

Pike Lake Chain Firefighters, Inc.
General Meeting: April 26, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Ed Clemens at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge was recited by all.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were emailed to FF Inc. members. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Rick Sironi/2nd by Peggy Kuss. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Warren Johnson presented the expenditures, deposits, and reported our total assets as of March 31, 2023. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as given was made by Rick Sironi/2nd by Russ Schroeder. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Fun Day Co-Chairpersons: Terry Mantor, Mike Grandy, Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois
- Raffle Hourly/Table Prizes: Lynne Clemens
- Hourly Raffle storage: Jack Wierzba
- Hourly Raffle Thank Yous: Lynne Clemens
- Advertising: DJ DeJarlais
- Set Up- Tear Down – Terry Mantor
- Tent Order: Rick Sironi
- Bar: Catie Gunderson
- Cash Raffle: Nancy Grandy
- Corn: Dan Brandt Family – **Ed contacting**
- Corn Hole: Dave Ebert - **Ed contacting**
- Ice Cream: Mike/Ann Sloane
- Food Order and Prep: Rick Sironi
- Raffle Special: Paul Withey/Jack Wierzba
- Raffle Special, organizing workers for that day: Sandy Sironi
- Card Raffle: Jack Wierzba/Paul Withey
- Food/Kitchen Set Up: Mike Ida and Rick Sironi
- Food at event: Mike Ida and Rick Sironi
- Hotdogs/Brats: Mary Kaminski – **Sandy contacting**
- Kids' Games: Sandy Guerard
- Face Painting: Lisa Ebert and a helper – **Ed contacting**
- Dice Games: 12:00 – 3:00 – Scott/Amy Christian, 2:00 – 6:00 Len/Shari Wronski
- Music: No music
- Silent Auction: Russ Schroeder
- Popcorn, Cotton Candy: John Fierek
- Garbage Pick-up: Mike Ida – **Rick contacting**
- Pull Tabs: Jim Nelson or Chris Pawell
- Porta Potties: Jack Wierzba
- Supplies: Mike Ida and Rick Sironi
- Parking: Ryan Zylka, Josh Zylka, Tony Kippes – **Terry contacting**

The memorial stone for Denise Klein arrived and needs to be anchored down and the plaque will need to be affixed. Melissa, Rich and Rick volunteered to work on that project.

The hedge around the flagpole is just about dead. We are looking for someone to facilitate working to get that project done. Karen, Melissa, Terri, and Terry Mantor volunteered to work on the project.

The Finance Committee approved \$4000 for a defibrillator for the fire hall and locator for the boat in March. The locator was stolen from the boat last year. The **locator** was paid in full by FF Inc. and reimbursed half by the town. The defibrillator is being billed to the town and FF Inc. will pay half when the invoice comes in. Thanks to Russ Schroeder for getting us a discount on the locator.

Jack Wierzba agreed FF Inc. could once again use his outbuilding for Hourly Raffle storage. He brought up the need for insurance on the contents. Terri Murrin suggested getting renter's insurance on Jack's outbuilding. We will be looking into pods or other storage devices for next year.

Connie Scott said she could provide Special Event Insurance for the day of the event for \$395. The town has insurance, but this would go above and beyond that coverage to cover things such as food, alcohol and any accidents. Terry said town insurance covers the facility the day of, but it needs to be made clear that FF Inc. puts on Fun Day not the Pike Lake Fire Department. Warren will be checking with the town again. It was suggested to get a copy of the policy and also clarify who is running Fun Day.

Septic update: A bad valve was replaced on the water filter. Water is still seeping into and filling up the tank. The water is clear. It will have to be drained in the spring and investigated further.

Toilet update: Contact has been made with a local plumber and hopefully the men's toilet in the fire hall will be replaced soon. Rick will replace the flap valve in the women's toilet.

A website and Facebook page have been created for Pike Lake Firefighters, Inc. A big thanks to Derek Dieringer for creating those two pages.

New Business

The results of the elections for the two vacancies created since September are:

Vice-President: Otto Kuss

Finance Committee: DJ DeJarlais

Ed suggested we move our meeting to Tuesdays. Rick made a motion to move FF Inc. meetings to Tuesdays/2nd by Melissa. Motion carried.

Ed thanked Carol Birchell for all her years of service to Fire Fighters, Inc.

Ed is looking into a new sound system.

Lynne is looking for two 55" inch flat screen TV's with HDMI ports to use at Fun Day. If anyone is getting rid of such a device and would like to donate it to FF Inc. for Fun Day, please contact Lynne.

If anybody has photographs of past Fun Days, Lynne would like to make a presentation to be viewed at Fun Day.

Gatherer letters for the hourly raffle prizes will be coming out soon, along with worker letters.

Thanks to the Warren Family Defibrillator Fund (Sironi family) for donating an AED to the Fire Department/EMS.

Russ said how lucky we are to have this wonderful organization.

Fire Chiefs Report:

Warren Johnson reported three EMS and no fire calls last month. The department applied for and received a Flex Grant for \$150,000 to be used to purchase a Rural Trail Rescue vehicle, **three** practice mannequins, a search and rescue drone, and an automatic CPR machine. Our EMS team trains with Sherman and Fifield once a month. Training locations rotate. The public is welcome to come and watch.

We have four new certified fire fighters: Ann Sloane, Mary Dupke-Bourgeois, Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois, and Jon Tornberg. There are now 14 members on the Fire/EMS team.

Our department recently attended a wildfire training exercise and a propane training.

Our repeater wire was replaced by FEMA as it was broken and hindering communications.

There is a extrication training coming up in May. The community is welcome to come and watch.

Eight SCBA bottles were replaced that were out of compliance.

Seven new sets of turnout gear were purchased because it was out of compliance.

All EMS personnel are being outfitted with new equipment bags that will be in compliance with state mandates.

The toilet in the men's bathroom is cracked. **local contractor** will be contacted to do the work.

The floor in the Building #1 is uneven. We found someone willing to pour new concrete, however we need someone to take out old cement and rebar. If you know someone, please contact Warren.

Remember our Blood Drive is May 5th. It is important to sign up in advance. We need a minimum of 30 people.

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Sironi/2nd Lynne Clemens. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Meeting Attended by:

Ed/Lynne Clemens

Warren Johnson

Rick/Sandy Sironi

Jack Wierzba

Otto/Peggy Kuss

Terri Murrin

Leo/Susan Kalmerton

Terry/Pat Mantor

Rich/DJ DeJarlais

JoAnn Cmeyla

Scott Christian

Karen Knox

Len/Shari Wronski

Russ Schroeder

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Sironi