

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

January, 2022



EDITORS NOTE

Holiday Open House a Great Success!! For all of us Christmas 2021 has passed and so has New Years Day 2022. I hope everyone had a happy & safe holiday season! Now we have some time to relax and enjoy our hobby. Oh sure, there is work to be completed but, it's the FUN kind of work, building a new model railroad in whatever scale you prefer. Members are getting together on Monday & sometimes Wednesday mornings to work on the HO & O gauge/scale layouts and we need your help. Call and/or email Keith to see what days members will be at the Society's clubhouse to work. You may want to bring a pair of work gloves and Keith can tell you if you should bring any tools with you.

Our next public meeting won't be until March 20th, 2022, the NMRA Division 2 meeting, so we have time to work smartly and make it right.

Then in April we will open to the public for a two day Spring Open House. Visitors at the Holiday Open House that return will be looking forward to seeing our progress and I, for one don't want them to be disappointed.

Happy Training!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the December 2, 2021 Business Meeting

The December 2nd, 2021 meeting was called to order by President Lou Lemelle at 1900 (7pm) with 5 officers and 14 members present. A motion was made by Greg and a second by Rich to have the November, 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 Frank. Motion voted on and approved.

Modules: Rich reported we have a temporary storage space for the modules, at least until March. The storage location is in the freezer located between our location and that of the fitness center.

Publicity: Public Service announcements went out to 29 radio stations. Announcements for the schools as well and press releases have been sent. Rich will make additional posts on 19 other FaceBook pages besides ours. Flyers are available and members are encouraged to post them where permitted.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**January 6, 2022
Business Meeting**

**January 22, 2022
OLLI Model Railroad
Class Tour**

**February 3, 2022
Business Meeting**

**March 3, 2022
Business Meeting**

**March 20, 2022
NMRA Div. 2 meeting
*All Members are Welcome***

**April 7, 2022
Business Meeting**

**April??
Spring Open House**



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Ad Cars: Rich was contacted by The Black Bear and they want to continue to sponsor a car. Rich refurbished their car. Animal Friends Thrift shop has renewed. Eric is starting his campaign for the upcoming year. Bob asked the cost of an Ad Car. Rich said \$35 plus \$5 for set up. Renewals are \$35.

Membership: Jay Farling submitted an application for a youth membership. Originally, the Farlings had joined as a family membership, but desire to change to one Adult and one Youth membership. Keith motioned that their membership be amended to one Adult and one Youth. Ken put forth a second. Motion voted and approved.

Donations: Rich started a "Giving Tuesday" FB Page and has received \$14 so far. The Kruger Street Toy and Train Museum as also started a "Giving Tuesday" Page for us. Nathan Marcus donated multiple boxes of engines, rolling stock, and assorted modeling items that were left from an estate sale. They are available for members to purchase. What is left will be out for sale at our upcoming Open Houses.

Jeremy brought a box of assorted N scale items that he received as a donation.

Old Business: The box from Steve Raque contained a G scale engine and some cars. John has some track he will bring in before the Open House.

New Business: Keith made a motion that a 12 x 24 O scale layout be built using some materials having already been acquired. The layout to fit Rich's Track Plan. Second by Ken. Voted on and approved. Ken announced that **OLLI** asked

him to teach an "Intro to Model Railroading". The class would be on January 22nd, Ken would open with a one hour Introduction and then conduct a tour of our society. Ken requested approval to conduct the tour and it was approved

1. Helpers from the membership
2. Keep one or two modules for demonstration purposes.
3. Keith made a motion to approve Ken's requests. Rich offered a second. Voted on and approved.

Main Layout: Rich reported that construction of the Main Layout began on December 1st.

Eric printed the Track Plan to scale that can be used as a template for cutting materials.

Until further notice, construction work will be conducted at the society on Wednesday's from 9am til noon.

Keith, Bob, Gary, and Rich worked on construction of Gary's "Dispatcher's Office".

Bill pointed out that some of the outlet boxes have gone dead. Further investigation is being conducted.

Dave purchased 20 LED bulbs to replace the bulbs in the HO areas.

For the Good of the Order: Ken shared that because we are a Historical Society, someone gave him some railroad time tablet books for donation to the society and they will be placed in the display case.

Greg made a brief presentation of *Robert's Rules for Non-Profit Organizations* and also an outline/format of the new Agenda Sequence to be used during business meetings. Richard asked if the new format could be distributed to the membership by way of the

news letter. Greg is to furnish a copy to Rich who will get it incorporated into the next edition or send it out via email to all members.

Sunday March 20th is the Division 2 meeting at the society. Doors to open at noon with the meeting to start at 2pm.

Rich gave encouraging remarks about the December 18 & 19 Holiday Open House and made a plea for helpers during the event. He will send out emails to the membership.

Greg made a motion to adjourn, to which Rich offered a second. The meeting was adjourned at 1945 (7:45pm).

Greg Malnikoff
Secretary, MVRHRS



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: trainman430@comcast.net

Please allow two (2) weeks before the next newsletter is published.

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