

General Minutes – December 10, 2016

Dr. Mike called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report – by John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, November 5, 2016	\$174,121.03
Deposits Checking (Incl. Inv. Plus)	\$ 5,700.51
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 9,356.36
*Less Encumbered Cash	\$ 6,152.32
Total Assets December 3, 2016	\$147,110.43

***GandyDancer bid price \$6,152.32:** For rehabilitation of the lead track from NMSLRHS to the Zone 5 Main.

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CMO Report – by Rick Kirby

- 1) Insulation: Rick spoke with a man named Shaun and he said he would need to look into our application again since it has been quite some time since the original information was obtained. I told him about our BoD meeting today.

- 2) It seems we are sinking a lot of money into Lurch lately, however, it is most likely the one piece of equipment we cannot do without. We have ordered two caliper kits which has all the seals and pistons needed for repair. Apparently our Lurch book and the caliper parts person are not coinciding with one another. The book says use DOT 3 brake fluid and the parts supplier says to use mineral oil. However both types of seals are available so we have ordered EPDM which is compatible for DOT 3. The supplier is looking for the other two kits. The bogie cylinder, Rick has been told, is four or five weeks out.

- 3) The front two brake calipers for Lurch have been repaired. The parts are a bit pricey, but it is what it is. The repair shop said the pistons were frozen in their cylinders.

- 4) We also received a package with three hand held pre-programed railroad radios for crew operations. A big thank you goes out to RailCom who also provided the locomotive radios.

- 5) Rick wanted to discuss an idea that was brought up in our Board meeting. Due to this winter weather he wanted to see how everyone felt about rolling work days to avoid losing a work session. If the weather looks bad for say a Wednesday, maybe we could move it to Tuesday or Thursday. Everyone would need to pay close attention to their emails before they walk out the door. Usually Rick knows the day before, but this last week's worse weather moved to Thursday.

It appeared everyone was in agreement to do this, but after the holidays are over.

Dr. Mike added we would be having some "special projects" and that we might have some "surge weeks" to get that particular project done. There would be specific people assigned to each project.

CSO Report – Jon Spargo

We are due for our annual safety refresher training in January. I have been in contact with Warren Scholl about this. He is willing to come and give us a training session on Blue Flag Rules and a few other operational safety items. We have tentatively scheduled this for Saturday, January 21. The session will last all morning. We will need to find a place for an all hands on deck meeting. Warren will drive here and does not want any compensation.

In the afternoon, after the training session, Warren and I would like to hold a meeting with the B-O-D to go over what will be required of the board for authorizations for such things as crew training, rules training and other operational safety items. By then Warren and I should have a preliminary copy of “our” GCOR document for the board to look over.

Fundraising Report – Dr. Mike

1. John H. Emery Rail Heritage Trust. Matching at \$15/volunteer hour in July 1, 2016 documented. \$9K awarded August 2016. All funds expended. First and last report submitted and accepted by the Trust Nov 11, 2016.
2. Smith’s Reward card charity check for \$80.47 10-13-16.
3. United Way = 48\$ (2015?)
4. Morgan Stanley 10-6-16 \$30 (\$96.25 in 2016) (Mary Williams).
5. Benevity \$200 10-21-16, \$952 11-16 (John Roberts)
6. GoodDoneGreat.com \$200 10-16 (Roger Jutte).
7. SmileAmazon.com We get 0.5% of qualified purchases. \$80.47 quarterly deposit Nov 4, 2016.
8. Website parts sponsorship funding – Sold another staybolt (\$300) in 3rd quarter 2016.
9. Facebook promotion by Julie Tiedemann. New Tender Letter sponsorships started at open house (\$1560 worth sold so far and counting).
10. Albuquerque community Foundation \$8K granted. Their board and donors visited 23 Sept 16. Follow up report submitted Nov 4, 2016.
11. NRHS. Dave Jenkins. \$4K granted for insulation. Needs follow-up report of funds expended.
12. Christmas Cards #750 cards and envelopes printed for 2016. Insert asking for renewal of memberships and request for support will be included. (Cost per card with insert and postage ~\$1.60 - donated.) Mail out ~700 on 1 DEC 16.
13. Christmas Eve Luminaria at the 2926. Christmas ‘Pinon Express’ trolley Dec 10&11 Experimental Events.
14. PayPal: Rich Bugge and Bob Martin. (Created 6-16) No returns after test use.
15. Max and Victoria Dreyfus Fund sent a “NO” letter 10-7-16 to Chuck Mangold.
16. Grainger Foundation, Oct 12, 2016 (\$1,000 only restriction “)...no funds received from the Grainger Foundation can be used to purchase items from W.W.Grainger.Inc.”

Dr. Mike said we had few wrong addresses, but if anyone didn’t get a card they should let us know. Any unused cards we can send out to people we may have missed.

Santa’s Village is in Santa Fe today.

The Grainger Foundation Grant was from a gentleman from there that came to our open house with his kids and filled out the paperwork for the grant.

Site Security – Dr. Mike

Things are being left out, so please put away what you brought out or if you see something put it away and out of sight. Vagrants could easily take things if not more careful.

Announcements

Pete A. wanted to know if anyone wanted to order some of our famous warm jackets. When he orders it has to be a minimum of four. They are from Port Authority and are \$100 plus shipping and anything extra you want on the jacket. It has our embroidered logo on the back.

Trolley Event Tonight – Ron Taylor

Nine people came to hang lights Tuesday and got lots done. The trolley people will be here tonight at 4:30 PM. Channel 13 had three segments giving announcements for the “Pinon Express”. There will be three trolley trips each night (Saturday and Sunday) and this is a “closed event”. Professional photos with Santa (Included in their package with the trolley), Mrs. Claus telling stories and Jack Frost the Magic Man along with Scrooge all included with hot chocolate and cookies.

Christmas Eve event – Luminaria Special, there will be more to come on that.

Meeting Adjourned – Next Meeting – January 14, 2017 at 8:30 AM

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby

Secretary, NMSL&RHS