

NMRA MCR Division 4 General Meeting Minutes for Friday, October 09, 2020 Westlake Recreation Center, Westlake Ohio

Superintendent Lee Sheffield opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Greg Noeth gave the Treasurers report and let us know the audit was done by Larry Kowicki and all was good.

Lee let us know the next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 pm. Meeting will be done on Zoom and the main topic of discussion will be the budget.

We moved onto Committee reports:

Membership – George Keller – Let him know if you need a color change on your badges. Everyone in attendance should place their badges in the empty X-Y-Z compartment of the container. He then asked for new members and if there were any visitors – there were neither tonight.

Clinics – Lee spoke out because Larry Madson has asked to step down. There was no Clinic listing in last months Flatwheel because no one has stepped forward to take the position. There are a bunch of people willing to do clinics, but no one to organize them. There will be no Clinic this evening, Joe Filipiak suggested we could also do Clinics from the internet. Ramhog Shearer brought up that a person could record their layouts and bring it in to also present as a Clinic. Or we could do virtual visits to other layout this year.

Module Group – Scott Benson spoke on behalf of Adam Woodie. We are doing both Trees and Trains and Zoo Lights at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Trees and Trains will be at Black River Landing and will be done in the old Higbee's fashion with the trains facing the windows and the trees on risers behind the trains. The Zoo Lights will be in a Pavilion with tarps on the sides. It will be outside, but heaters will be provided. Please dress appropriately. Let Adam Woodie know if you want to work either or both and if you want your modules displayed.

Flatwheel – Chuck Shick – Deadline for articles is October 26th, be sure to get them in on time.

AP Awards – Bruce Brintnall – not present this evening

Contest – Joe Filipiak – Model Contest Passenger Cars/Sleeper Cars. Joe gave a little history of sleeper cars and recommended to take a trip in an Amtrak sometime.

Last months winners:

Models:	1 st – Don Glass
	2 nd – Joe Filipiak
	3 rd – Fred Wagner
Dioramas -	1 st – George Keller
	2 nd – John Witt

Next month is Rubber wheeled railroad vehicle.

Company Store – Scott Benson – He has Gold Spike postage stamps and lots of new stuff. Like always shirts, hats, finger flashlights and lots of various train DVD's.

A brief show and tell of a small layout inside of a pumpkin was presented

Chuck Klein let everyone know there is free stuff on the table. Some maybe pieces parts. Please take what you want.

At this time Gary Sole volunteered to do Clinics. Congratulations!

Kevin Peterson spoke up about an artist he knows named Jan Saunders. She can help paint murals on the walls for your layouts. If you are interested he has some handouts.

Raffle – Tim Sheffield – Tonight there are wonderful articles to see with a little of this and that. Come get your tickets!

In general: Former member Rich Mayich's wife is trying to sell off the rest of his stuff. He specialized in the Erie Railroad.

Since we are not having our annual awards night in December, do we want to have a meeting or just skip it? A motion was made by Chuck Klein to hold a meeting. Seconded by Bram Bailey, motion carried. We will have a December meeting and everyone should bring in Christmas goodies. The meeting will be held on December 11th.

Contest for that night will be something Christmassy.

Gary Schafer gave a report on the Roads- Rails & Sales. It was a success. Lots of money was raised for the Caboose. He has shirts and lanyards from the event for sale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12.

Raffle at 8:30.

Chris Shick,
Secretary