

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
April 5, 2023  
Nelson Residence

Board Members Present: John Fennema, Claudia Nelson, Margaret Torres-Nelson, Charlie Weesner, Jerry Tulino  
Visitors: Glenn Mitchell, David Nelson

Treasurer's Report Summary – Margaret Torres-Nelson

All Acct Balance           \$ 19,250.85

YTD Income               \$ 3,372.76

YTD Expense             \$ 3,758.90

- RITG Donations           \$ 2,300
- Board approves \$225 donation to Gadsden Pacific for use of their place at the May meeting.
- All T-shirts picked up except Ed Penella

Newsletter Report – Claudia Nelson

- No issues to report

Webmaster Report – Jerry Tulino

- We add 65 new sign-ups from this RITG to the 1276 names we already have in our email list.
- Paying for the email list management – Company allows you to “pause” account up to 3 times per year. It seems we can activate the account for a month (January), put out our email, then pause it again. Expect \$25/yr expense to maintain current email service.

VP Report – John Fennema

- Need a new president – Leads to a discussion of the “direction” of the club in community out-reach vs. mentoring and teaching among our members.
- RITG had 3414 visitors (up from 2567 last year) and received \$2263.55 in donations plus the Southern Arizona Transport Museum donated \$36 collected there to the Community Food Bank. The Rodeo Museum and Gadsden Pacific were asked to keep donations at their displays for their own uses.
- Board approved a donation of \$1500 to the Community Food Bank, with the rest to cover our expenses for this year.
- Pima County Fair setup has gone well. Need to bring a sign-up sheet to Saturday meeting for last-chance fill-in on shifts that are short-staffed.
- Ronald McDonald house serving a meal is short on members. Bring up at Saturday meeting, but we may need to back out if we don't have enough people.

New Business Discussions

- Tom Fagan working with Boy Scouts may be a source of labor to assemble the fair layout next year? In support of the BSA Railroading Merit Badge: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/railroading/>
- TBG trains – We will scrap mogul #491 for parts due to wear on the frame. Since we acquired #19 in December, we still have 4 generally-functional engines, as well as the trolley.
- Ron Kohler wants to swap the track the club donated to the children's layout with the new LGB track that he used in setting up the layout. The board approved.
- RITG for 2024
  - Have cards printed for the Pima County Fair for “early March,” asking user to look for specifics at our website in January.
  - This will be our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary RITG. Need to emphasize that! Board generally approves of having a no-cost raffle for the Thomas train stored at Wally Gadzick's place as a means of recognizing the anniversary.
  - Could we arrange one or more layouts in RITG for a night display with lights? Night parking and a layout with lighting are open issues.
  - Perhaps shift the RITG charity to Interfaith Community Services? <https://www.icstucson.org/>
- Claudia will purchase the Stainz LGB engine from the old children's layout for \$50. The board approved.
- Peggy Martin's train sale is set for May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 10AM-4PM. Ian&Ina Shivack have suggested they might piggyback on the event?
- Three-five year plan? Discussions about recruiting and engaging new members.

Next board meeting May 10, Nelson's place

Club meeting Saturday at Somerhalder – 10 AM run trains, 11 AM meeting

Club meeting May 13 at Gadsden Pacific – 10 AM run trains, 11 AM meeting