

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 7, 2021 – via ZOOM

Board members present: Jim Miller, Claudia Nelson, Margaret Nelson Torres, Jerry Tulino, Wally Gazdzik, Bob Averill, John Fennema, and Gina Blackwell. Bruce Somerhalder also joined us.

The November 2021 Board of Directors meeting minutes were approved as published on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Margaret reported that she had sent out dues reminder emails. There are 35 families currently paid up. She will also check to see if there is a price break on the storage unit for paying ahead instead of month-to-month. She also noted that the insurance payment for the trailers is coming due soon.

As of 12/07/21,

Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 3,099.79
Savings Acct. Balance	<u>15,859.16</u>
Balance Total	\$18,883.95

Fiscal Year to Date Recap,

Receipts/deposits	\$1,466.00 (dues; swap meet, Etc.)
Expenses	<u>482.16</u> (mainly the storage unit)
Net revenue	\$ 983.84

Vice-President's Report: The Wanderland event at the Tucson Botanical Gardens is going well. John mentioned that he needed more Rails in the Garden 2022 (RITG 2022) cards to hand out. Although she can get them from Office Max, Costco is half the price and she has an order due in Monday.

There will not be a TGRS event at the VA this year.

The Christmas/Holiday party and General Meeting will be outside at the Rodeo Parade Museum, unless we have bad weather. There is an indoor spot for us if needed. The insurance for the event is covered. There will be sandwich platters, chips, cake (Sue Averill) and cookies (Margaret and Claudia).

Volunteers for the Transportation Museum event on the 18th are set. Claudia will take the mini-layout.

The next social luncheon is at the Red Garter on 12/15.

The January General Meeting will be on the 15th at the Averills and the February meeting on the 19th at Rincon Country West. Times are to be announced.

Newsletter: No report. Claudia has been sending out a bulletin in lieu of the Newsletter and John Fennema's Christmas train open house on 12/11 will be featured in the latest one.

Committee Reports:

Website/Membership: The web is doing fine. There are currently 35 paid member families and 6 honorary lifetime members for a total of 41.

Mentor Program: Bob is in contact with members in Sahuarita who are asking for help.

Old Business: (covered in the above items – nothing additional was brought forth)

New Business: We are reminded that elections will take place this spring. Hopefully we can find a volunteer to help put together a slate of candidates.

Some strategies to increase membership were briefly discussed: (a) free one-year membership to folks who sign up during RITG 2022; (b) help design/set up new layout; (c) give track to new members. Further discussion is obviously warranted. There was also a suggestion of setting up a layout for kids that could be run via the internet and is under consideration.

The next Board meeting will take place via ZOOM on 01/11 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell
Secretary