

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: September 2023
ITEM: Director Report
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GRANTS and FUNDRAISING

Just received notification that we will be receiving a \$7,500 grant from the Union Pacific Foundation for ADA improvements to the museum.

In light of our Treasurer needing some time to deal with some personal / medical issues, I will be handling the audit committee set up for the Whitman Building Grant.

VISIT BY CONGRESSMAN KILEY

Our new congressman came to the museum with one of his aides on Tuesday, September 5 for about an hour in the afternoon. I gave them a tour of the museum while Greg Elems gave them an RAL trip. Charlie Spikes helped prep the WP 1503 for the RAL and Kerry Cochran and Steve Habeck helped prep the museum for the visit. General feeling is it went well. We were presented with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition.

NATIONAL MEDAL OF LIBRARY AND MUSEUM SERVICE

Based on a Facebook vote taken by Congressman Kiley's office, we have been selected as one of two museums / libraries in the California 3rd District to be nominated for the National Medal of Library and Museum Service. We received the second highest number of votes in the online survey among all museums and libraries in the district. I completed the paperwork while out at Burning Man and we received three letters of community support plus support letters from Congressman Kiley and our former representative, Doug LaMalfa.

WP PFE IN SAN JOSE

I am talking with Carter Brothers group in Ardenwood Park about a restoration location for the WP PFE 55028. Turns out they have a damaged WP PFE reefer they were considering giving to us for parts.

2024 CONVENTION

Due to lack of timely response and high costs from Gold Country Casino, I am now talking to Feather Falls Casino, a former convention site, about their capabilities and costing.

ADVERTISING and MARKETING

Working on storyboards for the proposed promotion videos.