



The Second Section

Minutes from the December 20, 2018 Meeting



The last membership meeting of the year was celebrated with a Christmas party at the Cambridge Springs Trolley Station. After good food and good company, President Bernie Hanmore called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Attending the party and meeting were Bernie and Lori Hanmore, Dennis, Donna, and Phoebe Mead, Ed and Suann Cronin, Carl and Vanessa Timko, Bill and Yetivemarie McComas, Jack and Linda Sheets, John Snyder and Lynda Snyder and their granddaughter, Stan Niwa, John Nagurney, Nick Ozorak and Bethany, Al and Brenda Reibel, Mike Lynch, Wayne Brown, Dan Higham, Hunt Christie, Terry and Maryann Martin, Scott and Joyce Ladner, Stephanie Franz, John and Nancy Garfield, and Robert and Anastasia Olson.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Cronin gave his summary on the financial status since the last meeting. Current balances, including Restricted Funds, Unrestricted Funds, Income and Expenses were read. Income came from donations, dues and sales from the layout display. Expenses included the fee paid to the city of Meadville for use of the store at 892 Market St.

Committee Reports Membership

At least three new members have joined by visiting the layout display. Welcome aboard to James Garfield, James Glover, and Robert Olson!

A motion to change the schedule of the monthly membership meeting was made by John Nagurney and seconded by John Snyder. The motion was to change the current day of the meeting to the second Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at a location designated at the previous meeting. Next month's meeting will be at the Cambridge Springs Trolley Station at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, January 14, 2019. The motion carried by a majority vote, as there was one nay vote.

There was a hint that Al Reibel could become the next treasurer. Ed Cronin had previously mentioned that this term will be his last as treasurer.

President Hanmore offered thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time to tend to the layout display and merchandise sales. A lot of work went into planning, setting up, and operating the display. Bernie also thanked John Nagurney, who gave his time to help try to secure the former Meadville Farm and Garden.

Model Railroad

The Meadville Model Railroad Club students are building the HO layout while it is on display at 892 Market St. The students have been building the layout from a large kit and had it operating during the display. Mountains and other scenery had been installed. This program helps bring in kids who would like to learn the basics of model railroading. Also on hand are the Thomas the Tank Engine train layout, Ed Cronin's switching layout and the G scale Polar Express layout

Museum

Great news! The Erie federal bankruptcy court has awarded the former Meadville Farm & Garden/Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad freight station to the French Creek Valley Railroad Historical Society/Northwestern PA Heritage Partnership. The effort to buy the station will ensure that the station will be preserved. It will be known as the "Meadville Depot" from here on.

Public Relations/ Education

The holiday layout display has one more weekend to go as of this meeting, with the train set raffle and 50/50 raffle drawings set for Saturday after noon. The

train set raffle will benefit Toys for Tots while the 50/50 raffle benefits the FCVRRHS.

Because of the time of the drawings, the display will open up an hour earlier than normal.

Tear down day is Thursday, December 27 starting at 10 a.m. The layouts will be hauled to their respective homes and the merchandise back to storage. The store will be swept and mopped and all keys are to be turned in to Carl Timko so he can turn them back in to the city manager.

Special Events/Programs

Train shows were not discussed at this meeting. However, this edition includes a list of upcoming shows for the convenience of the membership.

They are listed as follows:

* January 5 - Snow Dogs Train Show at the UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, OH. This is an all-gauge show of 150 tables. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$6.

*January 5 - Northeast Ohio Collectible Toy Antiques and Collectibles Toy Show (*ed.note: This is the exact wording for this show*)- Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland, OH. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; admission is \$6.

*January 5,6 - Greenberg's Great Train and Toy Show at the Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Mall Blvd., Monroeville, PA. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 for Saturday, and \$9 for Sunday, however, the

Saturday ticket will be good for both days.

*January 13 - Youngstown Model Railroad Association at the Salem Center Plex, located at 1098 North Ellingsworth Ave., Salem, OH. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; admission is \$5.

* January 27 - Mid-Mon Valley Model Railroad Club Train Show & Sale at the New Eagle Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, located at 156 Chess St., New Eagle, PA. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; admission is \$4.

* February 3 - Buffalo Snowball Train Show at the Polish Falcons, located at 4555 Columbia Ave., Depew, NY. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

* February 17 - Beaver-Lawrence Railway Historical Society Frosty Rails Train Show at the Shenango Township Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, located at 2424 E. Washington St., New Castle, PA. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; admission is \$5. Use the entrance on the side next to Dunkin Donuts.

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting will be Monday, January 14, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cambridge Springs Trolley Station, located off of U.S. Routes 6 and 19 in Cambridge Springs, PA. See you there! Happy New Year to all!

