

## **General Minutes - December 14, 2013**

### **Treasurer's Report** - by Dr. Mike Hartshorne as Ernie Robart was ill.

Total Cash Assets, November 6, 2013	\$159,400.37
+Deposits	\$ 5,368.58 Checking
	\$ 3.49 Savings
	\$ 33.88 Investment Plus Account
-Expenses	\$ 6,959.50
=Total Cash Assets, December 14, 2013	\$157,845.82
(Encumbered Cash)	\$110,000.00
(Free Cash)	\$ 47,845.82

### **CSO Report** - by Jon Spargo

There will be a new member orientation today following the general monthly meeting. It will be the last new member orientation for 2013. As a reminder those who have taken the new member safety orientation in the last quarter of this year (Oct. Nov. Dec.) will not be required to participate in the annual refresher safety training in 2014.

Speaking of that, I wish to propose that we have one session in January and another in February. Two issues remain. We need a venue for the sessions and we need to set the dates. Are there any suggestions? My suggestions are January 18 and February 15. Are there any suggestions for a venue?

Bob's building might possibly be available by January and we can have it there. (Meeting date was changed later in the month to January 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 along with the General Meeting at 214 Menaul NE S/E of Source One Furniture Store.)

### **CMO Report** - by Rick Kirby

The good news is warmer weather next week.

John M. has left us for Arizona until spring. He was sent carrying drawings for the crosshead shoes to the company we feel will be able to do the required Babbitt work. The cost could go as high as \$4000 so be as generous with your checkbooks as you can in the coming weeks. The final machine work will still be completed by Sam L.'s crew at the Grand Canyon.

The next thing Rick wanted to throw out for member's opinion is regarding our weather lately. Due to inclement weather from time to time he would suggest we make our Wednesday work sessions a bit more flexible by moving the workday forward or backward instead of losing the whole day. We would use the internet to notify everyone as to the proposed change. It's just my suggestion as it appears other days seem to be warmer than Wednesday. If Wednesday is a good day we'll continue to use that day. But if it changes Rick can let everyone know.

Bob DeGroft wanted to update everyone on the shoes. He talked to the people in Tempe and it's about \$4000 for them to do the project we've asked them to do with the Babbitt. We'll

need the Board's approval for this amount ASAP. We might be able to trade what we bought with what is needed in AZ.

**Engine House & Track Repair** - Frank Gerstle

Frank reported to the membership on what we're planning. East of the pit to 8<sup>th</sup> St gate is where the track will need replacing. Don MacCornack did the drawings for everyone including the 135' Engine House. Don ran out five copies of each with a DVD to all the contractors wanting to bid on the project. The dates are 1/29/14 due to us with a pre-meeting two weeks prior if needed.

**Plans & Funding Report** - by Dr. Mike Hartshorne as Ed Kibel has been out of town and Steve Bradford was not in attendance today.

Dr. Mike talked about our Christmas card drive and all cards are out and already money is coming in with renewals and donations.

**Announcements** - Membership

Ed Strebe - New supply of glove holders for anyone that needs them.

Bob DeGroft - Brake shoes - 844 probably using two shoes per driver. A possible trip up to UP in Cheyenne is possible to nail down the process and if we're going in the right direction.

John Taylor - We applied for an award for historical preservation. There's no money but it's possibly we'd win the award this year.

Frank Gerstle - He suggested taking rack cards to close by libraries or Sr. Centers within the membership's neighborhoods. He took some and checked in on them and they are all gone.

Meeting Adjourned - Next Meeting **January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:30 AM (See website for location)**