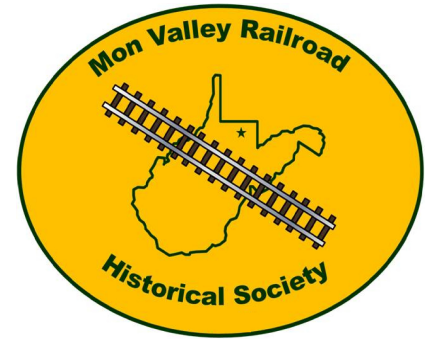


TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

December, 2019



EDITORS NOTE

Wow, December is here, it's almost Christmas. Where did the year go? It must be true that time flies when you're doing hard work and having Fun!

Our Holiday Open House is coming up fast, only two weeks away. We only have two Thursday evening work sessions before that Open House and one of them is Business meeting. I hope everyone has set aside time to help cleanup the clubhouse and to work the Open House.

This Holiday Open House is the most important one of the year. It will help to secure our finances and show the public just what the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society is all about: Model railroading and preserving the railroad history of our local area.

We are also taking the "Switching Layout" up to the old Mountaineer Mall to the Spark Imagination Center on Saturday, December 14 for their fundraiser. We need two members to volunteer for that event.

Happy Holidays,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the November 7, 2019 Business Meeting

The November 2019 meeting was called to order by President Lou Lemelle at 7:30 with four officers and 5 members and one guest present. October Business Meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Frank and second by Eric followed by a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Keith DeVault gave the Treasurer's Report which was approved by vote after a motion by Greg and second by Rich.

Modules: Mike is waiting to meet with the BOD in January. In the mean time he plans to consult with some members for ideas and guidance.

Main Layout: Rich has added more scenery. A retaining wall is in over the "Lift Out" section. Trees and bushes have been added as well as an outhouse. Shrubbery and other landscaping have been placed by the coal mine. Bill reported electrical issues, with reverse wiring of the station track being the probable cause. Gary initiated a temporary fix with permanent solution to be completed prior to the Holiday Open House.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**December 5, 2019
Business Meeting**

**December 14, 2019
Switch Layout at
SPARK Imagination
Center**

**9am til 1pm
Two Volunteers Needed**

**December 14 & 15, 2019
Holiday Open House
Workers Needed!**

**January 1, 2020
Operating Session??**

**January 2, 2020
Business Meeting**

**February 6, 2020
Business Meeting**



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Eric reported a switch was cut into the coal branch and track laid for Railway Express.

Publicity: Rich has flyers for the December Open House. Publicity for the Holiday OH will begin going out in 10-15 days. FaceBook has 556 Likes and 589 following. The October Open House Promotion reached 919 with 11 respondents and 50 engagements.

Ad Cars: The first renewal was received by Old Colony Realty. Other renewal letters to be sent out.

Membership: Visitor Frank McGreevy was at the Open House and is considering membership.

Donations: The donation of their father's trains from Lynette and Gregory Jones was not received. Through Facebook Brett Matthews communicated that he has some trains he wants to bring down, including pieces produced by "Joyline" (produced in Pennsylvania prior to being bought out by Louis Marx in the 1920s).

Old Business: Keith received a letter from the IRS saying we never filed for our 501-C3. Keith is following up. The Open House of November 2&3 went well. "The modest crowd was generous". Saturday we did \$201.85 and Sunday \$136.85, plus Ken Colvin donated \$11.00 for a total of \$349.70. Eric reported our roadbed issue was still unresolved. We have a small supply of homosote on hand.

New Business: Yahoo is changing their service/product which will have significant impact on "Groups", which will only be able to message and not share files. A motion was made by Rich to drop Yahoo. After a second from Mike

and unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Rich received an email from Cheryl Hawkins Director of Caison Elementary School Outreach. She is looking for a place to take 25-30 students on a field trip. Students range in age from 5-12 and their theme for the year is Hogwartz. Rich will contact her directly to help gather more information from her and share information about our society.

Frank mentioned there will be a train show at Greensburg Monroeville Mall on Saturday and Sunday. Division II will have a table there.

For the Good of the Order:

The November Division II meeting is being held on November 17th, the 3rd Sunday.

The Washington, PA train show is December 7th from 9-3. Rich and Ken, both have tables.

Eric shared that following the meeting he would do a demonstration of a battery powered locomotive that could be synched to one of his devices.

Motion to adjourn by Rich seconded by Frank.

The meeting Adjourned at 2014 hours (8:14 pm civilian time).

Respectfully,

*Greg Malnikoff, Secretary
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