

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

September, 2024



EDITORS NOTE

The Back to School Open House was a success, more on this event will be reported at the business meeting.

The visit by the Wesley UMC group on Friday, August 9th was a great success. Everyone enjoyed Keith's presentation. There were lots of questions, answers and stories.

The Society received a grant from the Your Community Foundation to help us put new heating into our facility/clubhouse at the mall. We will also be adding ceiling fans to help circulate the heat in Winter and move the cool air in Summer!

Our next Open House will be on November 2 & 3, 2024 for National Model Railroad Month. Let's all pitch in and show the public what we are doing.

Work sessions continue on all our layouts. Members are welcome to come and help during these work sessions. These are your new model railroads, so come and help!

Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the August 1, 2024 Business Meeting

President Richard T. called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm with eleven members, including four officers, present, satisfying Society quorum requirements.

Minutes of the previous meeting:
Bill H. moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as published in the Society newsletter; second by Steve K. The members present approved the motion unanimously without further discussion.

Treasurer's report: (Keith D.)
The Society remains solvent and continues to meet its financial obligations.

Publicity: (Rich H.)
Facebook followers grew by one to 1,373, and recent layout construction photos posted to Facebook generated likes and comments. Public Service Announcements were sent to local radio stations to announce the upcoming Back to School Open House scheduled for August 24th and 25th. School letters are ready to be sent in time for the start of classes later this month. Local newspaper articles go out on the 12th or 15th.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**September 5, 2024
Business Meeting**

**October 3, 2024
Business Meeting**

**National Model Railroad
Month Open House
November 2 & 3, 2024
Workers Needed!**

**November 7, 2024
Business Meeting**

**December 5, 2024
Business Meeting**

**December 14 & 15, 2024
Holiday Model Railroad
Open House
Workers Needed!**



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Fundraising :(Richard T.)

Richard T. related the wonderful news that the Society is now the recipient of a grant from Your Community Foundation that will be applied to upgrading the heating systems in the Society space. Richard will attend a presentation ceremony along with other recipients and he expressed the hope that this award is the first step in the right direction for improving the Society's infrastructure.

Membership: (Rich H.)

No changes to report.

Donations:

Nothing reported but need to check the donation box (caboose).

Facilities (Jon H.):

Jon H. was not present and no report made.

Old Business:

Logo color schemes: Richard T. recommended that the membership wait until Jon H. can present options, and he will get in touch with Jon in this regard.

Revisiting the **Community Outreach Policy** previously discussed, Richard T. recommended separating the information on the MVRRHHS website from a more detailed internal document. Following a brief discussion at tonight's meeting, Keith D. moved that we retain the current language on the website with the removal of the final sentence about fees. Wally V. provided a second and the motion was approved with no further discussion. Richard further recommended building on the thoughtful draft submitted by Wally and delaying a vote for a future meeting. Comments on the draft policy are welcome. Wrapping up this conversation, Richard suggested keeping the language

broad, adaptable and accommodating, while Wally urged the adoption of a positive style of rhetoric to encourage community participation in our ongoing experiment.

New Business:

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :(Rich H.)

The O scenery crew continues to apply paint and painted details and foam, and Rich provided instruction in applying grass.

HO Scale:(Richard T.)

Upper level scenery continues to advance and the Valley Crossing peninsula bridge / viaduct terrain is taking shape. Ballast is available and application should begin soon.

N Scale Layout:(Max McD.)

Max M. could not attend the meeting but progress on the N layout is apparent to observers.

For the Good of the Order:

The acquisition of fans, clickers and fire extinguishers is in progress, per Keith D.

Frank B. moved for adjournment, seconded by Rich H. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eric J. Hopkins,
Secretary MVRRHHS*



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