

Division 4, MCR, NMRA General Meeting, January 12, 2024 Westlake Rec Center

Superintendent Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 6:33 pm. He extended a warm welcome to the members and wished everyone a Happy New Year!

We had only one visitor this evening, Tim Holman. Thank you for coming out.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from November's meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by the membership to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Greg Noeth - Greg gave a report on the current balances of all accounts.

Old Business:

New Membership Chairman - Ron Morgan - still need a volunteer to have this important position filled.

Election Report - Dave Flebbe - All current officers have requested to be on the ballot, the only exception is Assistant Superintendent. If you are interested in running for this position, please see Dave.

New Business:

2024 Budget Presentation - Greg Noeth - Greg went over the budget line by line and explained it. He then took the time to answer any questions. Gary Schaefer made a motion to accept the Budget. Chris Shick seconded the motion. The Membership passed the motion for the 2024 budget.

2024 Convention - Jerry Krueger - The Convention Team had a planning meeting this past Wednesday. At present time 90 are registered, 70 nights are booked for the hotel, with a target of 110 nights. Rates will drop in increments from there. Everybody...Register...Book Your Rooms. Still looking for clinics. Scott Benson currently has approximately 64 slots available for operations. 1 registration = 1 operations slot, and 19 layout tours. John Hemsath, MMR is taking charge of the models contests, which will run a little differently. Please, get your orders in for T-shirts and cars.

Division 5 Membership Table - Ron Morgan - March 16th and 17th at Lakeland College. If you are interested in working the membership table, please sign up on the sheets at the front table.

Show and Tell - Bram Bailey wrote an article and sent pictures into the magazine with hopes to get word out about our 2024 Convention. He went through the slides for us.

Congratulations to John Janda for winning the Sweepstakes from Class One Model Works. The cars he won are here tonight, come on over and take a look.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Ron Morgan - Deadline is January 26th.

Clinics - Jerry Krueger - February is pizza party and we will have train videos. March is a clinic on layout tours, April is open.

Company Store - Scott Benson - absent

Raffle - Adam Woodie - there are some really great items over here. We are back in the swing of things for 2024. Raffle will begin 10 minutes after the close of the meeting. Come get your tickets.

Module Group - Adam Woodie - wrapped up Trees and Trains and at the Zoo. Annual planning meeting is Tuesday, January 16th. We will be doing the Avon Library sometime in early March.

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - 2 more layout tours have been added for the convention.

Contest - Joe Filipiak - November's winners of Rail cars serving the meat industry:

Model 1st - Jim Grell
2nd - Ken Orchard
3rd - Joe Kurilec, MMR

Diorama 1st - John Puch
2nd - Joe Filipiak
3rd - Dave Lawler

Next month's contest is: Support Building in Engine Facility (No Round Houses).

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - no awards tonight. John will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, January 27th. This will be the last time to view this layout.

Comments/Concerns - Ron Morgan - Scott Benson's mother passed away Tuesday. Our condolences to him and his family.

Dave Williams is having trouble with the calendar. Please be patient, he is working on fixing it.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by the membership. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Shick
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA