

METRO EAST MODEL RAILROAD CLUB
Minutes of the February 5, 2026 meeting

Commencement: The meeting opened at 6:30 pm

Present: Mark Bauer, Bob Gibson, Ross Abbott, Leandro Delgado, George Shindel, Tom Johnson

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were approved by general consensus as written.

Treasurer's report: Shares (Savings) were \$5,147.16 and Checking was \$964.59 for a total of \$6,111.75. Open Houses over the holidays produced \$96.00 in donations which is being kept in cash to purchase furnace filters and soda (A&W Root Beer plus A&W Cream Soda). The report was accepted as presented by general consensus.

Unfinished business: Touch up painting on the under-layout doors is nearly completed. No other unfinished business was noted and a comment was made by those present that the doors make for a well-finished layout.

New business:

- (1) the Spring Open House will be from 10-3 on March 21
- (2) The June Open House for Homecoming will be on June 19 and 20 with details to come later
- (3) March 15 (Sunday) will be the Springfield Train Fair at the Orr Building (State Fairgrounds) from 10 until 4; early admission is at 8 (I think) for \$10 instead of \$5
- (4) June 27 & 28 there will be a restarted Decatur Train Fair at the Decatur Convention Center from 10-3. An individual who was previously involved has taken over since the prior Mt. Zion Club may be defunct now.
- (5) There is a new train shop at 3323 Lemay Ferry Rd. named Target Model Trains
- (6) Club shirts should be in Ross's possession in early February with one for each current member
- (7) The report from the Project Manager reflects continuing work on pesky wiring issues, landscaping and tree-planting work ongoing from the grounds crew, fixing problems caused by power-routing turnouts, working on indicator lights, making flashing crossing lights work consistently, trying to get crossing gates to actuate when they are supposed to, replacing any remaining curtains with doors, and installing safety lighting for floor area visibility when operating the layout during night-time running

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Minutes taken by Tom Johnson filling in for John Manfredi (Secretary) who is traveling.