

General Meeting Minutes - October 10, 2015

Meeting called to order by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer's Report - by John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, September 5, 2015	\$ 70,181.98
Deposits Checking (Incl. Inv. Plus)	\$ 16,769.17
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 5,007.85
Total Cash Assets, October 3, 2015	\$81,943.30

Engine House Campaign: \$20,736.12 \$0 Expense - Balance \$20,736.12
Emery Rail Heritage Grant: \$25,000 - \$4,512.82 Expense (from previous month's report),
\$2,125.94 (This month) for a balance of \$18,361.24

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CSO Report - by Dr. Mike Hartshorne for Jon Spargo

Nothing to report other than there's a New Member Safety Class today at 9:00AM

CMO Report - by Rick Kirby

This past week Bill Reass submitted and received a completed electrical wiring diagram.

Also Rick received a detailed wiring diagram for the MU Control Box. Included was a parts list to complete the system. Due to not being able to attend the APMCO Convention Rick petitioned Jeff Schmid from BNSF if he could procure a syllabus from the person leading the MU class. He also included a CD with detailed instructions. Rick has these items ready to give to Bill R. for his digestion.

Looking forward we have five (5) stud bolts I know of to be replaced. When done Rick plans to air test the boiler. If all goes well Rick will notify the FRA regarding the hydro.

Over the past several weeks Rick has requested and received several resumes regarding engineers for the 2926. Rick has been around these people and have picked only those that Rick feels would be an asset to our program and are willing to instruct others. Rick is awaiting one more resume from the 261, Steve Sandberg who is highly regarded in the field and especially with BNSF. Rick has them with him if anyone wishes to examine them.

Jim V. was successful obtaining the necessary electrical components to illuminate the main boiler pressure gauge. These items are on loan. We will be able to fabricate clones from these parts. Rick expects them to arrive

Tuesday of next week. Albert has taken the two gauge faces to a company in Phoenix that restores gauges. When they are refurbished the faces will also have 2926 on them. Our slot is about 12 weeks out.

Wolf F. is here today to go over our Form 4 and any other items needed. Safety Valves are still in CA waiting for a slot to test.

Bob D. - Reported that he contacted the firebrick refractory in Pueblo and hasn't heard back from them yet. Hopefully we can get them ordered as soon as we hear.

Community Liaison Report - None this month.

Fundraising & Open House Report - by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

1. BNSF Foundation Grant (\$25K requested for flue install expense) Submitted by Chuck Mangold Dec 2014. Graciously denied 9/15. We will re-apply 1/16.
2. John H. Emery Rail Heritage Trust. \$25K granted 8/15. Accounting of funds expended due to the trust NLT 1NOV15 and 1APR16. Re-application possible for 2016.
3. GoFundMe Engine House Campaign. Over \$20K raised in 3 months.
4. Smith's Reward card charity. Now working. Payoff TBD.
5. Smile.Amazon is now working. Payoff is 0.5% of any purchase exclusive of shipping and coupons. Must use Smile.Amazon.com to receive this benefit.
6. Albertson's Community Partners Accepted July 1, 2015. Key cards with barcode received July 27, 2015 and being distributed. No payment yet. Program will terminated 31DEC15.
7. Website parts sponsorship funding: Compound lever sold for \$300 this month at open house.
8. Albert I. Pierce Foundation in Albuquerque. Local foundation supporting arts, educational, and cultural programs with grants to qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations which are tax exempt. Grants for specific projects, operating expenses, and capital expenses are considered. \$10,000 and \$5,000 (25% match required) now open for 2016 awards. Chuck will research and submit our grant proposal for \$10K on or before November 15, 2015. Operation budget needed for application including porta-potty, security for site, computer expenses, liability insurance, audit expenses, and other such expenses.
9. Open House: Defer to Open House report. Raised approximately \$10,000 with around 1700 in attendance.
10. Christmas card campaign (membership renewal and donations). 750 cards printed and 750 envelopes obtained. "How to help" cards will be inserted. Card priority: Members, previous donors, then others. Mike and Lida will stuff after Albert Leffler and Gail Kirby produce mail labels. Mail date 1DEC15. Prior similar campaigns have raised about \$10K each year.

Announcements or New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting - November 14, 2015 at 8:30 AM

Submitted by,
Gail Kirby
Secretary, NMSL & RHS