

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

Meeting Minutes

November 20th, 2024

President's Remarks (Rob Wright):

Christmas Party at Burnt Shirt Vineyard on December 10 from 11AM until 2PM. 80 signed up as of today. No shows will have \$20 added to next year's dues.

No Ops session in December and no club meeting in December.

Club will be open to the public the Friday after Thanksgiving from 10 AM to 2 PM.

The first Thursday open to members day had 16 in attendance. We allowed the PGRS members to join us.

The club will be closed 12/25/24 and 1/1/25.

Vice President (Bill Davies): absent

Secretary (Brad Jones): no report

Treasurer (Larry Morton): \$416 donation income received and \$40 in dues received. Income YTD is \$13,237 and expenses \$13,234.

A \$2000 donation for Hurricane relief efforts was made to the 1st Baptist church.

We still need to pay the second half of the Christmas party bill to Burnt Shirt Vineyards.

Ombudsman (Dave Simmons): Trip to Johnson city is being planned for January. Car pool travel and \$8 admission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: (Chuck Place). Tanner Isaacs was voted in as a full member.

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

Good and Welfare (Earl Hall): John Ryan injured himself clearing downed branches and will not be able to drive for a few weeks.

Website (Dan Bails): 38 members are currently registered on our website. See Dan to gain full access. Dan is investigating a GOPRO system. Options run \$200-400.

HO Operations (Ben Bartlett): Yesterdays Op session was well attended. Issues related to dirty track and dirty locomotives were encountered.

There will not be an Op session in December. Probably will not have a January session.

The lady who makes our name tags had her machine damaged but is back in operation now. Should have some tags delivered soon.

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): Some issues with Locsound decoders. Particularly sound issues. Quantum decoders should be upgraded to better quality if you encounter them in your collection. Ebay purchases can be problematic recommend train shows and dealers to make your purchases.

JMRI has 2 Decoder applications. Decoder pro and Decoder pro II. Use Decoder pro to program your locomotives.

Scenery (Terry Ketcham): Updating scenery

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams): Scenery is being updated on the outdoor layout.

Club Computers (Dave Hull): Dave is working on the surveillance system upgrade to resolve the short 1 day memory on playback.

City Liaison (John Ryan): absent. Farmers market. Additional days will be the Saturday before Thanksgiving and December 7th.

Facilities (Terry Ketcham): The broken toilet was repaired by the city.

Engineer In Training: (Chuck Batherson): 4 kids are signed up for the next session. Need 2 more mentors for the program.

Sales and Donations (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill) Some O scale donations have come in.

Ashville November show was cancelled. Next show is February 21-22, 2025

Artifacts and Library: (Sally Ruff) Sally had a couple American Flyer cars on display. Looking for information on them.

OTHER ITEMS

Misc. Daddy D's closing due to 7th street closure for construction.

Next Meeting January 22nd at 10AM.

Old Business None

New Business None

Attenders: 26 were present

Meeting ended at 11:50 am.