

Zephyr Project Update

By Eugene Vicknair, Zephyr Project Manager

After several recent donations and a look at the fund's numbers, we have revised our target for purchasing the windows and doing the dome and exterior work for the Silver Hostel.

Raising an additional \$22,000 will allow us to order ALL the windows and window frames the car needs. It is estimated that the dome will require \$6-8,000 to acquire and refurbish parts and the interior.

And it is estimated that the exterior will need \$5-7,000 to perform the needed cosmetic work to return it to an in service appearance.

So, the revised restoration target is now \$22,000 for the windows and \$35,000 for all work we would like to do before the end of the year.

These are minimum numbers and we hope to get more to allow more work to occur.

The FRRS has several major events occurring toward the late summer and early fall of 2003. It is the hope of the Zephyr Project team to have the exterior, with windows, and the dome complete in time for these events, beginning with Portola Railroad Days and ending with Railfan Photographer's Day, or at least be working on completing them.

The window maker's quote is still firm, but with prices, etc. being so uncertain lately, this cost could rise if we do not act soon.

The window maker has made a great offer for doing the car, including sending their chief engineer out to personally measure and evaluate the car and assist in fitting trial windows and frames to ensure proper installation.

On the parts front, some of the ZP team will be on the road in the next few months evaluating two collections of CZ lounge car parts that have been offered to us. Also, welding work is slated to occur on the 805-A soon to strengthen some old frame members.

Acquiring these parts and getting the windows will only happen with your help.

We have been asked by many people when the Silver Hostel will be ready for various events planned in the next few years.

With the windows in place and a refurbished dome, we could look forward to actually seeing the Hostel out on the road, going to events such as Truckee Railroad Days.

Information on making donations and donation gifts are available on the ZP website (www.zephyrproject.com), and there is a link to make secure, on-line donations.

The website is also the place to look for info on upcoming work parties.

Thank you to recent donors Tony Burzio and Wayne and Linda Monger, as well as to all those who have purchased items from the Zephyr Project store (www.cafeshops.com/zephyrproject).

As always, if anyone has any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at eugene@zephyrproject.com.



Summary of Recent Board Meetings

Any member in good standing may request a complete copy of the transcript of board meetings from the Society. There is a nominal charge for each copy which covers postage and administrative costs. Full minutes are posted on the FRRSlist hosted by Yahoo Groups.

January 2003 Board Meeting

Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

Consent Motions – Motion 03-01-02

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held November 2, 2002.

Financial Reports – Moved to Budget section of meeting under motion 03-01-01

Motion 03-01-03.. SN Boxcar/SP Beet Gon Trade

Motion to proceed with trade of one SP Beet Gon for SN Boxcar pending inspection and acceptance by the SMVRRM. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Anderson. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 03-01-04.. Calendar Conflicts

Motion to accept amended calendar and authorizing printing of same. Motion made by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Vicknair.

All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 03-01-05.. Purchase of Forklift

Motion to authorize purchase of the 1977 Liftall gas engine forklift with funding under budget line item 13680—Tools & Equipment. Motion made by Director Stiles, seconded by Director Vicknair.

All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 03-01-06.. Financial Reports

Motion to accept financial reports as presented. Motion forwarded by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Stiles.

All Directors present voted in favor, with the exception of Director Vicknair who was not present for the vote – motion carried.

Closed Session

Legal Counsel Turner reported there was discussion regarding personnel issues and was consensus direction regarding legal and business issues, however, no formal action was taken.

Items Postponed, Held Over or Continued

Quincy 3 Lease
Strategic Planning
Special Events Planning
Budget Approval

February 2003 Board Meeting

Summary of Recent Board Meetings

Motions and Actions Summary

The Board began the meeting by observing a Moment of Silence for the Shuttle Columbia Crew.

Motions Passed

Consent Motions – Motion 03-02-02

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held January 4, 2003

Financial Reports – Removed from Consent Agenda under motion 03-02-01

Motion 03-02-03.. Quincy 3 Lease to Virginia and Truckee

Direction from the Board allowing President McClure to continue negotiations on behalf of the FRRS with the V&TRR in his best judgment for the mutual benefit of both organizations. Motion forwarded by Director Cochran, seconded by Director McClure.

All Directors present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Director Stiles who voted against – Motion carried.

Motion 03-02-04.. 2003 Budget

Acceptance of budget option #1 as recommended by the FRRS Treasurer. Motion forwarded by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Stiles.

All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 03-02-05.. Visitor and Volunteer Lounge Areas

Removal of VIA/FRRX Lounge Car from previous motion commitment and adoption of the Volunteer and Visitor Lounge Report. Motion forwarded by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Breitwieser.

All Directors present voted in favor with the exception of Directors Cochran and McClure who abstained – Motion carried.

Motion 03-02-06.. Visitor and Volunteer Lounge Areas

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Feather River Rail Society is to preserve the history of the Western Pacific Railroad. The secondary mission is to preserve the history of the subsidiary and interchange railroads within the territories it served.

Mission Goals

To preserve and interpret the history of the WP, the “Willing People” as a vital link in the development of the rail industry on the West Coast, including the steam and diesel evolution, WP’s influence in the passenger tourism industry, the impact of freight competition between neighboring railroads. WP’s influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah

Previous and original motions made in regard to this issue be held in abeyance and referred to the site committee for follow up. Motion forwarded by Director Brehm – motion died for lack of second.

Motion 03-02-07.. 2003 Convention Excursion

Authorize President McClure to negotiate a contract, with 30 day escape clause and addressing both advertising and injury/damage liability, and with legal review to then be brought before the Board for discussion and possible action. Motion forwarded by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Holmes.

All Directors present voted in favor with the exception of Directors Brehm and McClure who voted against – Motion carried.

Appointments and Notices

2003 General Election

President McClure appointed the following Election Committee: Wayne Monger (chair), Jay Sarno, and Ed Wagner. Director Brietwieser will assist the committee as directed.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session to consider a personnel matter continued from previous meeting. President McClure reported that no action was taken with respect to the personnel matter discussed.

Items Postponed, Held Over or Continued

Quincy 3 Lease

Site Committee Recommendations

Alcohol and Drug Policy

Magnolia Tower

Next Board Meeting

March 1, 2003 1 PM

PRM Crew Lounge – Portola Railroad Museum — Portola, California

respectfully submitted by Eugene Vicknair, secretary.

Upcoming Events

April

5 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Board Meeting, 1 p.m.

11, 12 WPRRHS Convention, Oakland, CA

26-27 Work Weekend

May

3 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Board Meeting, 1 p.m.

3, 4 Crew Training, Rules Exam

17-18 Work Weekend

24 Operating Season Begins

June (Caboose Trains)

7 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Board Meeting, 1 p.m., Bar-B-Que

5:30 p.m., Annual Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m.

28-29 Amateur Radio Field Day