

The French Creek Valley Railroad Historical Society

Minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting at US Bronze

Present: B. Hanmore, C. Timko, V. Timko, J. Sheets, R. Stafford, W. Brown, S. Niwa,
L. Johnson, P. Gifford, E. Cronin

President Hanmore called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Treasurer's Report:

Erie Train Show netted \$135.00 including \$50 donation from Mr. & Mrs. McComas

Expenses for remainder of the month:	rent	\$50
	Insurance (annual)	\$646
	518 glass	\$375

1. President Hanmore made a motion to budget \$250 to construct a movable exhibit for the A&GW, NYPNO, and early Erie Railroads as part of the Heritage Center movable exhibits program. Second by Mr. Timko. Motion passed. It was suggested all members bring artifacts to the next meeting for possible use in the exhibit. Mr. Gifford would assist in the design and provide one of the books he co-authored for the exhibit. You may purchase your own copy at Tom's Train Terminal.
2. The Heritage Center annual meeting will take place at the Cambridge Springs Trolley Station on Monday, June 9. Refreshments will be offered at 6:30. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.
3. The Heritage Center is considering the lease or purchase of 789 Bessemer St. It is a 2 story brick building build in 1865 by the A&GW Railroad and is where US Bronze got its start.
4. President Hanmore discussed conducting a fundraiser on Saturday, May 17. All FCV members would be asked to donate their scrap metal. Members with trucks or trailers would collect the donations and take the material to a scrap yard with all money raised going into our treasury.
5. Mr. Sheets reported the best pricing he can find to move the B&LE box car to Pomona Park is \$3,940 for the truck and trailer and \$8,024 for a crane.
6. The extension of the display track was put on hold pending resolution of how to transport the box car.
7. Mr. Niwa has the cab repair panels ready for installation on 518. He is ready to proceed as soon as the weather improves and will need considerable manpower.
8. The model railroad club is welcoming visitors to see the progress of the three layouts under construction. Mr. Collard may be able to admit interested visitors when his store (Tom's Train Terminal) is open.
9. Next month Society members will be needed to help Mr. Timko move his collection to US Bronze. The date and time TBD.
10. Ron Stafford is seeking a list of Stations, Office Calls, Station Numbers, mileages, etc. from Erie timetables prior to 1930. Photocopies are fine. Contact Mr. Stafford at wag2200@verizon.net if you can help.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM

Next meeting will be on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 6:30 PM at US Bronze.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Cronin/secretary pro tem.