

Goldfield Historical Society Meeting Minutes May 11, 2015

Meeting called to order 6: pm. **(Minutes taken by Vice President, Dominic Pappalardo)**

In attendance: John Ekman, Lisa Pappalardo, Dominic Pappalardo, Allen Metscher, Bert Kise, Edy Whipperman, Dick Ruiz, Malek Davarpanah, Sharon Artlip, Dr. Roderick D. Myers, Karen and David Cullens, Robert Glennen.

The minutes from April 13th 2015 were reviewed and with the correction of the spelling of Roderick D. Myers name and a correction to Dominic Pappalardo's title of Vice President, the minute were accepted by a motion from Dr. Roderick D. Myers to accept the minutes with the corrections, seconded by Patty Beth and passed unanimously. Treasurers report was given by Lisa Pappalardo beginning balance \$11,538.02, expenses postage \$50.12, Rural Round Up \$65.00 for total expenses \$115.12. Income membership \$504.26, booklet donations \$280.00 PayPal transfer \$297.09 total income \$1,081.35. Ending Balance \$12,504.25. Since the Historical Society has started tracking the amount of donations collected by the walking tour booklet starting in January 2014, \$1,784.00 has been collected. John Ekman reported that there is approximately \$19,500 in the Historic Buildings Preservation Account and all of that money will be expended soon on the Goldfield High School building and also maybe helping the Central Nevada Historical Society. No new information was available on historic markers.

Question was asked about the history on the stone house in the red light district, the Janice report didn't provide any history and was said individuals will have to look up history on their own since none is available in the report, and that the Central Nevada Museum is continually adding new information to their archives.

Membership is up to 103 with two new life members. Last year's total membership reached 109 members, however we still have a large portion of this year to go.

John Ekman reported he met with the historic structural engineer Mel Green on Friday and worked out the final specs for the High School building wall so it can go out to bid for the reconstruction. Also we still need to jack up the adjourning wood floors to the wall. John also reported he will be looking into a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) grant for the high school with the help of Susan Dudley since the high school project will qualify for it.

There was no update on the Poker/GPS Run fund raiser for the high school building since Richard and Edie Koepnick and Bryan Smalley were not present.

John will be trying to hook up with the mason that is working on the Lyric Theatre to get the side door entrance started.

John Ekman reminded everybody that the quilt Joan Sieber made to raffle for the high school project is hanging in The Goldfield Gift Shop and that Joan has really out did herself; thank you Joan!

Lisa Pappalardo gave a Rural Round Up update on setting up a self-guided tour on a mobile phone. The Stewart Indian School in Carson City has been successfully doing the self-guided mobile apt tour for fifteen years and that the Goldfield Historical Society could set up the same kind of self-guided tour for the Goldfield Historic District. Lisa also reported she contacted a tour bus company about stopping in Goldfield. What they need is clean bathrooms and a good place to eat. Also she talked with Carey who is in charge of approving Nevada Dept. of Tourism Grants. Lisa has summited applications for two grants from the Nevada Commission on Tourism for the Historical Society. One grant is for total \$5,250.00, half matching and half from NCOT \$2,625.00, for the reprinting of the Walking tour booklet. The second grant is for 30,000 of a new Goldfield trifold history brochure for a grant total of \$2,400.00 half matching and half from NCOT \$1,200.00.

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John Ekman reported the two original 1905 T & G Hicks box cars that are at the Goldfield & Bullfrog Railroad maintenance yard was made possible for them to come here by the Central Nevada Historical Society, and that these cars are two of four or five very rare original railroad rolling stock that is still around today. The Central Nevada Historical Society has been paying Bob Dewhurst, painter extraordinary to paint the box cars, however the cars are soaking up a lot of paint and a different source for the primer paint is being considered. They are being painted with the exact original lettering including down in the corner Built by Hicks Locomotive body works Chicago USA and they should be quite impressive. David and Karen Cullens will research the correct paint number for the final coat for the T & G box cars for as much historical accuracy and durability as possible.

Malek Davarpanah gave a progress update on the rest area bottle house. Elizabeth Foley is providing a credit card to purchase the materials to stabilize and rebuild the bottle house. However first Bryan Smalley is to provide a material list for her. Bob Patterson has moved all the large stone from around the house, secured it and put up private property signs. Bryan says he has the original front door and has asked John Ekman if he has original style windows. Bryan is still working on the material list. Also Robert Glennen reported when Elizabeth Foley was here talking to Miki Bates, our Commissioner, she said it may be enough of an emergency to the community for the County to go head and install a fence around the property until NDOT installs the permanent fence in the future. Kevin Maxwell from NDOT said they are not going to start working on the rest area till next fiscal year which starts July 1, 2015. It was discussed the new sidewalks, lights and benches would extend from where they are now to Second St. by the rest area. And that Misses Foley has joined the Historical Society and is a nice vote of confidence in us.

John Ekman reported that Nicholas Clapp gave his presentation of his new book OLD MAGIC, LIVES OF THE DESERT SHAWMANS at the Palace. It was very interesting and Nicholas Clapp does excellent work and has been awarded many times for the work he has done, both in books and in other media.

Lisa Pappalardo reported John Pendergast will be doing the reprint on the historical walking tour booklets. He gave a quote of \$5,250.00 for 10,000 which is a very good price and is the price we are using in requesting the NCOT reprint grant. John has printed every edition of the booklet. The next closest bid to print them came from Tonopah Bonanza Times at \$15,000 for 10,000 booklets, nearly 3 times the cost. Thanks John!! The local retailers have been able, through donations to bring in a significant amount of revenue to help with the booklet reprints.

Lisa Pappalardo reported that Jim Price and Joan Sieber want the Goldfield Historical Society to do a T-shirt, so it has one to sell and everyone else has one, so why shouldn't the Historical Society have a shirt of its own. Lisa is working on the design and is donating it to the Historical Society so the Historical Society will own its own design. She is working on a collage design of historical Goldfield based in part on a current collage design used in the Goldfield Gift Shop for the shirt.

John Ekman brought up a subject for a possible future discussion and decision to store the Goldfield Historical Society's artifacts that are currently in cabinets in the Goldfield Chamber building, to put them on loan to the Central Nevada Museum's artifact collection for storage. The ownership of the artifacts will remain with the Goldfield Historical Society. John said the cabinets are starting to get full and beginning to make him nervous. Lisa recommended that we just hurry up and finish the high school.

John Ekman thanked Bryan Smalley and Allen Metscher for their work in the Goldfield and Tonopah cemeteries. Allen Metscher told the story how that the old Tonopah cemetery in town was the first project undertaken by the then new Central Nevada Historical Society with a grant they received. Big Bill

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along with 13 other victims are buried in that cemetery. Big Bill is the miner that went down several times during the Belmont mine fire and saved many miners; however Bill did not make it out the last time he went down trying to save more miners. Allen also reported there is a gentleman in Idaho that is making stainless steel plates for the Goldfield Cemetery and for some of the Tonopah Air Force base crash sites. John Ekman said the same gentleman is supposed to redo the marker in stainless steel for the head frame by the Santa Fe Saloon.

John Ekman reported in new business, that Lisa Pappalardo was contacted by a gentleman representing a group of people who volunteer their time to restore historic structures. They will be visiting Goldfield the 23rd of this month, so we will know more about them when they visit. John also reported the Discovery Channel was here filming in the Goldfield High School building and at the Clown Motel in Tonopah and that they donated \$1,500.00 to the Historic Buildings Preservation Fund.

John Ekman reported that the box car converted to caboose that Dominic & Lisa saved from the wrecking ball has now been acquired by Jim Price and Joan Sieber. A pictures of it has just been discovered online. The box car started with the Illinois Central Railroad, then was brought to the Nevada Copper belt and converted to a caboose. A cupola on top was added and then latter taken off.

Friday is the Silver Trails meeting in Beatty.

The Goldfield Historical Society received an invitation to join the Nevada Museum Association for \$35.00 which provides opportunities for networking, representing the Museums and cultural centers legislatively and strengthens communities and issues a quarterly newsletter. John Ekman recommended that the Historical Society join. Dominic Pappalardo moved that the Goldfield Historical Society join the Nevada Museum Association, Dr. Roderick D. Myers second and the motion passed unanimously. John Ekman reminded everybody that it has to do with networking and getting our brand out there.

For the Rail Road enthusiasts John Ekman reported that the very historic Nevada engine called the Glenn Brooke from the 1800s originally used at the Com Stock to haul lumber on the narrow gauge rail and was used well into the 1900s for various purposes has been restored and will be fired up on the 23rd of this month at the Ely Rail Road Museum.

John Ekman asked Allen Metscher if he would do the historic town tours. Allen said yes he will. Lisa Pappalardo said the tour bus could leave from the Goldfield Gift Shop if leaving from the Cook Bank building was not a good option because of this years events. Lisa Pappalardo said she would make the connection with the school district for the school bus for the tours.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8th 2015 6: pm.

Meeting adjourned 7:03 pm.