

National Society Descendants of American Railroad Workers
Special Meeting
Virtual by Zoom
10 Nov 2024

President Elaine Baldasare called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM Eastern Time.

The invocation was given by Linda Kay White, Chaplain.

Eighteen members were present.

President Baldasare introduced the officers of the society:

Vice President	Beverly Schuele
Chaplain	Linda Kay White
Registrar/Treasurer	Aaron Cross
Recording Secretary	Lorraine Sims
Historian	Glenn Martin
Advisor	Janisue Rigel

Vice President Schuele introduced our speaker, Kirsten Parker who gave a program on Golden Spike Tower and Bailey Yards in North Platte, Nebraska. The Society will make a donation to their museum.

President Baldasare welcomed new members Doug Gilham, James Howard and Gina Henderson.

The minutes of the 21 May 2024 Annual Meeting were approved as distributed.

Reports of officers:

President – Elaine Baldasare reported progress of our society.

Vice President - Beverly Schuele gave her report

Treasurer - Aaron Cross reported we have \$19,283.23. There are 74 large and 7 small insignia in stock. There are 10 train pins in stock.

Registrar – Aaron Cross reported we have 121 members and 18 supplementals.

Historian – Glenn Martin gave an overview of the National Railroad Historic Society.

Old Business

1. The Executive Board continues to work with Citypride to produce a new insignia with ribbon and a charter pin. When the news of either is available for purchase on the Citypride website, members will be advised by our Corresponding Secretary and the information will be posted on our website.
2. Our ribbon will be three colors - ocean blue represents the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, silver gray represents the thousands of miles of rails that connect the coasts and scarlet represents the sacrifices made by our ancestors to forge and operate that connection.
3. The Ritual is a work in progress. The Executive Board has decided that we will open and end the Zoom meetings with prayer until we can figure out what Ritual makes the most sense for our society.
4. A tri-fold brochure about our Society was designed by Stephanie Thompson and provided to you in an email. It is also posted on our society website.

5. Please visit our website for information and the added documents. Access is via a password which should not be shared with non-members. You may contact Kim Defibaugh for the password.
6. Remember we now allow collateral ancestors. Please consider submitting supplemental ancestors.

Announcements

The next regular meeting of the membership will be held in the late winter or early spring and will be held virtually.

The benediction was given by Linda Kay White, Chaplain.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM Eastern Time.

Lorraine Sims, Recording Secretary