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the rental charges be waived in recognition of contributions by the owners. No further action was taken.

BUDGET PROCESS. Each department head was asked to prepare a "Preliminary Budget" for the year 2000 to be presented at the December meeting. These items will be forwarded to our treasurer for his perusal and a final budget will be in place by January 2000.

MOTION 20-11/99 That the F.R.R.S. designate specific Directors as liaisons to certain groups, departments or committees. By Director Vicknair, second by Brehm. Passed

ADVERTISING. Costs were discussed and a general review of them was deemed to be in order. It was felt that many of the publications we now advertise in do not have a fair return ratio. A resolve to this situation is in order.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

December 1999

Meeting called to order at 12:01 p.m., Portola City Library. Directors in attendance: Brehm, Englert, Morgan, Vicknair, Neves, Stiles, Wagner, Monger and Anderson. Absent: Holmes. Others present: Lolli Bryan, Steve Habeck, Kerry Cochran, Don Borden & Kathleen Miller.

Minutes were read and corrected.

Financial Report was given out by Kathleen Miller. RAL Report was given by Lolli Bryan.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter received from W. E. Nordgren of Minnesota regarding his miniature layout which features W.P. lettering.
2. Letter from Andy Hinz informing us that he is volunteering his time this winter to help with the museum.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: - A letter of proposal by Executive Director Norman Holmes expressing his desire to rescind his noted intention to resign this position as of 12/31/99 and allow him to be re-appointed Executive Director and gift shop manager was read. Contained in this proposal were various demands and accusations that made the Board extremely uncomfortable. After considerable debate the Board voted to reject his proposal. Motion 23-12/99 regarding this vote is attached. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The Board expressed a desire that a letter of appreciation for all of his past endeavors to further the Museum growth be forwarded to Mr. Holmes.

Motion 23-12/99 - That the Board of Directors of the Feather River Rail Society shall, upon the retirement of Norman Holmes, effective 12/31/99, retire from use the position and title of Executive Director in tribute to the years of service given in that position by Norman Holmes.

The duties of this position will be distributed among the Board Chairman, Treasurer, Facilities Manager, Publications Manager, board liaisons and any other designated responsible persons as required by the Board and the needs of the membership of the FRRS. Motion passed. The following duties were assigned on an interim basis:

Gift Shop	Lolli Bryan, John Walker
Mail	Lolli Bryan, Andy Anderson
Membership	Kerry Cochran – money from such will be deposited locally.
Paying of bills	Andy Anderson - after receiving bills. Chairman Anderson will compare with Department Head involved. If approved they will be forwarded to Kathleen Miller for payment. (as stated in procedures for such)

Other duties will be shared by Board members as needed. Parliamentarian Kerry Cochran will contact legal counsel re: legality of lifetime appointment of the position of Director in non-profit organizations.

Chairman Anderson asked the Board to ponder for discussion at the January Board meeting the possible formation of an interview panel for the hiring of a General Manager of the Museum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADVERTISING: Director Neves presented a preliminary budget for review for the year 2000. It was noted that Sunset Magazine, Trains Magazine and our web site provided the best response.

TRAIN SHEET & HEADLIGHT: Director Brehm provided a preliminary budget for consideration. Director Brehm also reminded members that the deadline for the next Train Sheet is Dec. 31, 1999.

BUDGET: Chairman Anderson reminded all department chairs that they need to have preliminary budgets by our next Board so that Treasurer Brady can develop a final budget. (Next Board meeting, Jan. 8, 2000)

OPERATING DEPARTMENT: Kerry Cochran stated that some of the concerns of department head Jim Gidley were as follows:

1. Track repair - was discussed and Director Morgan stated it would be done.
2. Condition of engines and maintenance of RAL equipment. It was noted that if necessary/maintenance work could be jobbed out due to lack of volunteer time to adequately perform the task. It was noted that all engines had to be in working condition by summer season's opening date.
3. Scheduling of work days etc. Operating department Chair Gidley, Kerry Cochran and Frank Brehm will coordinate the calendar for year 2000.

LIBRARY CAR: Car is nearing completion and will be a great asset to the Museum.

MAINTENANCE: Director Stiles will present a preliminary budget by next meeting. It was also suggested that Engine 501 be put into the RAL program and Engine 1857 moved out of the RAL program. Director Stiles also reported that Engine 2001 is still in Yolo County but manuals have been received that will assist in returning this engine to running order and hopefully in the near future will be returned to Por-

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MEMBERSHIP: Chair Kerry Cochran will submit a preliminary budget at the next Board meeting. He asked that he be allowed to update membership cards and to furnish him with stamped envelopes. He also stated his concern of the Board's seeming inability to carry through with projects in a timely manner. Chair Cochran also asked Dir. Brehm as to why he had not received a Train Sheet as of this date.

A & D: Chairman Vicknair reported that the following were recommendations from the A & D committee:

1. Camp Car and 44 Tonner would be good additions to the museum and are available. This situation will be considered.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Silver Hostel. Is in Portola and plans are underway to establish fundraising ability for restoration.

2. Silver Thrush. After much discussion concerning the availability and possible purchase the Board decided by a vote of 6-3 that purchase of this unit would not be a prudent move for the museum.

3. Master Plan. Director Vicknair gave a report on the Master Plan and planning meetings for such. Tentative date for the first meeting will be 2/13/2000 in Sacramento at the C.S.R.M. conference room. More information on this will be forwarded to members. Any questions contact Eugene Vicknair, Wayne Monger or Vic Neves.

4. The Board asked Steve Habeck to be liaison with Union Pacific concerning possible acquisitions and Doug Morgan to be the liaison between the museum and scrapers.

5. ST&E Alco. Director Vicknair reported that the museum would be notified of their availability and that they are in use at this time.

6. Lumber Cars. Director Monger inquired as to the status of the Lumber cars in Loyaltan. Given that track space has not been prepared the cars will be returned to the museum and placed on ties until such time as track is ready. Chairman Anderson will handle transportation of such cars. Director Morgan will prepare tie placement for storing. Cost of transportation of cars to Portola will be \$750-00 with a \$100.00 donation by Wilburn Construction & Transportation.

7. RAL Gift Certificates and Operating Certificates. Director Vicknair presented a sample of the 2500 Operating Certificates and 750 Gift Certificates we have. This action was approved by the Board. The Board asked Director Vicknair to review all forms, certificates etc. & update them.

Discussion ensued regarding the storage of equipment and the lack of space needed to store same. Yard Master Steve Habeck is in charge of the placement of the apparatus to be stored during the winter months.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Laser Printer. Board Motion 24-12/99 - authorized Director Morgan to purchase a H.P. Laser Printer at the cost of \$394.00.

2. Tom Graham Requests. Member Tom Graham requested a report on the 921 Incident which is still being formulated. He

expressed a concern as to insurance coverage for volunteers working at the Museum. In order to ensure accurate answers to these questions the Chair was instructed to ask St. Paul insurance representative Michael Deeble to be in attendance at the January Board meeting to explain in detail any questions regarding coverage. He also felt that the members who worked at the Museum during the Rail Fair in Sacramento had been slighted by not receiving recognition in the Train Sheet or shirts that were issued to those who did work at the Rail Fair. Director Monger indicated that only shirts were purchased for the crew at Rail Fair and Director Brehm indicated that acknowledgement would be forthcoming in the next Train Sheet. The Board also indicated that all members would be informed of the insurance coverage information.

3. Election year information. The following Directors terms are up for re-election: Director Englert, Director Vicknair, Director Monger. The first mailing regarding the election process will be mailed on or about January 2 or 3rd. Committee member Don Borden will coordinate with Committee Chair Graham regarding this mailing. Director Brehm will provide one set of mailing labels a.s.a.p. and two more in March.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Director Morgan presented Motion 25-12/99 to approve an appropriation not to exceed \$5000 for the moving of the 44 Tonner from Salt Lake City to Portola. Motion passed.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Grant Money Received

A grant of \$30,000 was authorized to be spent to replace the diesel shop roof. The money will come from a portion of the Lake Davis trust fund and was jointly approved by the county and the city.

An inspection of the roof, for repair, revealed serious deterioration of the 45-year-old roof. A full replacement was indicated. Andy Anderson approached the City of Portola and Board of Supervisors for assistance and the grant was approved. Work should start in early spring.

Recent Donations

Don Davella donated 24 - 5 drawer matching filing cabinets from the old Southern Pacific Office Building in San Francisco. We rented a truck and hauled them from San Francisco to Portola. Don also donated half of the transportation costs. They will be used in the Library car for archive storage.

Bill Bromer donated a large amount of special aluminum extrusions specially made for Zephyr dome cars.

David Whitney donated and delivered an air conditioner to the museum.