

PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES - October 9, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM, Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Sandy Springs, GA by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

Board Members Present: Walt Liles, Jim Travis, Bob Kelshaw, Howard Goodwin, Perry Lamb, Royal Bruce, Mike Cummings, Doug Alexander, Diane Martin, Steve Funsten, Sally Bando, Peter Youngblood

Board members absent: Mike Fleming, John Falk

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present as taken from the sign-in sheet: David Gelmini, Tyler Gelmini, Gary Jarabek, Dottie Maiuro, Joe Maiuro, Randall Watson, William Smith, Jack Spangler, Joe Nichols Sr., Ross Bundy, Richard Garlinghouse

Officer and Director Reports

Administration – Mike Fleming: The minutes from the September 11, 2018 BOD meeting, as modified were approved. Jim Travis motion; Perry Lamb second

Finance – Diane Martin, CPA: The August, 2018 Financial Report was approved as submitted. Jim Travis motion; Doug Alexander second

The September, 2018 Financial Report was submitted. Certificate of Deposits, by percentage of program, have been purchased. These programs include membership and Multi-Purpose structure. Items under the section Train Show cover the 2019 show. YTD net revenue is about \$8,900. YTD we are under budget by about \$8,300. It is estimated that we will end the year under budget. Perry Lamb motion; Howard Goodwin second – Approved.

Operations – Sally Bando: Thank you to Peter Youngblood for the open house in September. Thank you to Perry Lamb and Jim Travis for the Train n Camp in September. The Boy Scout program, in Duluth, has 27 registered participants as of meeting time.

Personnel/Membership – Mike Cummings: NTR

Committee Reports

Website - Scott Povlot: Report submitted

Pilgrimage, Advertising, and Promotion/Division Apparel - Gary Jarabek: Host packets will be distributed this evening. There are 71 layouts on tour. The marketing committee has done a good job getting the word about the Pilgrimage out via Facebook.

Achievement Program – Charlie Mason: Report submitted

Good and Welfare – Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch: Report submitted

2017 Model Train Show – David Gelmini: 12 more tables have been sold for the 2019 show. This puts us at about 30% sold. We have made the second payment of \$6,000 to the Galleria for next year's show.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Duluth and Kennesaw) – Howard Goodwin, MMR: There are 27 scouts fully signed up and another 2 who have registered but not paid. For 2019, Merit Badge classes will be held in January, April and September. There are 5 prizes for tonight's raffle.

Audio-Visual Production & Promotion Committee: NTR

Name Badges & Photography - James Bando: Report submitted

Division Video Library - David Gelmini: There are a number of new titles related to Railroading in this region. All have been checked out.

Division Book Library - Stephen Leyton: NTR

Model Railroad & Division Help – Ovidiu Trifanescu: NTR

Train in Camp – Perry Lamb: It is not likely we will teach bench work again. Camps for 2019 will be;
Model Railroading 101 – Hobbytown USA – Kennesaw – January, 2019
Weathering with PanPastels – Covenant Presbyterian Church – March 30, 2019
Trees – Covenant Presbyterian Church – June 29, 2019
TBD – Covenant Presbyterian Church – September 28, 2019

Marketing – Sally Bando: Atlanta Parenting Magazine has listed the Pilgrimage on its schedule. There are complete instructions for placing the Pilgrimage on the Next Door website to help us achieve maximum exposure.

Long Range Planning & Development – Jim Travis: NTR

2020 SER Convention – Walt Liles: Work is progressing on a rate of \$109/night at the Hampton Inn. The Inn will allow us to host a reception in the hotel lobby.

SER elections are upcoming. Please contact Peter Youngblood if you are interested in running.

Timetable – Jim Datka: The electronic version of the Timetable should be out tomorrow night.

Old Business

Del's class for Senior Center: There are questions about what to cover. There are both Winter and Spring sessions. Del and Walt will meet to discuss what should be presented. We have work towards either 1 or 2-hour classes for a total of 8 to 16 hours of classroom time. It is likely we won't have a program available until Spring.

Cobb County School's STEM program: We will need to get 3 – 4 Division members certified to teach in the program. We will need to develop a curriculum for an all-day program that will cover 6 50-minute class time periods. We may need different programs for Middle and High Schools. It is likely we can teach subjects like Model Railroading 101, Scenery and Design via live demonstrations. We will need a consistent program that will cover an entire day.

Emory Village Alliance: We will have a G-scale display on hand for their program.

501c3 is on hold while we discuss our past tax issues with the IRS.

New Business

Please remember to place December 1, 2018 0900 - 1100 on your calendar for the Division Planning meeting. Location is still to be determined.

Walt will be giving 2 seminars at the SERM on Saturday, November 3 for Railroad Days.

Any Other Business

Meeting Adjournment, Adjournment was at 1846 with Jim Travis motion; Howard Goodwin second.
Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Perry Lamb