

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

January, 2024



EDITORS NOTE

It's Winter and the holidays are over and I hope everyone had a happy and safe season. Now, we are on the long road to Spring and we will need to have every member that wants to help come and work on our layouts.

We had a great Holiday Open House, lots of positive comments and a few people interested in becoming new members. A full report on this event will happen at the January business meeting.

This Spring we will be hosting the Division 2 NMRA meeting on Sunday March 17th, 2024. The Society doors will open at noon. All members are welcome to attend.

One piece of business, Annual membership dues are now due. I will be sending out an email to remind everyone. Please pay as promptly as possible so our Officers can determine our financial health. The Officers/Board of Directors will meet before the end of January to discuss our goals and set the Society's budget for 2024.

Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the December 7, 2023 Business Meeting

Call to order by President Richard T. at 7:00pm with 14 members, including 6 officers, attending, along with one guest, A.J.

Minutes of the previous meeting:
Motion to approve as published in the December Newsletter by Jon H., second by Frank B.; passed unanimously with no discussion.

Treasurer's report (Keith D.):
Motion to approve as published in the December Newsletter by Jon H., second by Frank B.; passed unanimously with no discussion.

Publicity (Rich H.):
Newspaper ads go out tomorrow (December 8th) and other ads and announcements for the Holiday Open House are already out, including posts to multiple Facebook pages. We now have 1,323 followers on Facebook. The Open House flyer and photos posted of layout progress generated likes and comments, with numerous pledges to attend.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**January 1, 2024
Operating Session
AT the MALL**

**January 4, 2024
Business Meeting**

**February 1, 2024
Business Meeting**

**March 7, 2024
Business Meeting**

**March 17, 2024
NMRA Division 2
Meeting**

**April 4, 2024
Business Meeting**

**April 2024
Spring Open House??**



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Fundraising :(Eric H.)

(Eric H., Richard T., Jon H., others): The committee is exploring ideas with the hope of presenting proposals after January 1st. Items mentioned at this meeting include recognition of past Business Express Ad Car patrons, possible new programs for 2024 and enhanced approaches for interaction with current and prospective donors.

Membership: (Rich H.)

No changes in November.

Donations:(Rich H.)

Small cash donation in the caboose.

Old Business: None reported.

New Business:

Jon H.: External decorative lights were restored to operation.

Emmanuel B: Illuminate old railroad lamps? Several members indicated practical barriers. Emmanuel also suggested making ornaments for the Christmas tree. Frank B. invited him to bring samples for consideration by the membership.

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :(Rich H.)

Progress continues on painting terrain scenery. No work session this Sunday (12/10) due to planned attendance at the Kruger Street Toy & Train Museum show.

HO Scale: (Keith D., Gary D.)

Upper level track laying is nearly finished and mainline switch controls are hooked up and labelled. The committee plans to meet on December 27th at 1pm to prepare for the op session on January 1st.

N Scale Layout: Max McD .:

Mainline turnouts are now operational and track power drops are in and ready to connect to the power source.

For the Good of the Order:

Keith D.: The NMRA Division 2 Jamboree takes place on Saturday, April 13th at the Community College of Allegheny County Boyce Campus, 595 Beatty Rd, Monroeville, PA, 15146. See the Division 2 website for more information:
<https://keystonedivision.org/> .

The Division 2 monthly meeting comes to the Society on Sunday, March 17th, with doors opening at noon for layout viewing. Two or three members also typically open their layouts prior to and following the business meeting at 2:30pm.

Dave E. related the need for new bags for our shop vacs. Keith D. moved to authorize Dave to purchase appropriate bags and receive reimbursement from the Society, seconded by Rich H. Motion approved unanimously without further discussion
Respectfully submitted,

*Eric J. Hopkins,
Secretary MVRHS*



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 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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