

Southampton Railroad Station Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2012

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

Members/Public Attendees: Paul Iverson, Karl Rahmer, Bob Williams

Topics of Discussion:

OLD BUSINESS

- Utility Services – Jon Frey reported that, according to Jim Day, all of the required permit paperwork has been submitted to the township. Lyn Vogel can proceed to pull wire and install the breaker box as his schedule allows.
- SEPTA – Charlie Liberto spoke to Steve Bigginstaff at SEPTA regarding the lamp post and light fixture at Lansdale Station. SEPTA will donate it to the SRRSS.
- Insurance – no activity.
- Station Society Website – John Frey reported that the website received about 142 visits in the past month. The Home, History, and Events pages are the top three pages in popularity. Most visitors were from Philadelphia. It was suggested that a printable order form be provided for those who do not have a PayPal account.
- Special Events/Activities – Charlie Liberto announced that he was not going forward with another Armed Forces Day Railfest. Instead, he suggested hosting a special excursion on the NH&I Railroad. The cost to lease a train would be \$7,325 which would include 4 coaches, a dining car and a baggage car. The steam locomotive would be used and there would be a couple of photo run-bys. He suggested a ticket fare of \$50. The board voted for September 22nd as the preferred date.
- Grants – Leon Duminiak indicated that the NRHS grant is awarded based on historical merit, wide benefit and appeal. He also indicated that the NRHS prefers to invest in projects that are well underway. Jon Frey reported that he downloaded 2 grant proposals but still needs budget information and some of the board member's biographies. Jon Frey also indicated that he has been in contact with 2 restoration contractors.
- Site Sign – no activity.

- Fundraising – Leon Duminiak stated that he recently had contact with the President-Elect of the Southampton Lion's Club who invited the representatives of the SRRSS to speak to the group about the restoration effort.
- Adjacent Development Project – No one had any update on the status of the Toner Development to report. Regina Frey stated that she was planning to attend township Planning Commission Meetings to monitor the situation.
- Site Work/Activity – Jon Frey reported that he has secured use of a chipper from Mr. Geisinger.
- Station Model Kit – Leon Duminiak reported that he has not yet forwarded the kit and assembly recommendations to John Greene.
- Site/Building Issues – Mark Liss suggested that plans be made now to begin work on the bay and lower roof repairs as soon as the weather breaks.
- Village Market – Jon Frey indicated that he has still not heard anything from the market group pertaining to their plans for this year's market.
- Committees – Jon Frey indicated that the meeting room is generally available except for the first Tuesday and second Thursday of the month. He intends to hold a grant writing committee meeting tentatively on March 8th. He will send out an e-mail to confirm the date and time.
- Business Cards – it was suggested that the society print the cards since we already have the capability of printing membership cards. Leon Duminiak volunteered to create a stock business card.
- Newsletter – a suggestion was made to post supplemental information on the society's website to compliment what is printed in the quarterly newsletter.
- Newtown Branch Preservation Society – Jon Frey indicated that this group was very informal at this point in time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes of January 19, 2012 were approved as submitted.
- Treasurer's Report – Regina Frey reported that the current balance in the society's account is \$4,900.66. Regina will also forward payment to the Buxmont Choral Group for their services at the Holiday Railfest.
- Membership – Regina Frey reported that she received annual dues payment from Leon Duminiak.
- Next Board Meeting – the board will next meet on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at the Upper Southampton Township Building beginning at 7:45pm.