

General Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2016

Meeting brought to order by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer's Report – by John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, January 6, 2016	\$108,049.75
Deposits Checking (Incl. Inv. Plus)	\$ 4,678.18
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 2,389.84
Total Cash Assets, October 3, 2015	\$110,338.09

Engine House Campaign: \$64,731.23, Expensed \$0 Balance \$64,731.23

CSO Report – by Jon Spargo

On January 23rd we held the first of the annual safety refresher sessions. It was held at the 412 union hall and 85 people signed in. Of the 85, nine were either new members or want to be and all expressed interest in going through the new member orientation.

17 of our regular in state members did not make the session and will need to attend the makeup session. Jon proposes that the makeup session be held at the site on Feb. 20 and that the next new member orientation be held on the 27th.

Seven of our regular members live out of state and Jon will be sending a DVD to them so that they can also do the annual safety refresher.

A number of our regular members have not made their annual contribution for 2016. Jon has indicated this on the authorized worker sheets posted in the WHQ. They will have until the end of March to make their annual contribution.

NMDOT needs a detailed report of our Safety Rules for when 2926 is running. That is coming once the refresher and new member safety classes are completed.

CMO Report – by Rick Kirby

Rick has a report from Bob K. regarding the safety valves. They work but they aren't closing properly. Then another updated report was received saying the fix worked okay on the first valve so they will continue on with the other two and hopefully they will be shipped back to us soon.

Our Form 4 crew has finished doing what they need to do regarding evaluations. Rick will try for Wednesday to reclose all the wash-out plugs for an air retest.

The two old and new brake shoes have been sent back to the foundry. Bob D. says they have received them and hopefully things will be rectified with them soon on the corrected size needed for our engine.

John H. and Bill R. are working very hard on the various electrical issues we have regarding the MU system as it interacts with the 26L system. There is work going on with the foam meter as it talks to the continuous blowdown equipment. Rick received the new foam meter in the mail this week. Special thanks to John H. in CA for doing that for us.

There are two cars that may be in our possession in the future:

A Santa Fe bag car which is stored in IL and it's a possible donor car to us from the owner. The second car is also an original Santa Fe sleeping/lounge car. It has been deemed excess inventory as they want to make room for other equipment more in line with their other exhibits.

We have an inspector that is willing to inspect these cars and the Board agreed to send him to inspect items such as:

1. What it will take to prepare it for freight.
2. What might be necessary regarding official truck repairs?
3. What we may want to do to make it a 2926 crew car.

Our problem is if these cars did come to us is space to put them here.

Community Liaison Report – by Steve Bradford

Concluded Since Last Report:

1. **30 Jan:** Visit by Trail Life kids (elementary school through high school). Trail Life is a Boy Scout-like organization. About 20 people.
2. **3 Feb:** Presentation to the Sandia Kiwanis club at the Weck's at Montgomery and Louisiana with about 20 attendees.

Coming Up:

1. **10 Feb:** ACVB Volunteers site visit at 10:30. Number of visitors unknown, but I am guessing 25.
2. **21 Feb:** Presentation to the Albuquerque Historical Society. It will be an "update".

Note: Doyle Caton and John Gibbons advocacy activity with the Legislative and Hospitality Association to be reported by John or Doyle. They have been back and forth to Santa Fe to meet with politicians, tourism and hospitality groups. There will be a tourism dinner on Tuesday and Doyle arranged for John G. and Steve B. to attend.

Legislatures always ask "What can we do for you?" Bob D. stated our insurance needs are of most important right now. Also a Memorial is being penned right now by Albert L. to get NMSL&RHS with 2926 to run in our state.

We had the ACVB volunteers here. About 30 of them came and they enjoyed their visit and are excited about our project.

Golden Spike Model Train Show will be held here May 21st at the Fair Grounds and we will have a table there.

John G. and Steve B. had tickets for dinner in Santa Fe for NM State Tourism. John G. was able to speak with Governor Martinez and her husband.

Fundraising Report –by Dr. Mike

1. BNSF Foundation Grant (\$25K requested for flue install expense) Submitted by Chuck Mangold Dec 2014. Graciously denied 9/15. Chuck is currently applying for \$10K to support insulation and jacketing and painting.
2. John H. Emery Rail Heritage Trust. \$25K granted 8/15. All funds now expended. First report submitted on time at end of October. Second report submitted 1/12/16. Re-application possible in April 2016. The Trust has filed a 2015 IRS 990 report (for 2014) which showed income ~ \$4,500,000 with one grant of \$1,800 given in 2014 to the Fire-Up 611 campaign. Their website never updated.
3. GoFundMe Engine House Campaign. Over \$67K raised in 7 months. Potential matching donation of up to \$100,000 when fund reaches \$100,000. (Total funds sent from GFM between July 15 and Ground Hog Day 16 = \$17,754.76 according to secret Treasurer documents. No *mordita* in the rest.)
4. Smith's Community Reward card charity. Now working. Payoff \$95.39 last quarter 2015.
5. Smile.Amazon.com Now working. 0.5% of purchases. \$22.56 received in Nov 2015.
6. \$25-26 monthly donation by United Way of Central NM
7. Albertson's Community Partners Accepted July 1, 2015. Key cards with barcode received July 27, 2015 and being distributed. No payment yet. Program was to be terminated 31DEC15.
8. Website parts sponsorship funding: Flexible staybolt sold for \$300 this 1/16.
9. 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 request filed with Foundation. Decision this coming spring. No answer to request for status update.
10. Christmas card campaign (membership renewal and donations). 750 cards with "How to help" cards mailed 30NOV15. Donation income for December, 2015 >\$40,000 (about half for engine house campaign)
11. Tom E Dailey Foundation: The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2016. Total grants issued since the Foundation was created in 2013: \$448,546.00. Prior grant to NMSL&RHS August 2014 was \$7,500. Maximum grant \$15,000 requested for completion of 2926 repairs and initial testing 1/7/2016.
12. NRHS application by Dave Jenkins due on or before March 1, 2016 requesting \$5,000 for insulation.
2015 application by Dave Jenkins was excellent but declined by NRHS.
 - a. New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society, Albuquerque, New Mexico: \$1,000 to clean the engine boiler and smoke box of Santa Fe no. 2926, a 1944 steam locomotive being restored.
 - b. New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society, Albuquerque NM - \$2,900 To obtain materials for replace and install new engine cab on ATSF No. 2926 (Baldwin 4-8-4).
13. Second GoFundMe campaign for a tool car and operations money under consideration. This would begin upon termination of the Engine House campaign.

Announcements

Jon Spargo received notice from Speaker of the House of Representative Don Tripp's assistant that on Tuesday, 2/16/16 at 10:30 Speaker Tripp will announce a Memorial for 2926. Albert ghost wrote the

Memorial. Anyone that would like to attend is to let Jon know ASAP. Meet at Speaker Tripp's office #104 at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe about 10:00.

Meeting was adjourned – Next Meeting – **March 12, 2016 at 8:30am**

Submitted by,
Gail Kirby
Secretary, NMSL & RHS