

The Second Section

Minutes from the June 19, 2014 meeting

President Bernie Hanmore called the membership meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Cambridge Springs, PA Trolley Station, located along US Routes 6 and 19.

Attending the meeting were Bernie Hanmore, Dennis Mead, Ed Cronin, Jack Sheets, Larry Johnson, Bill McComas, Tom Stewart, Carl and Vanessa Timko, Ron Stafford, Stan Niwa, Denis Manross, Pete Gifford, and Al Reibel.

Treasurer's Report

The secretary was not in attendance at the meeting at the time of the report. This information will have to be obtained from the treasurer.

Committee Reports

Museum

The Heritage Center received a grant for installation of HVAC at the Cambridge Springs Trolley Station.

There was a nice crowd for the Heritage Center's annual meeting at the trolley station. The speaker was the president of the Cambridge Springs Historical Society, Mr. Richard Docter.

A court appointment was scheduled for June 20, 2014 to file for the funds from the Towney estate.

A school bell was donated to the Heritage Center for use

at

the trolley station.

Property/Equipment

It was noted that the WNYP Railroad personnel has been keeping watch over the baggage car.

It was expressed that the organization needs to raise quite a bit of money to pay for the transportation and crane services, before the B&LE boxcar can be hauled to Meadville. Jack Sheets said he would give Silk Road Trucking another phone call.

Dennis Mead said the display site needs to be open for tourism as soon as possible. Any repairs and painting needs to be completed soon, before the site is safe for tourists. The signal mast is sitting on the site waiting for installation. A work session may be scheduled shortly after the date of this meeting.

Programs/Special Events

Jack and Linda Sheets attended the open house of the Jamestown, N.Y. train station. There was a nice sized crowd there, according to Jack.

The NMRA Cleveland Convention is July 13th through the 20th. The convention center is located at 300 W. Lakeside Ave.

The Erie Lackawanna Historical Society fall

meeting will be in September

2015? If the trolley station is ready to receive visitors, it is proposed to hold the event in Cambridge Springs. The even could possibly include a train trip, a tour of the trolley station, along with hotel reservations at the Riverside Inn. It is expected that one hundred members would attend. The event will need speakers and other events planned to make the meeting enjoyable.

Budget/Finance

The scrap metal drive continues. Members are asked to take their scrap metal to Lincoln Metal and donate the funds to the FCVRRHS. Those members that do not have an adequate vehicle to haul their metal should make arrangements with a member who does. The funds are needed to complete several projects currently under way and a few that are being planned.

Public

Relations/Education

The "Valley Express" newsletter has been published and distributed to the membership. It also was available to the attendees of the Heritage Center's annual meeting at the trolley station.

Model Railroad

There was a short report on the progress of the three layouts due to the time needed to complete projects at the display site.

Historical/Archives

There was no report from the Historical/Archives Committee.

Membership

The annual meeting and picnic will be at the July meeting. Nominated for reelection are Vice President Dennis Mead, Treasurer Ed Cronin, and Board of Directors Bill McComas and Jack Sheets. Members are asked to bring a dish of food and their own chairs.

The FCVRRHS welcomes new member James Knights of Evans City, PA and returning member Tim Vogt of Meadville.

Members are reminded that their dues are to be in by June 30, 2014.

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting is Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., at Pomona Park, Meadville, PA (the display site), unless it rains. Then the meeting will be at the Cambridge Springs Trolley Station.

Editor's Note

The editor extends apologies to everyone for the tardiness of this newsletter. It is only recently that an application was found to

enable yours truly the ability to read by magnifying the screen.

