



The Second Section



Minutes from the April 17, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bernie Hanmore at 6:35 PM.

Attendees:

Bill McComas, Bernie Hanmore, Jack Sheets, Larry Johnson, Ed Cronin, Denny Mead, Tom Stewart, John Snyder, Wayne Brown, John Nagurney, and Pete Gifford.

Treasurer's Report:

Ed Cronin reported income, expenses, cash on hand, and restricted funds.

Donations were received from Bill McComas and Larry Smith. Profit from Erie Train Show: \$132 including a \$50 donation from the McComas'.

Trolley Station:

Ed reminded membership of the Annual Meeting date for the Heritage Center on June 9 at the Trolley Station at 7:00 PM.

The first work day at the Trolley Station is scheduled for

Wednesday, April 23, at 3:00 PM. Volunteers are urged to wear old clothes and face masks to aid in scraping walls, scrapping furnace (Steel scrap day is May 17). Bring saws-all, 8 foot or 12 foot ladders, torch, and fire extinguisher.

Engine 518:

Jack called Meadville Plate Glass regarding the engine cab glass. It has not yet been cut. Scott Royer awaits warm weather to paint repaired metal on cab prior to glass installation.

Baggage Car:

Jack received estimates for metal roof repairs ranging from \$250-275. Companies contacted were Eric's Mobile Home in McKane, Bill's Mobile Home in Linesville, and Bud Warner (locally). A motion (Cronin/Hanmore) to have Warner makes the repairs passed.

Boxcar:

Jack reported that permission to remove two trees and a big bush at

Pomona Park has been granted by the City, but not the telephone pole guide wire. A visit to the Silk Road hauling company near Hornell, NY is envisioned for the near term to discuss moving the boxcar from Northeast. We plan to stop enroute to meet with Carl Belke to discuss excursion trains and the property in Cambridge Springs adjacent to the trolley station.

Display Case Project:

Members had been asked to bring railroad mementos for displaying in tempered glass display cases. The cases are 3' wide by 6' tall by 16" deep. The movable exhibit base measures 33 inches wide by 54 inches high and 14 inches deep. The prototype exhibit is located in the lobby of Vo-Tech and features the Keystone View Company. Potential themes suggested by Pete, Ed, Bernie and Denny for the first exhibit: "Miracle at Meadville" or "Story of the A&GW", which highlight the beginning of the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad in Pennsylvania. The



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exhibit might illustrate the time period from onset (1863) to the present, with future topics left for additional exhibits. The display cases will be permanently located with the exhibits inside being moved every 4-6 weeks. To such end, Pete offered a period map, Ed provided metal water bucket, oil can, and lantern, while Jack brought Carl's set of RR shop punches and Denny displayed an HO Scale model of the 1851 train-including a flat car carrying a seated Daniel Webster, a Pullman car, a combination passenger car, and a 4-4-0 American Steamer with Tender.

ELHS Annual Meeting:
The meeting is expected to be scheduled toward the end of September 2015 with perhaps 100 attendees. Possible activities include: a train ride in Titusville, local layout visits, and a dinner in Meadville with speaker.

Heritage Center:

Ed shared plans of the 2-story Bessemer Commerce Park building, which seems worthy of consideration for lease/purchase as a

future industrial museum in Meadville.

Other:

The 518 remains a priority for our Society with the Trolley Station clean-up, boxcar move, and baggage car repair considered less important.

The Society feels we should pay our respects to friend Darwin Durlin in the newsletter. Darwin died in a fire at his home in Pittsfield.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting will be 15 May at U.S. Bronze on Brake Shoe Rd. at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill McComas

