**REPORT TO THE**

**BOARD OF MUSEUMS AND HISTORY**

**JUNE 11-12, 2020**

**I. Private Funds Budget Summary**



**Revenue/Expenditure Comparison Narrative:**

The above figures reflect the third quarter of fiscal year 2020 revenues and expenditures as of March 31, 2020.

**II. Museum Store Sales N/A**

**Museum Store Sales Narrative:** The museum does not presently operate an independent museum store.

**III. Museum Revenue and Expenditure Chart N/A**

**Museum Store Revenue and Expenditure Narrative:** N/A

1. **Membership Figures**

**Membership Figures Narrative:** N/A

**V. Museum Attendance Figures**

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**Museum Attendance Figures Narrative:**

COVID-19 was less invasive in eastern Nevada. To date, a total of 3 cases have been reported (all have since recovered.) Two other cases from outside have occurred. In keeping with the instructions of the Governor, we closed the Museum to visitors. Clearly, this will throw off our visitation for the year. We look forward to being able to reopen.

**VI. Attendance Receipts**



**Museum Attendance Receipts Narrative:**

We are still planning to increase our hours of operation once the Governor okays reopening. Staff will barely overlap and to stretch our open hours. Once we reopen, we will be open until 5:30 p.m. on weekday evenings and until 4:00 on Weekends. We will also extend our hours of operation when there are evening trains running.

1. **Fundraising Activities**

No action in this area

1. **General Museum Activities**

* Most of the NSRM-Ely Staff continued to work during the COVID-19 shut down. The Pandemic has given us an opportunity to focus on deferred projects. As soon as the weather was warm enough, we began painting the depot’s 2nd story windows. The entire building should be completed by the second week in June.
* A back log of research requests has been reduced during the time we have been closed to the public. Ely’s Museum has fielded research requests from the City of Ely, White Pine County, museum patrons, and community members.
* Our Museum Attendant I Position was at the greatest risk contracting COVID-19 because she met a number of criteria for at risk groups. After careful consideration, we determined to allow her to utilize Admin pay to be at home. She utilized her time to sew masks for health professionals for our community.
* The final edit of Ely’s Exhibit Panels is in the hands of the graphic designer. Staff worked to complete the exhibit plan during the shutdown.
* A second meeting with the Foundation who shares our complex was held in early March. Thanks and kudos go to Dan, Myron, and Doris for their attendance and participation. Progress was made during the meeting and future meetings will be held as travel restrictions ease. There are still major issues to be resolved, including a grant they wrote to preserve the State’s collection…without consulting us. We have gone to great efforts to improve our communication with them during the pandemic and hope they will do the same.
* Great Basin College has a center located in Ely. They requested Sean to be their Speaker at the first ever Ely Graduation Processional, originally scheduled for mid May. The nationwide shutdown required the event to be postponed until August.
* No word yet on when the “Wild Nevada” episode on eastern Nevada will air. You will recall they utilized the Museum with Sean as their guide last summer.
* We continue to make progress on many fronts. As always, we welcome your visit, input, or concerns.

**Mission Statement**

The Nevada State Railroad Museum-Ely exists to collect, preserve, study, and interpret the rich industrial heritage of eastern Nevada including mining, smelting, railroading and the contributions that industry made to the development of the State. The Museum utilizes artifacts, photographs, documents, interpretive exhibits, and archives to fulfill its mission to put visitors in contact with their history in order to understand their heritage.

**Current Operations**

During the COVID-19 shutdown, the Museum is closed to the public. Staff are working in separate offices with minimal contact. As we reopen we will go back to the hours of operation we began on November 25th, 2013, the museum is open seven days per week. The staffing is at a bare minimum, but we are meeting our posted hours of 8-5:30 daily.