

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Director Report
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GRANTS

Work continues on a cohesive grant program. I am working with one of the reps at Grant Writers Associates to evaluate and collate some of our basic information and projects for targeting grants.

VENUE RESEARCH

I had an extensive discussion with a local event planner / supplier concerning possible income and what kinds of work and cost would be expected for using museum facilities as party and wedding venues. Expected rental fee just as a space for a large scale event (250-300 people) would likely be around \$800 to \$1,400. We have an option to partner with the event planner / supplier who could provide materials like tables, chairs, set-up, etc. and would be fee on top of the space rental fee. Partnering would trigger a discount in the fee from the supplier.

We would need to supply certain things (prep space for bridal and groom parties for weddings, food prep space) and work out some details to be fully competitive, but there appears to be a lot of potential in this.

I am continuing my research, including understand event insurance that would be required of large events (the event would provide this), a business plan for implementing paid grounds care staff, etc. I am hoping to have a preliminary business plan for consideration by February.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

The Portola 192 developers are finalizing their grant application including local transit improvements. They have requested the Society submit a support letter to discussing our role in the community and how the improvements proposed would interconnect with our long term plans. I will have a draft at the meeting for review by the Directors so we can provide input and consider approval.

