

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 21, 2026
Nelson Residence

Board Members Present:

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

Willis called the meeting to order at 1 PM with 8 board members. We approved minutes from the November board meeting. There was no meeting in December.

Treasurer's Report Summary

- Only one member not paid.
- State Farm insurance changes in recurring payment worked out.
- Board-approved spending on county fair Blunami in this report.

VP Report – Claudia Nelson

- Busy December with 2 pre-schools, SATM just before Christmas, and Mini Time Museum NMRA 90th displays.
- Ann & Claudia going to Wagon and History Museum Saturday, Jan 24 9:30 to 2 PM.
- Meeting juggling – move back February board meeting to 25th, move March meeting at Weesner to April 4 to avoid PCF set-up.

Committee reports

- Newsletter – not present
- Membership – Remains at 56 with 3 added this (fiscal) year
- Website – Just paid for the year. Mailing list will go active in February.
- Maintenance/Displays – SATM repairs from shorting track. Swapped a “remote control” Bridgewater to bypass the damaged Mitchell momentum circuit.
- Social activities – luncheons thru Jerry continue.

Old Business

- RITG – Ann has the folder from Phil about planning publicity. Planning to meet with Claudia after this meeting. Need to hand out host packages at February 7 meeting at RCW.
- 2026 Pima County Fair – met with Julia on logistics. Scouts available only on March 28th. Moved club meeting (Weesner) to permit layout setup with trailers moving into the building on March 27th. No raffle this year because we don't think it drew any added interest. John is arranging plants from nursery, again. After April 4 meeting we will have a second work-day putting out buildings and repairing modules.

New Business

- Zoo Lights – Reid Park zoo has asked us to participate and Claudia toured with Jed to identify three candidate locations for the table-top portable layout during their holiday event. Attendance this past year was 60,000 on weekends and 40,000 during the week. Proposal is that we staff it “when we can.” Push-button/timer operation on electric track at other times. Need a decision within 3 months if we are to participate. Have to “take it down” to do Christmas pre-schools and SATM. John and Claudia to do another walk-thru reviewing the sites.

Upcoming Events

Feb 7	TGRS meeting @ Rincon West 11 AM
Feb 11	Social lunch Transplant Detroit Pizza
Feb 25	TGS Board meeting @ Nelson 1 PM
Mar 7,8	Rails in the Garden tour – 10 AM
Mar 11	Social lunch TBA
Mar 18	TGRS Board meeting @ Nelson 1 PM
Mar 27	Trailers to Old Pueblo Hall
Mar 28	Fair set-up with Scouts
April 4	TGRS meeting @ Weesner 9 AM