Day Parade (application for a parade entry is needed), and the Christmas Party. Sign-up sheets were provided. Duncan has been lining-up RR cars for the Railroad Days event. Chairman are also needed for the Halloween events including Nevada Day Parade and for the Christmas Party (Kathy Lee volunteered). Linda reminded the members of the C&C RR plaque dedication July 30th, 10 am at the depot. The Snowshoe Thompson and Slim Princess Chapters of the E Clampus Vitus (Clampers) will be unveiling their monument and plaque. Gloria asked for input from the members concerning changing the membership meeting from monthly to quarterly. The Society is considering historic presentations and serving refreshments. No Board decisions are to be made at the membership meetings. Mary Ann suggested evenings for these quarterly meetings. Board will make the final vote at the BoD meeting. Gloria is also in need of a volunteer to take over the monthly Docent Newsletter. The letter is a collection of articles from Laura and Pat and sometimes from others such as Vicki and the RR Committee. The collection is assembled and sent out to the members. Linda reminded the group of Gretchen's workshop on a quilting technique known as "yo-yos", to be presented this Saturday, July 23rd, Dayton Museum, from 1 to 4 pm. Bring needles, scissors, and a pillowcase.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Dave noted the Comstock Foundation lectures Thursday evenings in Gold Hill. He recommended the Virginia City weekly newspaper for the listing of local events on the Comstock. The current issue reports that the Comstock Foundation Lecture Series resumes in September with 'Adolf Sutro and the Sutro Tunnel'. A related event was noted by Don Bergstrom; The Comstock Foundation for History and Culture presents a lecture entitled Comstock Placer Mining by Alex Dolbeare at the Silverland Inn and Suites in Virigina City at 7 pm tomorrow night on the 21st. No cost.

OLD BUSINESS/ UPDATES:

- Gloria reminded the members of the Member Appreciation Picnic at the Tennant home August 20th at 2 pm. They will provide drinks and the meats including toppings. Attendees are asked to bring side dishes such as salads and desserts.

RAFFLE:

- A Raffle of a few items from the museum gift shop was followed by this month's talk.

HISTORY TALK:

- Stony gave an interesting account (following adjournment and lunch) of a skull found many years ago on his property near the Carson River. A stone projectile point was found embedded in it. A large stone mortar was found next to the skull having apparently been placed over it causing the skull to be somewhat deformed. It may have also protected it from total deterioration. The remaining skeleton was missing and may have been eroded away by the river and weather over time. The rock may have also held the head in place while scavengers removed the body remains. The age of the skull had not been determined beyond the estimate given by the University of Nevada where it had been examined soon after discovery. They dated it as being more than 100 years old.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 12:55 pm. Pizza and soft drinks made available.

Respectfully submitted, s/s: *D. L. Dukleth*
David Dukleth, Secretary HSDV *Approved by the Board: Aug 17, 2016*

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