



**Carson City Historical Society (CCHS)**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**Monday, October 9, 2017**  
**1:30 p.m. at the Carriage House**  
**1207 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV**  
CCHistorical.org - EIN 94-2565777

**Call to order:** Vice President Debbie Lane called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. in the Carriage House. Also present were David Bugli, Mary DeFelice, Loretta Williams, D.D. Spencer, Paula Cannon, and Andrea Hobbs. Jed Block dropped in before the meeting started but did not stay for the meeting. Gary Cain joined the meeting at 1:58. There was a quorum present. It was requested that we add a discussion about a memorial brick for Jan Perry after item 9.7 (Paula Cannon topics), and that was approved.

**Announcement and public comment:** Paula reported that Tres. Mike Williams called her. Because his business partner Sam Cook is sick, he is busy covering Sam's clients and cannot make the meeting. Andrea Hobbs expressed concern that more people do not show up for our events. She shared her email address and phone number with those present.

**Minutes of Sept. 11 meeting:** It was pointed out that "Hobbes" should be changed to "Hobbs." Mary moved, and Debbie seconded, to accept the minutes with the change. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Paula reported on behalf of Mike Williams. The Doll and Teddy Bear sale on Oct. 7 brought in \$246.25. The Yard Sale on Sept. 30 brought in \$285. Per the printed report handed out, income for 9/1-10/9 was \$754.50. Four tables were purchased for the Carriage House. Loretta had receipts for expenses for the general meeting. Paula is donating \$100 to Loretta. There was a dividend check for \$7.50. Our assets are \$22,728.99. David noted that he has not been reimbursed \$50 yet for the Secretary of State filing.

**Membership report:** Mary had no new membership information to report, but Paula reported on some recent memberships.

**Review of general meeting:** A general membership meeting was held on Sept. 24. Fifteen people showed up, including workers. It was a disappointing turnout. Gary, who arrived at board meeting about this time (1:58), thinks we need a better attraction to get people to the meetings. (Note: Debbie continued to run the Board meeting.) David suggested we need to do some programming (e.g., lectures) in the Carriage House, now that it is almost ready. He will contact Rusty Goe about possibly doing a presentation in January, or even November.

**Yard Sale:** Nina Spradlin reported to one of us that a couple of new vendors did well at the Yard Sale on Sept. 30. We got a buyer for the two chandeliers (at \$150 each) and for a box of chandelier parts (\$50), for a total of \$350.

**Dolls & Teddy Bear sale on Oct. 7:** Paula reported that most of the donated dolls and teddy bears that sold were sold for \$5 each (two Barbie dolls sold for \$30). There are a lot of dolls and bears left over (200+). Some might be donated to Advocates to End Domestic Violence, Classy Seconds, Harley-Davidson, Salvation Army, FISH, the Sheriff's Dept., etc. We debated about storing them. Because of health concerns, a number of places will not accept donated toys. The dolls and bears that are left are occupying tables in the Carriage House. As a result, the Leisure Hour Club work session planned for Oct. 13 will not take place, since they need at least six tables. The Board expressed appreciation for Paula's efforts. Gary suggested doing the sale again in early December.

**Foreman-Roberts House:** The new furnace is getting installed now, and we should have heat by Oct. 11. The old furnace has been removed.

**Carriage House:** Debbie reported good progress on downsizing the boxes in the Carriage House.

**Garden Tour in 2018:** Paula said the committee had a good meeting with the three garden club presidents. There is another planning meeting scheduled, but she was not sure exactly when. The garden tour will have kids' activities. Carson City Culture and Tourism Authority (formerly the Visitors Bureau) will help with the publicity. The "bee man" will be stationed outside during the event.

**Paula Cannon topics: Keys and security -** We used to have one key that fit both the front (west) door and the kitchen door of the Foreman-Roberts House. Now the kitchen door needs two keys, and that is the door to use when setting the alarm on and off. Also, the front door uses a third key. This is not convenient. Gary thinks the actual ADT security system needs to be updated. The city pays for the security. Paula would like to take care of the keying and security after the workers finish with the Foreman-Roberts House repairs. Gary will follow up with Jennifer Budge about keys and alarm system.

**Cleaning of Foreman-Roberts House -** After the furnace work is completed, Paula's cleaning person could

clean the house for \$15/hour. She would like it done one room at a time. She feels the **kitchen's porcelain sink** needs to be fixed to make it white. She talked with a painter about this, and he recommended automotive paint. Debbie said that she knows a painter in Reno who has experience with painting tile and porcelain.

**Bathroom window** - Paula is proposing "half-way-up" shutters and lace curtains for the bathroom. Paula also proposed a **thank you letter** to the city that we would put in the paper. The **upholstered furniture** was cleaned and signs were put on chairs not to sit on them.

**Christmas Party:** Paula said we had three choices: The Bliss Mansion on 12/10 or 12/17, the Carriage House, or someplace else, like Jackpot Crossing near Slotworld. We called Cyndy Brenneman from the meeting and decided on having the Christmas Party at the Bliss Mansion on Dec. 3 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. A group will decide on a caterer and the entertainment.

**Jan Perry remembrance:** We discussed buying a \$250 brick at the Presbyterian Church memorial walk for Jan Perry. Mary DeFelice proposed that CCHS and The Naughty Tea Ladies pay for a brick. Mary would like to make an appeal in the next newsyetter. She would like \$100 from the CCHS organization and \$25 from the Tea Ladies. Debbie moved, and Mary seconded, CCHS donate \$100 towards the purchase of a \$250 brick. However, the motion was withdrawn, and it was decided we will go just with a solicitation, and any shortfall would be covered by one or more of us willing to do so. The newsyetter will ask for donations for this remembrance.

**Correspondence:** The National Trust for Historic Preservation wants our renewal. Mary moved, and David seconded, to renew for \$25. It was noted that we have not seen their newsletter/magazine recently.

**Newsyetter:** David reported that the September newsyetter went out with the Dolls & Teddy Bears poster art that was done for us by the Culture and Tourism Authority. David provided an invoice to D.D. (who is temporarily covering for Mike Williams) for \$13.99 for 24-pound paper used in the production of the newsyetter over the past few months. David said he will do a newsyetter concerning the Christmas party and the Jan Perry appeal, and that he will address envelopes for the hardcopy versions with address labels extracted from the Excel membership file that Mary has.

**Website:** David said he set up "past event" web pages for the years 2006, 2007, and 2008 on the website, and that he will do similar pages for other past years as time permits.

**Collection policy:** Debbie reported there was little progress on this, but she did get a copy of the Nevada

State Railroad Museum's collection policy. She will also meet with Cindy Southerland.

**Blue Line Advisory Committee:** Debbie said the committee did not meet again.

**Equipment acquisition:** We have not acquired a laptop yet, but we did get tables for the Carriage House.

**Jim Thorpe Video Collection:** Paula met with Kyle Horvath and showed him the tapes. Kyle suggested the classic cinema club get involved.

**Leadership/Nominations:** Debbie said we need to think about our nominating process and that we need to form a nominating committee. Elections are in December. Per our Bylaws, the Nominating Committee is one Board member and two general members. We decided the Committee would be Debbie, Loretta, and D.D. The nominations will be presented by Dec. 1.

**Next meeting:** The next Board meeting is Monday, Nov. 13, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in the Carriage House.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Minutes prepared by David Bugli, Secretary, on 11/12/2017.

*A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours.*  
-Milton Berle