



The Second Section

Minutes from the December 17, 2016 meeting



President Bernie Hanmore called the membership meeting to order at 6:12 p.m., at the Downtown Mall Bistro, following the annual Christmas membership dinner. The meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, December 15, but due to weather conditions, the meeting was postponed to December 17.

Attending the dinner and meeting were Bernie and Laurie Hanmore, Ed and Suann Cronin, Carl and Vanessa Timko, Bill and Yetivemarie McComas, Jack and Linda Sheets, John Snyder, Stan Niwa, Chris Manning, John and Sheryl Nagurney, and Terry and Maryann Martin.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Cronin gave a brief summation of the financial status, noting the current cash on-hand balance. Ed also reported that two grant applications have had no response yet.

Committee Reports Budget / Finance

Even though there is enough funds to pay for the crane services to lift the snowplow onto a flatcar, fund-raising activities will continue. The fund-raising site at Generosity.com is still active. No funds have been received as

yet through Generosity. The incentive of a reward of a one-year FCVRRHS membership to a donor who contributes \$50 or more through Generosity is still in effect.

Membership

Denny and Donna Mead could not attend the meeting and dinner, but wish all members and their families to have a very merry Christmas.

Since the start of the layout this season, we have received seven new members. We welcome Jonathon Gable, Chris Holabaugh, James Hutcheson, Mike Lynch, Tom Mogush, Brian Raybuck, and Bill Yochum.

We still have ten or so members that have not renewed. To those that have not renewed, you will be missing a lot this coming year. Several projects will be nearing completion. Please think about being a participant in our growing organization.

Property / Equipment

All work at the display site has ceased for the winter. The door on the boxcar was removed so that it can be rebuilt in the spring. Frontier Lumber has increased their price for the yellow pine boards that are needed to complete the re-siding of the boxcar. Twenty-

two boards are still needed. Another supplier may have to be found. It was discussed to use wider boards for the doors. John Nagurney was thanked for the use of his scaffolding. It was invaluable to replace the siding on the "bad" side of the boxcar. Bernie Hanmore thanked everyone who worked at the display site this year, noting the amount of work that was done.

Public Relations / Education

The model railroad layout's last day of operation this year was December 24. The layout has had its rolling stock and structures removed, but the layout will be left at the mall for a couple of months. Thanks to all who helped tend the layout.

Thanks goes out to Vanessa Timko for donating the train set for the raffle benefiting Toys for Tots. We presented Melody Bush, representing Toys for Tots, with a check for \$200. The winner of the train set is Bob Hilton of Conneaut Lake. Congratulations, Mr. Hilton.

The Santa train is deemed a success. There were at least 50 people that attended the event in Meadville and around 100 in Cambridge Springs. Special thanks go to the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad, the fire departments of



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Meadville and Cambridge Springs, and our FCVRRHS members who volunteered to make sure the event was safe.

Special Events / Programs

Most of the events that were listed at the meeting are now over. The few that remain include the Snow Dogs Train Show in the UAW Building, located at 5612 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio on January 7, 2017. A model railroad layout is on display at Donaldson Motors in Emlenton, PA. It is available for viewing on Saturdays and Sundays in December and January. It has a 30' by 18' layout, and can run eleven trains at a time. Jack Sheets mentioned there was a train layout in Kinsman at the town hall, along Route 87. It is not known when that display was open.

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the conference room of the U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, Inc., located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville, PA. See you there!

