

GOLDFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY (GHS)  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 14, 2015

1. **Call to Order:** by John Ekman, President, at 6:02 pm
2. **Attendance:** John Ekman, Lisa and Dominic Pappalardo, Edie and Richard Koepnick, Patty and Carl Brownfield, Larry Bennett, Scott Tygett, Louanne Peck, Keith James, Patricia Rommel.
3. **Minutes for August 10, 2015:** Secretary, Edie Koepnick, supplied copies of the August minutes for all to read. Motion was made by Patty Brownfield and then seconded Dominic Pappalardo to accept. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Lisa Pappalardo, presented the following information for August 2015. Beginning balance in the **General Fund:** \$12,066.27. Expenses: \$6,757.14 for Utilities, Website Domain Name, Printing of the Society Trifolds and the Walking Tour Booklets. Income: of \$1,685.26 consisting of Memberships, Walking Tour Book donations as well as the grant reimbursement for the Society Trifolds. (We should be receiving a grant reimbursement for the Walking Tour Booklets in the near future.) General Fund ending Balance: \$6,994.39. **Building Fund beginning balance: \$20,944.32. Income of \$425.00 in donations. Building Fund ending balance: \$21,369.32.**
5. **Volunteer Hours for August 2015:** John Ekman 36; Lisa Pappalardo 12; Dominic Pappalardo 3; Richard Koepnick 20; Edie Koepnick 22; Patty Brownfield 1; Carl Brownfield 1; Allen Metcher 15; Bryan Smalley 10.
6. **Historic marker Committee:** 70 out. Still holding markers for the Catholic Church and the Goldfield Hotel. Received permission to place plaques on Old Rock Jailhouse and the location of the French Laundry.
7. **Membership Committee:** Memberships total 114.
8. **High School Restoration Program** **a)** Final jacking of floors and ceiling are complete. Final preparations underway to prepare the job site for the arrival of A-1 Masonry and Sandblasting to set the inner wall beginning Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. We have been assured they can finish the job before the end of the month. **b)** Because the bid was lower than expected, we hope to use our remaining funds to accomplish additional work on the exterior of the building. **c)** Applications for a new round of State grants must be in by early December. **d)** Goldfield must qualify for LMI (Low, Moderate Income) status in order to apply for any additional Community Development Block Grant funds. The results from the recent questionnaires are still being compiled.
9. **Old Business:** **a)** Work on the new doorway on the south side of the old Rock Theater is progressing slowly. **b)** Edie Koepnick working with the webmaster for the Society website. More updates, additions and corrections on the way. The Society received an interesting article and photo about Constable Claude Inman who was instrumental in putting a stop to high graders who stole gold from the Goldfield mines. This article, written by Stewart Luce, will be placed on our website for all to enjoy. Thank you, Mr. Luce!
10. **New Business** **a)** The Society discussed and is in the planning stage for a Goldfield Birthday Party with free cake, coffee and punch for residents and passersby on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Goldfield was actually born on October 20, 1903 when investors and miners met to establish the town site. During that meeting, the group voted to change the mining district and town name from Grandpa to Goldfield. Edie Koepnick, Patricia Rommel, Patty Brownfield and Lisa Pappalardo to work on the project. **b)** Things are looking grim at this point for the Central Nevada Museum in Tonopah. Financial troubles in Nye County could lead to the closure of the museum which would be a terrible loss to Nevada. Nye County has extended its final decision on closure of the museum to October 6<sup>th</sup>. The main goal is to keep the museum open and plans are moving forward to keep the artifact collections and the research center together as one entity.
11. **Other News and Announcements:** **a)** Travel Nevada is planning to be in Goldfield around October 21 to film the "Car Forest". Love it or hate it, the car forest does draw interest from passersby and visitors. **b)** Allen Metscher brought a new book highlighting the adventures of the Metscher brothers in central Nevada.
12. **Next meeting:** October 12, 2015, 6:00 pm, Chamber of Commerce / Historical Society Building
13. **Meeting Adjourned:** 6:58 pm