

Pike Lake Chain Firefighters, Inc. General Meeting Fire Hall, **September 15, 2015**

Call meeting to order: 6:46pm by Tom Steeno

Attendance: 66

Tom thanked the chair-people, volunteers and donators. We sold out of almost everything!

Secretary's Report: We dispensed with the reading of the minutes, as they were emailed out; changes were made to correct the spelling of Clement and Fleischfresser. Sandy Sironi made a motion to accept as amended, Margaret Steeno 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: We dispensed with the Treasurer's report, as all the bills are not in yet. We grossed \$2700.00 more this year than in 2014. Jim Nelson made a motion to accept the report as given, Sandy Sironi 2nd, motion carried.

Fun Day Chairpersons: Doug Noetzel will chair, Tom Birchell was not present, we need a co-chair.

Those with ?'s were not present or have not yet decided:

Advertising: Connie Scott - Yes

Set-up and Tear-down: Tom Birchell?

Bar / Tents: Les Nordrum? Tom Steeno volunteered him for next year as he was not present ☺

Corn: Dan Brandt and family Yes

Food: Dave/Joan Harvey ?

Hotdogs and Brats: Dave/Karen Mundt did set-up, Sig and Mary Kaminski did the tear-down, they will all continue.

Ice Cream: EMS - Molly Nordrum? When you see Molly tell her congratulations she is in charge again ☺

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

Raffle Prizes: Susan Zimmer Yes

Special Raffle Tables: Les Nordrum?, Jack Wierzba will let us use his garage to store raffle prizes again next year.

Card Raffle: Les Nordrum?/ Paul Withey Yes

Cash Raffle: Sandy/Rick Sironi Yes

Hourly Raffles: Jean Nelson Yes /Kathy Kortendick Yes

Kids Games/Face Painting: Patty Schroeder? Cynthia Krakowski Facepainting - Yes

Poker Games: Kay Clement?

Dice Game: Tom Lauston?

Pull Tabs: Jim Nelson Yes

50-50 Game: Matt Langanhan Yes

Horseshoes: Terry Mantor Yes

Music: ? This year we paid them \$200, they did a pass the hat and donated the \$104 they collected to FF Inc.

Porta Potties: Jack Wierzba Yes

Supplies: Chief - Terry Mantor Yes

Parking: Russ Olson Yes

Old Business:

We have not yet heard back from the IRS, but Jessie Loewe did cover the fine.

We have two accountants in mind for next year, we are waiting for the outcome from the IRS and then the officers will make the decision.

Elections:

Secretary: Margaret Steeno nominated Sandy Sironi, Doug Noetzel seconded it, as there were no other nominations, Doug then moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sandy Sironi. Motion carried

President: Sandy Sironi nominated Jean Nelson, Doug Noetzel seconded it, as there were no other

nominations, it was moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jean Nelson, motion carried

New Business: Tom asked for suggestion, complaints, etc.

Jim Nelson brought up that we have been talking about getting tickets for food and beer, we will be looking into that for next year. Karen Knox use to work for the Lions and they had tickets instead of money and it was very successful.

Hot dogs and brats - do we need another set of people? They have very long shifts. Russ Schroeder stated that a male voice carries very well for hourly raffle.

Beer prices should possibly go up.

Check out the color of tickets for the kid's games, raffles, and 50/50 raffles, so we do not have the same colors. Susan Zimmer thanked her volunteers. We had some first timers, spread the word to others that it is fun.

Jimmy Brandt said that someone suggested a dump-tank, we did try it once.

Paul Withey said that children's games have to go to at least 5:00, we need to keep the kids busy so that the parents stay thru to the end of the raffles.

Connie Scott suggested banners for Thorofare bridge.

Kathy and Russ Kortendick let Susan Flagstad use a money counter, it worked great, except for the bar money, as that can tend to get damp. Jennifer suggested the possibility of purchasing one, we will check out prices and discuss purchasing one at the next meeting.

Fire Chief's Report: Good year, not many incidents, few minor accidents, will be asking for \$25,000 from the town to update equipment, 6-wheeler, will be coming to FF Inc at a later date for that money.

Russ Schroeder talked about how our insurance rates are lower because of the rating of our fire department. We have gone from a mil to a half a mil to a quarter mil thanks to the donations from FF Inc to our Department.

Terry mentioned that it costs \$700 once that fire truck rolls up to a fire, then it is an hourly charge, some departments charge you this amount. We do not charge. Connie Scott said it was \$750 then \$500 each hour extra; this is what we, the homeowners, save.

Terry Mantor is also looking for a ditch pick-up coordinator. The date for the next pickup will be posted on the board.

Tom Steeno asked Manny Stein to stand, wanted to thank Manny for getting this department going, we have done our best to keep it going.

Terry Mantor a motion to adjourn, Margaret Steeno 2nd. Motion carried.

Jean Nelson - Acting Secretary