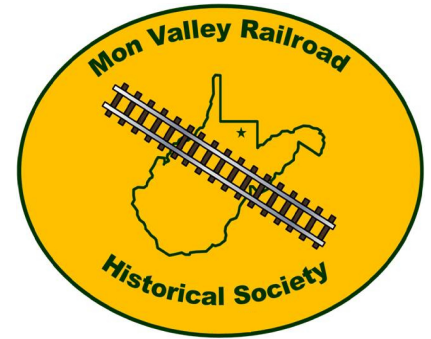


TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

December, 2021



EDITORS NOTE

December is almost here, the time just seems to slip away. Our Holiday Open House is less than three weeks away on Saturday, December 18 from 10am til 4pm and on Sunday, December 19 from 1pm til 4pm. We will need every members help to make it a success. Please make time in your busy holiday schedule to be there.

As most of you know we have begun construction. Several members spent most of Monday, November 15th working on the dispatchers area. When that is completed we will move on to the main HO scale layout. Again, we will need members to help build this layout and to begin construction of the "O" gauge layout.

Other members are working on a track plan for the N scale layout and that will be presented to the membership for approval early next year.

It is my pleasure to be a member and work with such a dedicated group of model railroaders.

Have a very merry Christmas!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the November 4, 2021 Business Meeting

The November 4th, 2021 meeting was called to order by President Lou Lemelle at 1900 (7pm) with 5 officers and 13 members present. A motion was made by Greg and a second by Rich to have the October, 2021 Business Meeting Minutes approved. The motion was voted on and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keith DeVault made his report. The society remains financially stable and healthy. Rich made a motion to accept with a second by Ken. Motion voted on and approved.

Modules: The PowerPack has been changed out and as a result, trains are running better.

Publicity: Publicity for the November 13th Open House is out. Rich will be sending an email to the membership requesting help working the Open House. Rich posted new pictures on FB. There were 4197 likes on the pictures posted of our lumber purchase and 630 + checking out the Open House. Rich has found additional FB pages where he can post things regarding the Society. Mary Ellen will be putting an article in the Fairmont newspaper.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**December 2, 2021
Business Meeting**

**December 18 & 19, 2021
Holiday Open House**
Workers Needed!

**January 6, 2022
Business Meeting**

**February 3, 2022
Business Meeting**

**March 3, 2022
Business Meeting**

**April 7, 2022
Business Meeting**

**May 5, 2022
Business Meeting**



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Ad Cars: The Ad cars are available to run on the modular during the Open House and will be in a static display when not running. Otherwise, no new updates to report.

Membership: No new applications for consideration.

Donations: \$20.00 from the Caboose.

Old Business: No improvements on the coin cash box for the mall layout.

New Business: Mike brought in a box from Steve Raque, contents to be determined.

Keith suggest a 4x10 area (against the mirrored wall directly across the society from the main entrance) be allocated for the N Scale Layout.

Greg offered up that the space might not need to be as deep as 4 feet. Discussion ensued and there was general agreement that an N Scale committee be formed. Frank, Lou, Greg, Gregory, Gary, and Jay would meet after the holidays and make a proposal early in the calendar year of 2022.

Rich presented the O Scale Track Plan for membership review. Mike asked if the track plan was dependent on the present structure of the modules. Rich replied that modifications would need to be made. At some point in discussion, Dave asked if it might be easier and lest costly to build from scratch, and if so, would the current modules be available for purchase. Mike proposed a 5 minute recess for the membership to inspect the plan prior to a vote. Keith made a motion to such and Mike made a second. Voted and approved. After the five minute discussion the "O" Gauge Track plan was voted on and approved.

Mike moved that Rich present a building plan, to include a "scratch"

build. Keith offered a second. Keith suggested the discussion be tabled to the next business meeting.

Main Layout: Monday November 15 is the first day of construction on the Main Layout. Keith bought a very large tarp to cover desks and furniture. Every effort will be made to contain saw dust.

For the Good of the Order: The Greensburg Train Show at Monroeville is this weekend.

Greg made a motion to adjourn, to which Gary offered a second. The meeting was adjourned at 1957 (7:57pm).

Greg Malnikoff
Secretary, MVRRHs



ARTICLES WANTED

Space is available for members to write an article for the newsletter. It may be about your model railroad, a new model you just built or acquired, a railfan trip you recently took or about a any railroad related topic. Just type it up and send it to: Rich Henderson, Editor at:

the next newsletter is published.

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