

General Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2016

Meeting Called to Order by Society President, Dr. Mike Hartshorne, at 7:30 am.

Treasurer's Report—John Gibbons and Ernie Robart

Current balances were read to the members. The Society is solvent.
The Treasurer's Report was received, reviewed, and filed for audit.

Chief Mechanical Officer's Report

Not given because of illness

Safety Report—Jon Spargo and John Cekala

Safety Report for October 2016.

- Jon had one safety item that was brought to his attention during Open House. Apparently, the power reverser was activated a number of times. All well and good but we must remember that there are cams and etc. that are activated on the fireman's side. Whenever this is done the person operating the power reverser should check the fireman's side to make sure nobody's hands or other body parts are in a place where they could get mangled! There should also be a verbal warning on the fireman's side to any and all persons near the valve gear.
- Jon is planning a new member safety orientation on October 29. This will likely be the last one for 2016.

Open House Recap—Dr Mike

- Open House very successful. Hosted more than 1,200 guests.
- Show off our project and progress very well.
- Excellent turnout from the membership—plenty of members present to answer questions, give mini-tours, etc.
- Model trains a big hit.
- Dual stairway access to the cab worked well—eliminated bottleneck that occurred in previous years.
- Exhibits included: Carlos Osuna's superheater pressure testing; NM railroad and 2926 history panels; Operation Lifesaver; WHEELS Museum; AMTRAK; RailRunner; and the delightful Harvey Girls.
- Los Radiators and the Territorial Brass Bands gave their usual excellent performances.
- All involved had a good, and safe, time.

Fund Raising — Dr Mike

Gave an update on Grants and Fundraising efforts for the past month.

New Business—Ron Taylor—2926 on the Christmas Eve Luminaria Tour

Ron discussed the possibility of having Locomotive 2926 on the Christmas Eve Luminaria Tour. He has been in contact with the Convention Bureau, and they were excited by the concept. Our Locomotive, lighted and covered with luminarias, would be very photogenic. Will be the only locomotive sporting luminarias in the country.

Dr Mike asked for a show of hands of those willing to help with the effort. There was an overwhelmingly positive response from those present.

Mike asked Ron to head up the project.

Announcement re GSA Lot—Frank Gerstle

- We learned from our GSA contact Diana Kersey that we no longer have to notify the Denver MegaCenter before entering the GSA parking lot area on weekends. The alarms have been moved to an area north of the parking area.
- Our only requirement is to stay clear of the Warehouse doors and to lock the 12th gate when finished.

Next General Meeting—Saturday, November 12, 2016, at 9:00 am.

Submitted by Frank Gerstle, Acting for Gail Kirby
Secretary, NMSL & RHS