

General Meeting Minutes – November 11, 2017

Call to Order – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer's Report – John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, October 7, 2017	\$177,538.83
Deposits	\$ 30,725.29
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 5,970.59
Total Assets November, 2017	\$202,293.53
Less Encumbered Cash	\$ 87,781.89
Free Cash	\$114,511.64

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CMO Report – Rick Kirby

Rick has spoken to a few of you regarding our future tool car, but he'll do some recapping and info for those that haven't heard it all.

The car isn't perfect, but neither was the engine and many of the other pieces of equipment which has been donated to us. However, when all renovations are complete it will fit into our program very well.

Sea Island will be doing the heavy under car work like trucks and brakes. Rick also requested some conduit installed over the trucks, which is required for the HEP cables.

Inside the car, much repainting will be required after prep work is done.

Thanks to the owner, Curt Potter, he is donating it along with a sizeable cash donation. He is including some new parts, shelving, transformers, Com and HEP receptacles. Many other items too numerous to talk about here. The four doors will need to be refabricated and of course new paint outside.

Rick received recently an offer for transportation to St. Louis, but at this time, it is not final so Rick is not in a position to elaborate.

Julie asked Rick to report about our status on TripAdvisor. They list 224 things to do in Albuquerque. Currently we are #29, up from #54. So keep up the good work with the tours, and make sure folks sign in their emails legibly and at the end ask them to give a report to TripAdvisor. Julie is keeping track of all our visitor sign-in sheets. Legibility is a key to names, emails and how they found out about us.

We have begun installing the jacketing, which some were stored outside at the painter's shop. They got dusty and rained on. Please don't wipe these panels with a dry rag. They need

washed and dried proper to installation. Rick said he hoped that no one would take a dry rag to his or her car to remove dust. It scratches the paint, especially to newly painted items.

In addition, if you are taking close to the last item of something we have stocked up on, (masks, earplugs, etc.) please let someone know so we have time to get more. If something breaks, please let someone know so it can get repaired or replaced. Don't just leave it out or put it back into the tool room or where it came from.

Bob has a few words on what he has been working on regarding the drawbars. Team Industry Services out of Farmington gave us an estimate of \$6800 and Bob explained that we were a nonprofit organization and he finally came down to \$3200 with a free ride on 2926. Rick agreed to take them up to Farmington when we are ready, probably after Christmas.

CSO Report – Jon Spargo

There will be a new member orientation on Saturday, December 16 beginning at 0900 in the reefer conference area. This will definitely be the last new member orientation for 2017. As a reminder, persons taking the orientation safety lecture in the last quarter of the year are not required to take the annual safety refresher in January and February.

Fundraising Report – Dr. Mike

Needing volunteers for the Piñon Express. Sign-up sheet is in the WHQ. Need a minimum of four people each night with a driver to get the engine in and out of engine house. Trolley will be running at 5 pm, 6 pm and 7 pm with the last pick-up at 8 pm.

Announcements - Dr. Mike

GoFundMe please give/send your checks or money to Madam Secretary so she can let our Webmaster know about it. You can also pay by PayPal on the website and they will take a percentage of the monies.

Our Smith's/Kroger account did a change, so if you give to us or someone else you need to change your account by going to www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/inspire. You can provide either your old NPO number 48995 or the new one that has been assigned to you for the NEW inspiring Donations program, which is JK328. Either will work, but eventually the old one will be phased out. They can also search by your organization name. The society gets ½ percent of your purchases.

Also Smile.Amazon is another way to give to us or any organization your wish. So during the holidays is a good time to buy on Smile.Amazon with your favorite organization to donate to as well.

UNM has come out with more "Santa Fe the Chief Way" books once again if you'd like to purchase a copy for \$30.

Rails along the Rio Grande Train show is at Balloon Fiesta Park next weekend, the 18th, 19th, and we'll be there to sell our goods.

Wednesday the 13th Visit Albuquerque is having the annual get together with a food donation to get in the door.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting – December 9, 2017 at 8:30 am, on site.

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby

Secretary, NMSL&RHS