

## ***RWF First Official Fundraiser is a Success but Falls Short of Target***

This Spring, we launched our first official fundraiser for the Railroad Workers Education & Legal Defense Foundation (RWF), RWU's tax-exempt sister organization. In the face of elevated attacks by both the rail carriers and government upon railroad workers' wages, benefits, working conditions, continued employment and retirement, it seemed a good time to test the waters and see if our members and supporters were willing to dig deep and donate some spare change. While we fell short of our goal, nearly 50 of members and supporters contributed over \$3000.

There is general agreement of the Steering Committee that we need to conduct regular fundraisers in the future. Perhaps Fall may prove to be a better time in general than Spring, when so many people are focused on graduations, weddings, Fathers/

Mothers/Memorial Day, together with the fine weather.

And we suspect that our members and supporters might be more forthcoming with donations if we target a certain project or campaign with a specific goal and timeline, one with more tangible results. It is way more glamorous to donate to something that is more readily defined than, for example, expanding distribution of the newsletter.

So thanks to all who donated their hard earned cash to this first fund appeal. For those who never got around to making a donation, you can still do that online or by check to either RWU or RWF at any time throughout the year. See the RWU website Home Page. Or just look for the next fundraiser to come, sometime in the not-too-distant future.