ISSUE 164 The Train Sheet

Shower Car have been left in poor / trashed condition again. Rick Gruninger and Matt and David Elems have spent a lot of time cleaning it.

Financial Reports

- Financial Reports provided
- Walkway cost has been paid for from donations.
- Suggestion made to convert former Historical Society account into Restricted Fund account. Would consolidate all project money into single account. Will make money accounting clearer.
- Form 990 has been reviewed and been released for signature so we can file with IRS.
- The 2012 Annual Report will follow soon.
- Rod McClure is going to work with Rick Gruninger and our insurance contact before she retires to review our policies and see what can do about our insurance.
- Suggestion to review safety programs and procedures in light of our insurance costs.

Event Reports

• Lionel / Toy Train Operating Society – 63 from Convention in Sparks came in tour buses today. We received many compliments on our docent tours, crews for trains and overall presentation and friendliness. Thanks to everyone who assisted. Also received assistance from volunteers cleaning and setting up the Museum Store. Thanks to Gail McClure, Rick Gruninger, Tom Carter, Eugene Vicknair, Steve Habeck, Debra Baer, Charlie Spikes, Matt & David Elems and Alicia LaBreque.

Department Reports

- *Museum Store* due to a medical issue, Gail McClure needs some time away to recover. Other volunteers will be covering the store.
- *Trackwork* there are ties that need to be replaced. Dates to be announced for trackwork.
- Web Operations request for more people to review and proofread website. Webmaster has beenvery busy and needs help with web management. West webcam has been fixed, Greg and Matt Elems fixed with new bracket. Matt Elems now managing iVolunteer software.

Safety Report

- Discussion on changes needed in safety procedures.
- Suggestion to draft a safety committee.
- Review of needs and issues.

Public Comments

- Bob Sims donated several items for the archives.
- Norm Holmes brought up a bag of locomotive manuals donated by Nevada State RR Museum.

Closed Session

Concensus of the Board to table Closed Session.

2014 SPRING FUNDRAISER

When you receive your Train Sheet, our 2014 Spring Fundraiser should be underway or about to start. Your support of the Society is critical to providing ongoing preservation, cataloging, repair and restoration of our archives, equipment collection and facility.

This year, we have several critical items on our "To Do" list. Foremost is completing a chainlink security fence around the entire WPRM property, including both our leased and owned land. A team from the California Conservation Corp, along with volunteers, is being engaged for this work, but it will still cost around \$20,000 to perform this work.

WP SW1500 1503, currently wearing worn Union Pacific paint, is slated to receive her green and orange WP colors and be brought back to full operation. On the other end of the spectrum, WP SW1 501 is scheduled to return to operation this year and get her paint touched up in time for her 75th birthday.

Scanning and cataloging work continues on our WP archives, including our collection of films.

All this work needs your financial support. Please consider giving to the FRRS. Donations can be mailed to the Society address or you can donate on-line at http://donate.WPLives.org. The WP Lives because of you, the members of the FRRS.

Any member in good standing may request a complete copy of the transcript of board meetings from the Society. There is a nominal charge for each copy which covers postage and administrative costs.

The Train Sheet needs your photos and articles.

If you are working on projects for the Society,
volunteering on restorations, performing archives
work, helping out at off-site events, etc., or if you get
some nice photos of FRRS happenings that you want to
share, please contact us to have them printed in
The Train Sheet.

Photos should be at least 5" high by 7" wide and 300 dots per inch. Articles should focus on FRRS related events, people or your own personal experiences with the Society.

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