

Division 10
Mid-Central Region
National Model Railroad Association
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Minutes of the board meeting held on June 2, 2015, at the home of John Gorman.

Board members present were Bob Belt , Stew Winstandley, Rick Cobb, John Gorman Bill Robins and Tom Bensberg.

President Rick Cobb reported that we had a total of 227 registered for the convention including 79 guests. There were seven no-shows. The ratio of guests to registrants was much higher than previous MCR conventions. Net profit is expected to be in the \$8,000 - \$9,000 range. There were many of compliments about the convention, especially for the tourist opportunities in the area. (Check out comments at <http://www.cincy-div7.org/June2015eCan.pdf>)

We took in about \$2,600 at registration with about 12 walk in registrations and additional sales of banquet tickets and tours. A total of 142 banquet tickets were sold. All of the limited tours were sold out. 29 attended the Bluegrass Railroad Museum tour and 19 went to Heavenly Hilltop.

Layout tours seemed to be well attended. Bill Robins is attempting to get numbers of attendees at each site.

Clinics were well received. Set up was handled well. It would've been nice to have rooms of similar size. Audiovisual cost came in at budget. Bob Belt was requested to send thank you notes to each division who provided audiovisual equipment support.

TTI and Norfolk Southern tours were well received. Thomas Bookout stated he will send thanks and pictures to both organizations.

Larry Smith stated that there were no items left over from the store that needed to be sent to other divisions. There may be some door prizes that have yet to be sent to the recipients. He said the store netted about \$2,200. Larry agreed to provide an inventory and value of convention shirts, cars and other items. Decisions will be made later on disposition of the items.

Bruce DeMaeyer will return the easels and the lattice for contest display to the Columbus division for their convention.

Rick Cobb stated that he and Tom Krill, our treasurer, are working on refunds and hope to finalize this week. We agreed that on items where we made money, such as the tours and the banquet, that we would refund 100% of those costs to those requesting refunds. However we would follow the written terms for refund of registration fees.

Additional things left to be done: Convention financial report needs to be sent to the MCR. Committee heads need to send final reports to Bruce so he can make a final convention report to the region. Need to submit a bill to the MCR for the People's choice award plaques.

Some discussion about what to do with the money from the convention. Final decision would be made by the board. Perhaps a committee will be appointed to make recommendations. May solicit written recommendations from membership.

Tom Bensberg noted that according to the bylaws we need one more trustee to be appointed. Fred Plymale was nominated and unanimously voted in as a new trustee.

Some discussion about publication of treasure's reports in Lantern and on website. Rick Cob will see what is done by other divisions. (Secretary's Note: Bylaws state: "Sec 4. The Treasurer shall deposit all Division funds in a financial institution approved by the Directors, keep records of all receipts and disbursements, have the books balanced by the end of each month, render a full report at each December meeting, and publish a full report in the next following The Lantern.")

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.