

Southampton Railroad Station Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 16, 2010

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

Member/Public Attendees:	Regina Frey
	Cathie Forman

Topics of Discussion:

OLD BUSINESS

- Utility Services – no activity to report.
- SEPTA – no activity.
- Insurance – no activity.
- Station Society Website – Jon Frey stated that he added a second page for membership renewal. He also changed info on the Home Page.
- Special Events/Activities – Mark Liss reported that the society raised \$14 in donations and sold no t-shirts at the recent Tamenend Park Day event. Despite good weather, the crowd seemed somewhat sparse.
- Grants – Mark Liss reviewed some of the options for grant monies. The 1772 Foundation unfortunately does not have any category that applies to restoration projects in Pennsylvania. He mentioned the Pew Charitable Trust as a possibility. Jim Day indicated that he preferred to pursue an application to the William Penn Foundation.
- Committees – no activity.
- Site Sign – no activity.
- Fundraising – no activity.
- Adjacent Development Project – Jim Day indicated that according to Joe Golden, the township has not received any recent submittals or correspondence from Toner.
- Site Work/Activity – no activity.
- Volunteer Time Record – no activity.
- Accession Documentation – no activity.

- Station Model Kit – no activity.
- Site/Building Issues – no activity.
- Bryn Athyn Wreck Commemoration – no activity.
- Holiday Train Display/Train Show – Charlie Liberto presented an updated list of participants committed to the Holiday Railfest to date. This includes exhibitors, societies, vendors and operating train displays. The next critical task will be promoting the event. Mark Liss indicated that he will work with Jim Rose to develop a poster for display in shop windows, libraries, storefronts, etc. It was agreed that admission to the event will be \$3 for adults with children 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult.
- Artwork Sales – no activity.
- Farmer's Market – Cathie Forman presented some background information on the idea of establishing a market in Upper Southampton. The market would not be limited to farm produce but would also showcase local artisans. She indicated that multiple sites had been explored prior to settling on the station site. She also indicated that she had visited and spoken to individuals involved with other markets including those in Wrightstown, Playwicki Farm (Lower Southampton), Glenside and Doylestown. The idea of having the market at the station site is to bring activity to a “dead” area and increase foot traffic in the “downtown” business district which should benefit other businesses. An arrangement with adjoining businesses will be needed to accommodate parking and access to restroom facilities. Each vendor will be liable for their own produce. Ms. Forman indicated that local health departments only regulate certain food types (dairy, for instance) and each vendor would be responsible for securing all permits, licenses and inspections. The market would be held on Sundays from May to November or June to October. Mark Liss indicated that the Station Society supports the idea of a market at the station site and will provide a letter of support and/or attend a Board of Supervisor's meeting to voice support for the idea.

NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes of August 19, 2010 were accepted as submitted.
- Treasurer's Report – Leon Duminiak and Jim Day both confirmed that the prize money from the Southampton Days Parade event has still not been received.
- Pancake Breakfast – Mark Liss suggested that the society hold a pancake breakfast at the local Applebee's for sometime in January. The Holiday Railfest would be a good venue for selling tickets for this event. However, the society will need 15 to 20 persons to work as servers for the 2 hour event. According to the Applebee's manager, there is good potential to raise significant money at this type of event compared to the Dining To Donate event.
- Next Board Meeting – the board will next meet on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at the Upper Southampton Township Building beginning at 7:45pm. Jim Day indicated that he would not be in attendance.