

Board Meeting Minutes
Western Michigan Society for Industrial Heritage
December 7, 2005
6:00 P.M.
Coopersville Farm Musuem

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by President Ed Hanenburg. There is no agenda so we will follow previous minutes.

2. Roll call

Present: Ed Hanenburg, Philip Cok, Carl Sinke, Russ Osterhart, Fred Florshinger & Cindy Timmerman (satisfies the by-laws quota of 5).

3. Treasurer's Report was presented.

Year-to-date Balance sheet was presented. Current balance in Money Market account is 1,848.03. Fixed assets of \$500.00 reflect the value of Marv Gritter's 2003 table saw donation (\$500). Depreciation of Hopper car (-\$150) and sale of hopper car to C&M (-\$500).

Year-to-Date Income/Expense sheet was also distributed.

This report shows total Y-T-D donations at \$5,225, the \$500 grant from Coopersville Community Foundation, membership dues received of \$440, and interest income of \$87.97 for total income of \$6,165.00.

Expenses total \$10,203.50 and include the purchase of the Pullman Sleeper La Reine (\$10,000), postage expenses of \$111.85, dues and subscriptions of \$60 and corporate license fee of \$20 and misc. office supplies of \$11.65. Net total income for the year is -\$3,950.53. Treasurer Cok presented a report of all checks written from October 5 through December 7, 2005 in support of the reported expenditures.

Discussed the need to amend the Balance Sheet to include the purchase of the Pullman Sleeper, La Reine.

Motion made (Timmerman) seconded (Osterhart) and approved to accept treasurer's report as amended.

4. Minutes of October 5 meeting were read to the board.

Motion made (Sinke) seconded (Florshinger) and approved to accept the minutes as recorded.
Sec. Cok will mail copies to members.

5. Membership

With the approval of William Porteous' membership last month, 2005 membership stands at 13 (Three Lifetime and 10 individual or family).

6. Handicap Railcar Project

A. As treasurer's report reflected, the DuPilka's have been paid for the purchase of the Pullman Sleeper, La Reine. They have issued a Bill of Sale dated Oct. 12, 2005.

B. Bob Hoop of B&K Auto Glass removed the diamond pattern glass window pane at no charge from the La Reine on October 7. The frame is steel and is now stored in the flat files at Marketing Management Services.

C. Copies of the Nov. 21, 2005 Muskegon Chronicle article on the handicap railcar project were distributed. This is a version that was picked up by the Chronicle news service from the more extensive article that appeared in the GR Press on Sept 20, 2005.

D. Sec Cok and Cindy Timmerman recounted the experience of the Hekman family's attempt to assist a handicap member ride the Santa Train. The Muskegon Chronicle article was presented to the family foundation as a possible grant project. Sec. Cok submitted an information letter and our brochure. The family office requested additional information be sent to their office and to one of their trustees in Minnesota for consideration at their granting meeting. Sec. Cok has complied with their requests and informed them about possible reconsideration by the Steelcase Foundation.

6. Member Comments

A. Year end donation request letter was distributed for information. Pres. Hanenburg charged Sec. Cok to have letter reproduced and send 10 copies to each member to send out.

B. Member Sinke informed the board that the **Trains Magazine** grant went to a group in Colorado to recondition a historic coaling station. Sec Cok reported a donation from Michigan Rep. Barb VanderVeen in response to a letter from Sec. Cok asking for information on possible state funding sources. Sec. Cok to reapply to Coopersville Community Foundation. Additional sources for possible grants and/or donations were discussed.

C. Discussion was held on the possibility of a benefit dinner to be held on the C&M dinner car (Car #6). Board agreed to pursue this idea and bring costs to the board at the next meeting. Pres. Hanenburg charged Cindy Timmerman with spearheading the initial information gathering. Target a date in May to correspond with the blooming of the Trilliums alongside the tracks near the new GR Press building.

10. Next meeting to be held February 1, ~~2005~~ 2006 at 6:00pm at Farm Museum. Motion to adjourn (Hanenburg) seconded (Osterhart) and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted on this date, 09 December 2005.

/s/Philip J. Cok, Secretary/Treasurer.