Pike Lake Chain Firefighters, Inc. General Meeting

Fire Hall, April 27, 2016

Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM by President Jean Nelson Attendance: 14

Secretary's Report: The minutes were emailed to FF Inc. members after last September's meeting. Doug Noetzel made a motion to accept the minutes $/2^{nd}$ by Rick Sironi. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Flagstad presented the expenditures, deposits and an ending balance of \$172,654.03. Rick Sironi made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as given/2nd by Terry Mantor. Motion carried. We are going with Anderson Metz for FF Inc. taxes since we hired them last year to get our last year's late fee waived and were pleased with the results. Jessie Loewe paid the late fee and was reimbursed for the difference between the cost of the late fee and the cost of hiring Anderson Metz to file for the waiver. All our raffle licenses are in. The tourism ad is in. The annual report has been filed. Susan is getting things together for applying for our Class B Liquor License.

Fun Day Chairpersons: Doug Noetzel will chair, Tom Birchell will be contacted by Doug to see if he will cochair again this year.

Advertising: Connie Scott

Set-up and Tear-down: Les Nordrum

Bar/Tents: Les Nordrum. Question on raising the beer prices. Will wait and discuss later.

Corn: Dan Brandt and family **Food:** Dave/Joan Harvey

Hotdogs and Brats: Dave/Karen Mundt – set up, Sig and Mary Kaminski – tear down

Ice Cream: EMS – Tom/Carol Birchell

Kettle Corn: Dave Fleischfresser – He could not do it in 2015, will wait to see if he can do this year.

Raffle Prizes: Susan Zimmer

Special Raffle Tables: Les Nordrum Card Raffle: Les Nordrum/Paul Withey

Cash Raffle: Sandy/Rick Sironi

Hourly Raffles: Jean Nelson/Kathy Kortendick

Kids Games/Face Painting: Patty Schroeder - games, Cynthia Krakowski - face painting

Poker Games: Kay Clement? – Jack will talk to her.

Dice Game: Tom Lauston **Pull Tabs:** Jim Nelson

50-50 Game: Matt Langenhahn **Horseshoes:** Terry Mantor

Music: Ryan Zylka, alone or with some friends. Pat Mantor will contact him and get a price quote.

Porta Potties: Jack Wierzba **Supplies:** Chief - Terry Mantor

Parking: Russ Olson

Susan Zimmer announced that this is her last year for doing raffles. She needs people to gather donations and write thank you notes this year. Perhaps have people write the thank you note after they pick up the item. We are looking for several people to take over her position so it is not so cumbersome for just one person. Jack will continue to let us use his garage to store the raffle items.

Old Business:

The pros and cons of using tickets versus money for Fun Day was discussed. It may provide more flexibility for pricing. Ticket booths/stands would be needed. We might not know our bottom line on each event because we wouldn't want to count tickets. We would need to change some signs. Terry suggested talking to other organizations that use tickets to see if tickets have helped or hurt their fund raising efforts. We are looking for someone to chair/organize the tickets sale concept should we decide to go with that. Les will look for someone to take charge of this. EMS will have to count their tickets for the ice cream sales since the money they earn goes directly back to them.

The Kortendick's are checking into pricing for a money counter.

Connie Scott suggested banners on the Thorofare Bridge at the September meeting. Terry says we have banners that might work in the fire hall storage area.

New Business:

Jennifer Anderson is stepping down as vice-president. We need to appoint someone to take her place now. No volunteers jumped forward tonight.

Susan Flagstad is stepping down at the end of this year as Treasurer.

We need to order more thank you cards. We are going to put the 501(c)(3) information on the back of the card. A suggestion was made to put a picture of our fire engines on the card. Susan Zimmer and Jean Nelson will work on the new thank you cards.

Ditch pick up is this Saturday, April 30th. Meet at the Fire Hall at 9:00.

Fire Chief's Report:

This winter we had about one to two EMS calls per month. Our fire calls consisted of mutual aid to Lac du Flambeau and Minocqua. MABAS is going into effect May 1st. MABAS is a mutual aid system for fire departments to work together on big incidents. In May Terry will be submitting a grant to the DNR for forest fire equipment. Last year the chief asked for money for purchasing an ATV with tracks and he is currently looking at a used 2008 ATV that is all set up for us at a cost of \$20,000 – 25,000. He is also looking for a big flat screen TV for educational purposes for the fire hall for around \$1,000. Lastly he would like a portable pump for \$4,500. Our newest portable pump is 18 years old. Our other one froze up several times and is not dependable. He received a donation check from Lon Newman.

These three requests need to be taken to the Finance Committee for approval of the \$30,500. Terry has quotes on some of these items and will get the others. Rick made a motion to bring the request for these three items with the cost not to exceed \$30,500 to finance committee/2nd by Jack Wierzba. Motion carried.

Congratulations to Warren Johnson, Paul Kronberger and Les Nordrum who all just passed the Fire Fighter One training!

Next meeting: May 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Fire Hall

A motion to adjourn was made by Terry Mantor/2nd Rick Sironi at 8:06. Motion carried.

The meeting was attended by:

Jean Nelson
Terry/Pat Mantor
Susan Flagstad
Rick/Sandy Sironi
Doug Noetzel
Les Nordrum
Susan Zimmer
Jack Wierzba
Dan Brandt
Warren Johnson
Paul Kronberger
Russ Schroeder

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Sironi Secretary