

## Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

### Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2024

**President's Remarks** (Rob Wright): Gave talk on importance of having a service like "Life Alert" for individuals who live alone.

Mentors list could use some additional volunteers. Club would like to have additional volunteers for back up on Club History, Community Involvement, Archives, and List of Officers.

Survey results review showed need for some additional programs for the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday programs. Ie DCC

**Vice President** (Bill Davies): no report

**Secretary** (Brad Jones): A survey was sent out to all members requesting feedback on training and after-hours club opening. Results show need for 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday programs subject matter such as DCC, weathering, Electrical, and general modeling techniques.

**Treasurer** (Larry Morton): \$2420 monthly income received. Expenses were \$578 for the month.

It appears that we have about 15 new members joining the club in the next few months.

**Ombudsman** (Dave Simmons): Simmons is looking into excursion options. Smokey Mountain Railroad or Spencer train show are two options.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership**: (Chuck Place): no report, Josh Lawn voted in as new member.

**Mentor Program** (Ken O'Brien): More mentors are needed.

**Good and Welfare** (Earl Hall): Updated us on two members experiencing health issues.

**HO Operations** (Ben Bartlett): no report

**Electrical/DCC** (Dan Lang): Asheville yard ladder is functional again.

We need to sell some Digitrax components that we no longer need. They are stored in the cabinet.

JMRI version 5.6 is the latest update. 5.8 is due out this summer.

Hickory train show is April 5-6

**Scenery** (Terry Ketcham): Ed Clark has been installing lights in the Feldspar plant and in automobiles on the layout.

**Outdoor Layout** (Larry Williams):. Mill/waterfall is currently being built. Some artificial greenery is being installed where we have insufficient water supply. Tweetsie locomotive has been rebuilt.

**Club Computers** (Dave Hull): absent

**City Liaison** (John Ryan): absent

**Facilities** (Terry Ketcham) Handrail repair has been completed.

Smoke alarms have been updated by the city to notify city employees of an alarm.

City will repair gutter in back of depot.

New watch your step signs are purchased and being installed at entrance.

First Saturday in May starts Farmers Market.

**Engineer In Training:** (Chuck Place): 9 kids are enrolled with 4 actively participating.

**Sales and Donations** (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill): A few small donations have come in recently. We have several books to dispose of and if anyone wants one they are under the layout by the office.

Battery Park book store sometimes purchases books if member want to thin out their collections.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

Some discussion about possible club field trip. Dave Simmons to look at options.

**Vision Meeting review** Caboose radio project is complete. Turntables need cleaned and checked out. Storage POD no progress. 15 new members in pipeline. First Aid/CPR class to be scheduled in near future. Dave Simmons is looking into excursion options. Smokey Mountain Railroad or Spencer train show are two options.

**Next Meeting** April 24th at 10AM.

**Old Business** None

**New Business** None

Attenders: 30 were present

Meeting ended at 11:03 am.

