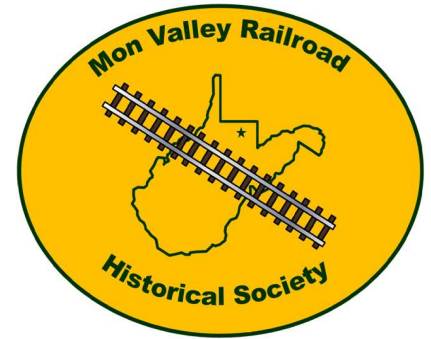


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MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

January, 2020



EDITORS NOTE

Well, Christmas and New Years are over. Hard to believe we are now in the second decade of the 21st century!

The Holiday Open House went well and I will have a full report at the January Business meeting. Gary will probably have a report on how the OP session went. We had a good crowd of members and visitors on Thursday, December 26, 2019. All of the prizes from the Chinese Auction have been picked up and we may have a new member.

Eric Hopkins and/or Frank Benders will tell us how the "Switch Layout" was received at the Spark Center in December.

The January Board of Directors meeting has been set for Thursday, January 16, 2020. Your officers will be discussing finances, setting a budget and talking about goals for the coming year. Members are free to attend and listen in on our discussions. Here's hoping for a fun and productive 2020!

Happy Holidays,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the December 5, 2019 Business Meeting

The December 2019 meeting was called to order by President Lou Lemelle at 7:30 with three officers and 8 members and one guest present. November Business Meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Rich and second by Todd followed by a unanimous vote.

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

Modules: Mike is having discussions with multiple members about possibly a "Crossover" that can be assembled to the left of the first 3 new modules. Mike shared various ideas about wiring and started the thought of installing DCC on future modules. He also discussed moving the modules back maybe 2 feet during the Open House.

Main Layout: Rich has purchased and started installation of Whistle Posts. He also added more trees to enhance the scenery around the coal mine. Jim announced the completion of construction and arrival of the Station building kit.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**January 1, 2020
Operating Session
10am til ??**

**January 2, 2020
Business Meeting**

**February 6, 2020
Business Meeting**

**March 5, 2020
Business Meeting**

**Spring Open House
March or April, 2020 ??**

**April 2, 2020
Business Meeting**

**May 7, 2020
Business Meeting**



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Jim cautioned molders to think twice before using a kit made by Carolina. Lou thanked Jim for all the work he did to build the station.

Publicity: All Open House publicity is out. After giving fliers to Eric to take with him to SPARK, Rich still has a few flyers left if anyone needs. Rich has also put an electronic version of the flyer on numerous FB pages. FaceBook has 558 Likes and 590 following and 22 visitors.

Ad Cars: Hastings has renewed and most of the renewal letters have already gone out.

Membership: Nothing new on Frank McGreevy who made a \$10 donation, but did not submit an application.

Donations: \$5 from caboose and \$10 from Frank McGreevy.

Old Business: The Open House is next weekend. Rich encouraged more members to sign up. We need to clean up next week and set up Christmas decorations.

Eric Asked for an extra set of hands to help with the set up at the SPARK event. Frank Benders volunteered.

Eric reported that Frank found some homosote at an estate sale and donated it to the society. Along with an additional contribution we now have an adequate supply of homosote on hand.

Rich made direct contact with Cheryl Hawkins from Caison Elementary and suggested she try the Elkins Depot for their field trip, citing the difference in distance the children would have to travel on a bus.

New Business: Mike proposed a goal to the BOD to have our webpage updated to include newer pictures plus more pictures

including members layouts, events, and additional links. A motion to forward this goal to the BOD was made by Greg and seconded by Rich. After a vote the motion was approved.

Eric has extended the society's purpose by working directly with a handicapped single mother and her son, who has a keen interest in trains. Eric donated an unpowered train to the boy. Additional charitable acts were discussed in private by members.

Dave installed 2 new electrical outlets behind the wall that lies to the left of Gary's desk. Dave is working to make the wall safe by securing it and adding some lighting to the area. He will also trial an LED Tube and continue to negotiate for a supply that will serve to replace "current" lighting.

At the last Division II meeting, Frank procured a small supply of homosote and other items and requested reimbursement of \$20.00. Eric made a motion to reimburse Frank for his expenditure. After a second by Todd the motion was voted on and approved.

Lou brought and donated an HO "Fire Escape" kit to the society.

Rich is in receipt of a letter from the IRS that he will save for Keith.

For the Good of the Order: The Division II meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of every month. The January meeting will be held at the Ambridge Train Club.

The Washington, PA train show is this Saturday December 7th from 9-3. Rich and Ken, both have tables. Motion to adjourn by Rich seconded by Frank.

The meeting Adjourned at 2033 hours (8:33 pm civilian time).

Greg Malnikoff, Secretary
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