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Kane Depot to receive an Energy Efficiency update with Grant Support from West Penn Energy Fund

Kane, Pennsylvania – September 4, 2024 – The Kane Historic Preservation Society, a non-profit organization, has received a \$25,000 grant from West Penn Energy Fund (WPEF) to make the depot building more energy efficient with additional attic insulation, highly efficient heaters and a custom built historic insulated rear door.

Kane Historic Preservation Society was established nearly 30 years ago as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization to preserve and share the unique history of Kane. Dick Bly, board member of the historic society said, “this energy grant will provide for more efficient materials to “shore up” areas within the depot that will assist in reducing energy consumption.” The exterior rear door of the model train room will be replaced with a custom built one to match the original door but be well insulated. Bly stated, “the door to be built will match the original existing exterior door on the freight room.” “With this grant we anticipate having extended hours throughout the year because of the efficiencies of being better insulated and high efficiency heaters.” The board of directors’ thanks the WPEF for its generous grant and on-going interest in the history of Kane and the Big Level.

In 2023, WPPSEF provide a grant to the historic society for an energy audit for both the depot and Kane Memorial Chapel. LED light bulbs/fixtures will be provided along with smart thermostats to better control the timing and use of energy.

Bly said, “we are looking for much more comfortable consistent temperatures inside the depot and less energy for events at the chapel when the lights come up.”

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