

# ***TRAIN OF THOUGHT***

**MON VALLEY RAILROAD  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.**

**May, 2021**



## ***EDITORS NOTE***

Our first public event is over and was a rousing Success! The Spring Model Railroad Display went off without a hitch. We had good traffic all day Saturday and many first time visitors. Sunday was slower but then it's always been that way, even down on Pleasant Street.

Visitors came and went, all asking lots of questions and remembering the old Lum's. They were glad to see the old restaurant being used again. Many questions revolved around our plans for building the new layouts. The items in the display cabinets received lots of attention and positive comments. More details will be discussed at the business meeting.

We still have lots of work to be completed at our new location. Shelves are up in the back storage/work room and things are getting un-boxed and put away, but there is more to do. Please come down on a Thursday evening and help your fellow members with this important work.

Remember, wear your mask and Stay Safe. Many of us have already been vaccinated but we don't want any member taking any chances.

Happy Training,

*Rich Henderson, Editor*

## ***Minutes of the April 1, 2021 Business Meeting***

The April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 meeting was called to order by President Lou Lemelle at 1900 (7pm) with 6 officers and 5 members present. A motion was made by Greg and a second by Keith to have the March 2021 Business Meeting Minutes approved. The motion was voted on and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Detailed report was given by Keith DeVault. The society continues to meet our financial obligations. Rich made a motion to accept with a second by Mike. Motion voted on and approved.

**Modules:** Mike reported that the modules are set up in preparation for the "Open House". Bill made some repairs. There is an offset on one of the end modules, but Mike feels that can be switched or repaired during set up in the Center Courtyard for the "Open House". "The bottom line is they work". Bob Gay took several pictures. Many of the buildings and structures have been repaired/fixed. Gary isn't certain the signals system will be operational.

**Main Layout:** No Report

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## ***SCHEDULE of EVENTS***

**May 6, 2021  
Business Meeting**

**June 3, 2021  
Business Meeting**

**July 1, 2021  
Business Meeting**

**August 5, 2021  
Business Meeting**

**Model Railroad  
Display  
August 28 & 29, 2021 ??**

**September 2, 2021  
Business Meeting**



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**Publicity:** All publicity media and correspondence has been sent out with the exception of the Dominion Post which does not require as much lead time. The Fairmont News will run an article.

FB is up to 3,968 visits, 838 Likes, (10 new likes), 895 Follows, 23 check ins.

**Ad Cars:** No report at this time.

**Membership:** Chris McClain was nominated for membership by Rich. Mike did second the motion and Chris was voted in as a new member. Welcome aboard Chris "Chewy" McClain!

**Donations:** The display cases from Mall Management have been received.

**Old Business:** The plumber is scheduled for 0800 on 4/2/21. Water heaters will be hooked up once the system is tested.

**New Business:** Rich reported that as Head of the Communications Committee, he recruited John Hebb, Mike Hohn, and Chris Tokarcik to be active participants of the committee. He feels the committee should provide updates and information under the "Publicity" section of the business meeting agenda.

Mike reported the website is almost done and that he foresees his role as performing the day to, week to week updates. The webpage can be accessed by going to [www.mvrrhs.org](http://www.mvrrhs.org).

The site has an emphasis on inviting people to visit us on Thursday evenings except during business meetings. Mike and John both gave open invitations for any and all suggestions.

**Other New Business:** Keith discussed that though the

modules are due to be set up at center court for the Open House there is no electricity there. There are however, power outlets near or under the flower planters. He suggests we acquire a cable bridge and some safety signs and run our power from there.

The plumber to complete the work required for the bathrooms, Keith requests permission to purchase bathroom cleaning supplies. Ken made a motion to approve purchase of the Cable bridge (electrical floor coverings) and bathroom cleaning supplies. Rich offered a second, voted and approved. Gary volunteered to make sure the bathrooms remained clean and sanitary.

Keith requested a task force be appointed to research and develop ideas for a Layout Plan to present to the membership. Keith and Gary will act as Co-Chairs while Bob T., Mike, Lou, and Eric will fill out the remainder of the task force.

**For the Good of the Order:** Rich will make up a sign outlining the Covid restrictions regarding distancing and masks as they pertain to the Open House. The Open House is scheduled for Saturday 4/10 from 10-4 and Sunday 4/11 from 1-4. We need workers, at least 6 members. Rich will send out an email reminder

The meeting was adjourned by President Lou Lemelle at 2004 (8:04pm) after a motion by Gary and a second by Mike.

*Greg Malnikoff  
Secretary, MVRRHS*



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