

Annual Meeting Minutes January 3 2020

January 3, 2020—NRHS Wisconsin Chapter Annual Business Meeting Minutes

President Mike Yuhas started the meeting at 7:32 pm. Thirty-one people were then in attendance.

Mike had established that we have a quorum of members present. Only dues-paying members of NRHS National are Chapter members. These were identified by receiving pink paper slips, at the door coming in, to be used as ballots. According to the latest records available, we have 58 members. A quorum is 5 per cent of that number, which works out to 3 members. We had well in excess of that number. As always, business meetings are for members only. Subscribers are only receiving copies of *Sparks & Cinders*, and are not members. Guests and non-members were asked to only listen to and observe the business meeting.

The first item of business was a report from the Banquet Committee, consisting of Ralph McClure and Tom Hoffmann. The 2020 banquet has been moved to June. There will be a regular Chapter meeting on Friday, May 1, at the North Shore Congregational Church. There will be no regular Chapter meeting in June. The annual Chapter banquet will held on Saturday, June 6, from 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm. We will be returning to the Pallas Restaurant at 1657 South 108th Street in West Allis. The food will be served buffet style. There will be 2 meats, chicken and beef, with salad, potatoes, vegetables, and dessert.

President Mike Yuhas noted the passing of long-time Chicago & North Western employee and historian Jim Yanke, on Monday, November 25, 2019. A fuller account of Jim's life and accomplishments was published on Page 4 of January 2020 issue of *Sparks & Cinders*. That accounting did not show that his son Jim Yanke just recently moved back to this area, in Slinger, and is a rail fan.

We also several days ago lost Gustave "Jim" Hennemann, an *S&C* subscriber, and occasional attendee at our meetings.

President Mike Yuhas offered one addition to the summary report for the December 6, 2019 meeting. The first half of Jerry Krug's presentation had been on the Green Bay & Western Railroad.

Treasurer Tom Hoffmann presented his summary report for 2019. It is not final because we have not received our final bank statements yet. It is based on the checkbook and other records that we have (which all balance), and should be very close.

Receipts

Dues	\$1946.00
Banquet	787.50
Miscellaneous	30.00
Interest	3.66
Total	\$2767.16

Expenses

Digital Projector	\$1457.93
Sparks & Cinders	1328.56
North Shore Church (2 years)	900.00
Banquet	857.49
Insurance	500.00
Treasurer Expenses	64.00
Church Custodians	50.00
Dave Nelson-Expenses	38.00
Sales Tax Registration	10.00
Total	\$5205.98

The expense side was inflated by our one-time investment for a digital projector. (The projector carrying case will be delivered in 2020, and appear as a 2020 expense. It will cost about \$71.00 to \$72.00.) We also had two annual contributions to the North Shore Congregational Church (given in gratitude for the ongoing use of their space) and their staff, for Christmas 2018 and Christmas 2019, appear on the books for 2019.

President Mike Yuhas publicly thanked Tom Hoffmann for his 34 years of service as our Chapter Treasurer since 1986. Tom will be retiring as Treasurer after tonight. He will continue to serve as Special Assistant to the President—see below.

The next topic of business was the election of 2020 officers and directors. All of the incumbent 2019 officers and directors are running for re-election, except for Treasurer Tom Hoffmann. Tara Grudzielanek volunteered to serve as our new Treasurer. Mike Yuhas read the names aloud. Those that were present raised their hands on hearing their names. (The two Grudzielanek's and Andrew Roach were not present tonight. They had all agreed to serve if elected.) The slate of candidates then becomes:

President—Mike Yuhas
 Vice President—Keith Schmidt
 Treasurer—Tara Grudzielanek
 Secretary—Tom Marcussen
 At-large Directors— Dan Grudzielanek, Ralph McClure, Andrew Roach, Cathy Wegner, and Neal Wegner.

President Mike Yuhas called for any other nominations from the floor. There were none. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. That motion passed by unanimous voice vote. It was moved and seconded that the above candidates be elected together, as an entire slate (sparing us from the minutiae of voting for each candidate individually). There were no objections. That motion also passed by unanimous voice vote. There were no "no" votes to either motion. Those listed above then became our 2020 Chapter officers.

President Mike Yuhas then appointed Tom Hoffmann as Special Assistant to the President. The intent is that the Chapter continue to benefit from Tom's experience and knowledge.

Dave Nelson moved that we approve the minutes of the previous annual business meeting on January 4, 2019, as reprinted on Page 5 of the January 2020 issue of *Sparks & Cinders*. Al Lederman seconded that motion. It passed by unanimous voice vote.

Dave Nelson moved that the business meeting be adjourned. There was a second. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. There were no "no" votes. The business meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Tom Hoffmann presented "50 Years Ago—1969." There were three trays of slides, with a short break between trays one and two. These were predominantly a mix of Wisconsin / local subjects and Texas subjects, with some other locations as well, plus several (non-railroad) slides of South Vietnam. His presentation ended at 9:12 pm.

Upcoming future meeting dates and presentations will be:

February 7—Morse Telegraphy, by expert Jim Wades
 March 6—The Milwaukee Road east of Aberdeen, South Dakota, by Milwaukee Road historian Fred Hyde.

Respectfully Submitted

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Wisconsin Chapter Secretary