

Southampton Railroad Station Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2011

Board Attendees:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>
	Leon Duminiak	Mark Liss
	Charlie Liberto	
	Jim Day	
	Jon Frey	
	Jim Rose	
	Frank Baldwin	

Members/Public Attendees: Regina Frey
Jack Lawson
Don Reese
Lyn Vogel

Topics of Discussion:

OLD BUSINESS

- Utility Services – *Charlie Liberto obtained an estimate from VS Electric, Inc., for restoration of electrical service to the station (200-amp breaker panel, wiring, and conduit) in the amount of \$2,024.00. A vote was taken to accept the order, and the measure was passed by the board. Jim Day reported receiving confirmation from Joe Golden regarding the digging of utility trench by the township Public Works. It was discussed to have the conduit run out towards Second Street Pike, and to perhaps have a surveillance or alarm system installed. It was also discussed that a suitable time period to begin the project should be when the weather improves (as early as March).*
- SEPTA - *Charlie Liberto reported meeting with three people from SEPTA regarding the loaning of artifacts for the display case at Langhorne Station.*
- Insurance - no activity.
- Station Society Website - JF reported that activity on the website has not changed significantly since last month. He recommended adding new information regarding the current progress of the station and future plans. A suggestion was made to add the Armed Forces Day Railfest event to the list of upcoming events; an additional suggestion was to mention on the website that a local contractor will be performing the installation of electrical utilities to the station.
- Special Events/Activities - *Charlie Liberto reported that he talked to the Manager of Events in the Centennial School District to secure the gym at Klinger Middle School for “Armed Forces Day Railfest,” scheduled for May 21, 2011. He reported that he believes 60 to 70 tables should be secured for the event. He also reported that the fee for custodial services was \$45 an hour, but he wanted to see if the fee can be waived. He mentioned that he may have to appear at a board meeting for the school district to explain the event; he also mentioned that the school asked if a board member can conduct a lecture or presentation about the railroad at the school. It was discussed that, because the school does not has a kitchen, perhaps only packaged foods be sold at the event (for sanitation and cleanup reasons) and that perhaps the vendors from the Farmers Market could*

offer food as well. It was suggested to contact Cathie from the Craft Market to obtain a schedule and ask of their interest and availability. Charlie suggested obtaining advertisements for the event as soon as possible.

- Grants - Leon Duminiak reported he will attend the National Directors Meeting at the NRHS for a seminar about suggestions on obtaining grant money. Don Reese suggested in researching the “Pepsi Refresh Project,” an award for non-profit organizations determined by online voting.
- Fundraising - no activity.
- Adjacent Development Project - no activity.
- Site Work/Activity - no activity.
- Station Model Kit - no activity.
- Site/Building Issues – Charlie Liberto reported he will contact his son-in-law regarding the masonry repair of the stones dislodged from the station’s foundation. Jim Day also mentioned he would also look into finding a mason. The board discussed using ¾-inch plywood to temporarily close the cellar doors.
- Bryn Athyn Wreck Commemoration – Charlie Liberto reiterated that planning needs to begin for the 90th anniversary commemoration, in particular creating the commemorative medallion.
- Holiday Train Display/Train Show – no activity.
- Farmer’s Market – Charlie Liberto suggested contacting Cathie from the Village Market about bringing the Farmers Market to the station in the spring (perhaps on a weekly basis) and about their seasonal schedule.
- Station Banner – the board discussed waiting until the weather improves in late February or early March to put up the station banner. It was also discussed obtaining ½-in. plywood for mounting, and using the grommets on the banner to secure it to the plywood.

NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes of December 16, 2010 were accepted as submitted.
- Treasurer’s Report – Leon Duminiak reported that the society’s account totaled \$2,004.34. The total includes the \$100 First Place prize money from the Fourth of July parade, which was received the week before. He indicated the “free checking” account now has an \$18 monthly fee, and suggested looking into finding other banking accounts with lower or no fees; however, Jim Day indicated he would attempt to get the fee waived for the year. Leon also reported that he paid off the outstanding balance due on the line of credit card, but discovered a \$3.03 fee was added after the payment was made. He also reported that with the arrival of the Fourth of July prize money, he would send a donation of \$54 to the Reading Company Technical & Historical Society (RCT&HS).
- Next Board Meeting - the board will next meet on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Upper Southampton Township Building beginning at 7:45pm.