

## Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

### Meeting Minutes

January 22nd, 2025

**President's Remarks** (Rob Wright): absent

**Vice President** (Bill Davies): New shirts and hats can be ordered by choosing what you want from the catalog in the office. An idea to open home layouts to the public was mentioned. The 2025 Christmas Party will be held December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hendersonville country club. Model railroad skills training will start in July. The next first Thursday members only day will be February 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-2PM.

**Secretary** (Brad Jones): Reviewed shirts and hats ordering process.

**Treasurer** (Larry Morton): 2024 YTD. \$6,286 donation income received. Income YTD is \$15,268 and expenses \$18,360. Year-end balance is \$21,812.

**Ombudsman** (Dave Simmons): 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday program is next week at 10AM. Jared Pramce will give a talk on his railroading experience.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership:** (Chuck Place). Absent. 4 new members were voted in today. Jim Gibson, Carl Young, David Vanderveld, and Caleb Rossignol.

Dustin Kelmer vote was tabled until February.

**Mentor Program** (Ken O'Brien): absent

**Good and Welfare** (Earl Hall): absent

**Website** (Dan Bails): Everyone has been signed in to access the club website.

**HO Operations** (Ben Bartlett): Yesterdays Op session was well attended. Issues related to dirty track were encountered. There was an issue with the bridge alignment from Linwood to Hickory. Ben stated members are not to duck under the bridge.

**Electrical/DCC** (Dan Lang): Ebay purchases can be problematic recommend train shows and dealers to make your purchases. Dave Hull has upgraded the software on our computers.

A new DCC standard labeled DCC-A is forthcoming. It will have several new features such as auto recognition of locomotives and the features on the locomotive decoder. Will run on 5x the bandwidth of current systems.

Dan handed out a couple printouts on the new 602 throttle operation.

Make sure when you turn on the Ashville computer in the morning that the power switches on left as you enter the Ashville room are switched on.

**Scenery** (Terry Ketcham): A spare carnival ride was acquired to use when a ride is removed for repairs. A farmhouse has been added by the Saluda grade.

**Outdoor Layout** (Larry Williams): absent

**Club Computers** (Dave Hull) absent

**City Liaison** (John Ryan): absent. 7<sup>th</sup> street work has been completed watch out turning the corner as it has changed configuration.

**Facilities** (Terry Ketcham): We have had excellent support from the city this past year. A new toilet was installed, Gutter repairs were completed, Heat issue with Dominion lock was resolved, and the water fountain was repaired.

**Engineer In Training:** (Chuck Batherson) Next event is February 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-3 PM. There are 3 kids in the program.

**Sales and Donations** (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill) February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Asheville train show. We have 4 tables. Volunteers are needed for set up and teardown.

Easley show is February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

You can google Carolina train shows to get a list of local shows.

**Artifacts and Library:** (Sally Ruff) absent

## **OTHER ITEMS**

**Misc.** Set thermostat to 68degrees when open and 60 degrees when closed during the heating season.

Larry Morton repaired the library bookshelf.

Larry Morton cleaned the work bench. Do not leave the workbench cluttered when you have completed your work.

**Next Meeting** February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

**Old Business** None

**New Business** None

Attenders: 24 were present

Meeting ended at 11:50 am.