

**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

November 9, 2019

Hosts: Gary and Peggy Martin

Members present when the meeting was called to order included: Jim Miller, Claudia Nelson, Sally Jacunski, John Fennema, Wally Gazdzik, Jim Ellsworth, Bob Averill, Craig Anderson and Gina Blackwell; Ruth Taylor arrived a few minutes later.

The October 2019 Board of Directors meeting minutes were approved as published on the website.

The Treasurer's Report:

Checking (as of 11/09/19): \$ 2,665

Savings (as of 11/09/19): 15,807

Total on Deposit: \$18,471

Receipts (from 10/19/19): \$ 30 (club dues/renewals)
12 (sold club equipment)
\$ 42

Expenses (from 10/19/19): \$ 150 (control system upgrade parts)
31 (office expense-check reorder)
\$ 181

Net Revenues from 10/19/19: \$ **-139**

Fiscal Year to Date Recap (2019/2020)

Receipts: \$ 1,718

Expenses: 1,772

Net Revenue: \$ **-54**

Dues paid 2019-20: \$1,230 (42 paid renewals) plus 1 new member: \$30 = \$1,260 to date

Vice-President's Report: Claudia said that one additional volunteer is needed for setup and teardown at Luminaria Nights. We have been promised a space heater.

12/19 – Polar Express at Ocotillo Learning Center; only need 1 or 2 volunteers to handle the small layout.

The schedule for the VA display has changed: setup is 12/20-21; run trains 12/23-24, 26-27; teardown afternoon of 12/27 and morning of 12/28 then load out.

There was a request for the small layout at the 49'ers Country Club Christmas Party on 12/7, but due to the club's own party, there is no one available to take it there.

Our party is 12/7 at Noon at the Golden Corral and the charge for lunch, tax and tip is \$11.50 per person. Pay Ruth in advance or at the restaurant. Do not pay at the entrance. Gift exchange information was published in the Newsletter.

Rails in the Garden (RITG): Sally found save-the-date cards in the small trailer. She will have flyers at the December meeting. She will ask RCW about participating unless we decide to “save” them for the 2021 RITG. As of today she has the following signed up: Averills, Carmichael, Gadsden-Pacific Toy Train Museum, Koehlers, Mitchells, and the Rodeo Parade Museum. Wally has agreed to help cover for Sally while she is on medical leave in January. We will need to decide the 2021 RITG dates before RITG 2020 in order to print up save-the-date cards to hand out.

Pima County Fair dates for unload and set up are still pending and will be published in the Newsletter and online. We will have 2 days to unload.

There was some discussion on how we might increase revenue for the club. Suggestions for thought included creating a “sustaining member” option for donations; restarting the train set raffles at RITG and the County Fair; asking members to sign up for Amazon Smiles donations.

Newsletter Editor’s Report: Sally reported a “glitch” with her email because no one received the November Newsletter. She will try again and work with Jerry Tulino if she can’t fix it.

Committee Reports: Bob Averill has agreed to be the Mentor Coordinator.

Old Business: None pending.

New Business: After reports of problems with setting up the children’s layout and review of repair and/or replacement options, John and Dennis Maher are going to rebuild it: raise it up, new clamps for rails, Etc. They plan to have it ready for the County Fair.

An abbreviated Board meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2019 at the Golden Corral.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell
Secretary