## PRE-PROM GRANDES CHEMINOTS MEETING Fresno CA July 9, 2021

The Pre-Promenade Grandes Cheminots Meeting was called to order at 1355 by Grand Chef de Gare Mildred S Wright Pearson. The Colors were in place. Grand Conducteur Anthony Castillo led the Pledge to the Colors. Grand Chef de Train Joseph R Donovan draped the POW Empty Chair. Grand Aumonier North Fred Clegg draped the Altar Cloth and offered the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers: All members of the Cheminot were present.

There were no minutes. The February Grandes Cheminots was cancelled. Last October's Grands Cheminots minutes had been distributed to all members of the Cheminot and Locales in CA.

Grand Chef Mildred expressed her thanks and appreciation to all members for their support this past year. She regretted not visiting more due to COVID restrictions. She observed that membership recruitment and RETENTION are lacking, several locals lack activity, thus progress, and lack of enthusiasm, Total hours this reporting period 251 - \$1255, 3470 miles \$1735, and personal expenditures \$492, donations \$319 for a yearend total \$3801.

Grand Chef de Train Joseph R Donovan noted that membership is down. We are currently short of equaling last year, just a few weeks to complete the job! He has put in 175 hours, traveled 2657 miles and contributed \$565 for a year-end total \$2769 on behalf of the 40 & 8.

Grand Conducteur Anthony Castillo reported that Ways and Means are picking up. Please support the raffles! Give \$ ALWAYS! Tickets are still available for the gift basket and 50/50 OPPORTUNITY. Buy them NOW! He has attended 21 Promenades & meetings, 6 community events, and 5 memorial services. 706 miles \$353, 156 hours \$820 for a year-end total \$1173.

Grand Cheminot District 1 Steven Culp: No activity reported by V-1119, no report from V-1504. Sadly District 1 is in LAST place regarding membership. We WILL do better next year! Miles 22338 = \$11169, hrs 17,485 = \$8743 Reported donations 119,649 YE total 13,889/68mbrs = \$204.25 Per Cap.

Grand Cheminot District 2 Bob Huffman: No rpts from V-393 or 621. Miles 57,715 =\$28,853, hrs 17485 = \$8743, Reported donations \$119,649 YE Total \$157,245/214 mbrs = \$734.79 per cap

Grand Cheminot District 3 Cheminot Alex Herrera Miles: 420 = \$210, hours 618 = \$3090, Donations \$4138 YE \$7438/147 = \$50.60 per cap Full comprehensive report although numbers on form appear reversed.

Grand Cheminot District 4 Monique Clemons All Locales Reporting. Miles 23775 = \$11,888, Hours 2948 = \$14,740, Donations \$32,988 YE \$59616/210 mbrs = \$283.89 per cap. Nice job!

Grand Cheminot District 5 Gary Blackburn: No Rpts from V-1203 or V-1504. Miles 8904 = \$4452, jrs 815 = 4075, Donations \$17,502 YE \$40199/100 mbrs = \$401.99 per cap. Great reporting = totals for YE have been carried forward as required. Thank you!

**Grand Directeurs:** 

AMERICANISM Sous Directeur Robert Brown ALL clear

CARVILLE STAR Steve Villegas reporting ALL clear

CHILD WELFARE Michelle de la Cruz: V-104 owes \$40.00 from 2019

LOCO Gary Blackburn ALL clear

NURSES TRAINING Jack Schipper: 340 pins sold, all paid

POW

YOUTH SPORTS

There being no further business, the Pre-Promenade Grandes Cheminots was adjourned at 1415.

Opening of the Promenade in ten minutes.

Joseph R Donovan, Grand Correspondant