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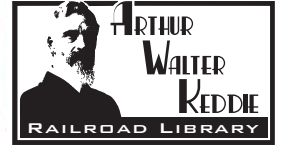
DATE: November 2021
ITEM: Funding Department Report
FROM: Eugene Vicknair

GRANTS

Since the last Board Meeting we were approved for the California Humanities COVID Support Grant. This grant is for \$20,000. As part of receiving it, we are acknowledging California Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities on our website and in our printed materials for the next year.

YEAR END FUNDRAISER

A sample of the year end fundraising letter is attached to this report. If there are no changes or objections from the Board, I will proceed with mailing it out shortly.



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November 15, 2021

Dear FRRS Member,

By the time this letter reaches you, a huge milestone in FRRS history will have been achieved with the first firing up of Western Pacific 0-6-0 165 following several years of restoration. WP steam lives!

The return of operating steam power to the museum coincides with a dedication to move closer to a full resumption of operations in 2022. While we sadly had to delay the Historical Convention due to a rise in COVID cases, we are working to hold the rescheduled event this coming May and are already working on the 2023 convention. Our new Archives Research Facility is online and has been serving those studying WP history, as well as seeing work by our Archives Department to arrange and document our growing collection. And restoration and maintenance work continues on our locomotives and rolling stock.

We used the downtime in 2020 and the reduced schedule in 2021 to get many things done around the museum. Still to come are new walkways, improvements to the diesel shop and restoration work on rolling stock. To keep this momentum going, we need your help, your donations and we need you!

Not only are we asking you to give generously to the FRRS, but we are also looking to increase our volunteer numbers. With more hands we can get more accomplished. So please reach out to those WP fans who maybe are not yet members or who have let their memberships lapse and encourage them to support the Society. And please consider becoming a volunteer. We need your help to continue to build and preserve the largest collection in the nation dedicated to a single railroad family: *the mighty Feather River Route!*

On behalf of the Feather River Rail Society's Board of Directors, we thank you in advance for your continued support. The WP Lives thanks to YOU!

Wishing you all the best,


Eugene Vicknair
Director and Funding Department


Greg Elems
President

As a 501(c)3 non-profit supported primarily by the donations of its visitors and members, we depend on your contributions to continue our preservation, research and restoration programs. Donations may be tax deductible, please ask you tax professional.

We are always looking for volunteers to help move programs forward. And you don't even need to come to Portola. From home you can write for our *Headlight* magazine and *Train Sheet* newsletter, help coordinate events, raise money for the Society, or help with historical research.



A look around the museum 2022



SPECIAL DONATION GIFTS

For each donation of \$250, the donor will receive the following Western Pacific books:

- Diesel Locomotives of the Western Pacific by Joseph A. Strapac
- Track and Time by Jeff Asay
- Western Pacific Depots and Stations by Stephen M. Hayes

Books available while supplies last.

Thank you to our members for your amazing support of the Feather River Rail Society
and our mission to preserve the legacy of the Western Pacific and its people.



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Feather River Rail Society

2021 Fall Fundraiser

P. O. Box 608

Portola, California 96122

Please fill out the donation form below. FRRS Tax ID Number: 68-0002774.
Your donation may be tax deductible, please consult your tax professional.
For questions, comments, information, or offers to help out, please contact:

Eugene Vicknair • phone: 530.832.4131 • e-mail: funding@wplives.org

YES! I want to help the FRRS grow! I am making a...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 WP Library Donation - get 3 WP books | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ | |

Please enclose check to FRRS. You can also donate on-line at donate.WPLives.org.

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