

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: December, 2015
ITEM: Director Report
FROM: Eugene Vicknair
SUBJECT: **Equipment Signs, Calendars, Grants, Fundraising, Convention, San Jose**

Equipment Signage

We received a second set of equipment signs in November, however these were found to be damaged both in transit and at the print shop. The printer replaced them at no charge and they should have arrived at the museum by the beginning of December.

The print shop offered a great deal of 30% off with no shipping for "Black Friday", so I took it upon myself to purchase signs for an additional 8 pieces of equipment (plus several informational signs) at my own expense, about \$600. This will mean that 30 pieces of equipment will have signs by season open, plus all RAL locomotives will now have "RENT THIS LOCOMOTIVE" signs.

2016 Historic Photo Calendars

We have already sold 20% of the calendar run. The printing ran late but the calendars will be at the museum by December 12. An offer for calendars went out with the fundraising letter so we should be seeing sales from that as well.

Grants

I have had several phone conferences with the grant company and they have identified several grants that are strong possibilities, primarily for the WP 165 and the new building. We also found two very large scale grants for the Old Town Extension. I plan to talk with the city about needed support for these grants and once we have assessed the best options, I will be bringing a proposal to the Board for grant submission in conjunction with the company's resources.

Fundraising

Members started receiving the fall letter about Dec 7. We should start seeing returns in the next week.

Convention

Convention registration should be announced soon. The final details with Sierra Division are being worked out. Still need more shows. The next Staff films will be going out for scanning next month.

San Jose Branch

The Santa Clara Transportation Agency has had a change of heart and will allow storage of 12 signals that the historic entities in San Jose want to keep. That leaves 9 signals that will be disposed of. Due to our offer of assistance, the local entities are connecting me with VTA and suggesting they donate them to us. I am also making inquiries as to the future disposal of the rail and other track materials.