

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 7, 2019 at the Golden Corral

Members present when the meeting was called to order included: Jim Miller, Claudia Nelson, Jerry Tulino, John Fennema, Wally Gazdzik, Jim Ellsworth, Sally Jacunski, Bob Averill and Gina Blackwell.

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

The Treasurer's Report: Tabled in Ruth Taylor's absence until the General Meeting later today.

Vice-President's Report: With the possible exception of 12/15, the Luminaria Nights event is well staffed. We may need an additional volunteer to be near the Christmas tree of poinsettias in the pavilion. G gauge track and a train were set up around the tree and need to be monitored. Visitors really seem to enjoy it.

Polar Express Day on the 19th is all set. Claudia plans to hand out pencils to the students.

The setup and running times at the VA have been changed. Setup is now on Saturday, 12/21, with run times Monday from 9am – 4:30pm, Tuesday from 9-Noon, Thursday from 9-4:30, Friday 9-4:30 then tear down and load out on Saturday, 12/28.

The County Fair dates to bring the trailers in are 4/2 and 3. We will have until the 16th to set everything up. Dennis Mahar has been making new legs for the modules.

Rails in the Garden (RITG): Sally is making flyers and posters and needs to know how many of each will be needed. The Rodeo Parade Museum will be added to the open layout tour.

The Board approved up to \$500 for the purchase of a train set to be raffled off. The tickets would be sold during RITG and continue through the County Fair with the drawing taking place on the last day of the Fair.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Sally may need help with the January Newsletter due to her medical leave. Claudia agreed to help if needed.

Committee Reports:

Webmaster: Jerry has updated the calendar program which is much easier to read and use. He has also changed the background colors on the home page for Christmas.

Maintenance: Gary Martin may need to purchase new engines for the Gardens. This will be discussed with the general membership.

Mentors: Bob is available to help when requested.

Old Business: Dennis Mahar has agreed to take the lean on refurbishing the Children's Layout with John Fennema. There was some discussion about possibly replacing some features with Eaglewings Iron Craft pieces, but cost and weight are major factors to consider. Interactive features (buttons for the kids to push) are desired additions, if possible. Ron Koehler has some Lego buildings, Etc. and will work with Dennis and John on possibly adding a few to the layout.

New Business: Gary agreed to pursue LGB engines and stock prices.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Noon, January 18th at the Averill's.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell
Secretary