

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sept 18, 2024
Nelson Residence

Board Members Present:

Willis Fagg	John Fennema
Wally Gadzick	Ron Koehler
Claudia Nelson	Jerry Tulino
Charlie Weesner	Margaret Torres Nelson
Jim Miller	

Willis called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM with 9 board members. We approved minutes from the May board meeting.

Treasurer's Report Summary – Margaret Torres Nelson

- We have just over \$9000 in checking and savings.
- Opened a CD for \$8000 which is earning interest.
- Unusual expenses for Community Food Bank donation (from RITG) and trailer flat tire repair over the summer.
- 43 of 57 paying member families have already paid dues for 2024-2025.

VP Report – Claudia Nelson

- Claudia plans to run a shuttle from Martin's place to Pearson's to alleviate the parking at Pearson's place.

Newsletter Report – Jim Miller

- Paper copy of newsletter to Scott Hill as we don't have an email address for him.

Committee reports

- Membership – Jerry Tulino – Stable, no change. Two “members” asked to be removed from email list in May. These were “free memberships” from RITG or Pima County Fair.
- Website – Jerry Tulino – Service will shut down for a “large upgrade” this Friday. Will send out an email notice.
- Maintenance/Displays – Charlie Weesner – Children's Museum locos lubed and running. Charlie has not looked up “fair market prices” for the locomotives we are trying to get out of our inventory.
- Social activities
 - Luncheon this month @ Red Garter.
 - Discussion about Christmas party. Claudia will call Stan @ Rodeo Museum about reserving that.

Old Business

- Willis brought memorabilia including a DVD of 2012 video from KOLD coverage of RITG that Jerry will put on our website.

New Business

- St Paul's preschool October 24th – Claudia is planning to run trains on the “children's layout” with a Halloween theme provided by John Fennema . Still looking for more volunteers for 0830-1030 to setup and run trains. John plans to get the tables “the week before” from our trailer at the fairgrounds.

- Ocotillo Learning Center – Our contact, Jody, has gone to another job. We plan to offer them Dec 19 with the same “running trains on the children’s layout” but a Christmas theme.
- VA hospital – Claudia has not heard back but general plan would be setup Saturday, Dec 21 and tear-down Saturday, Dec 28. We’d run trains 2 days before Christmas and 2 day after Christmas. Only have space for a 40x20 layout. John Fennema assigned to coordinate trailers and module placement.
- Ron Koehler suggests a “using Blunami” workshop associated with meeting as his place in October. Generally agreed with a suggestion he write an article for the newsletter that goes out October 1 about the workshop and suggestion to download the app.
- Ron also suggests having a “club barbeque” meeting – maybe as a monthly luncheon?
- Claudia asks if we have a use for the “old projector” that we haven’t used in 5 years. We suggested she turn it on to see if it still works. Given that we have the large-screen TV, the projector may not be so important.
- John Fennema has dates for the county fair next year: Setup March 29. Fair runs April 17- April 27 (which includes Easter). This is a week earlier than “usual.”
- RITG selected for March 1 & 2 – first weekend. The book fair is listed for 15th.

Upcoming meetings

Sept 21	Club meeting at Cap Pearson’s layout
Sept 25	Luncheon at Red Garter
Oct 16	Board meeting @ Nelson’s