

Pike Lake Chain Firefighters, Inc.
Special Meeting: October 29, 2024

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Otto Kuss 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 Warren Johnson/2nd by Terry Mantor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Warren Johnson presented the expenditures, deposits, and reported our total assets as of September 30, 2024. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as given was made by Rick Sironi/2nd by Jim Nelson. Motion carried.

Warren asked that next year when people have bills, they send them directly to him to speed up the payment process. Initial the bill and say it's approved as what you ordered so Warren knows it's OK to pay it. Also, let Warren know what you turned back in after Fun Day to help clean up the payment and credit process.

New Business

We had a vigorous brainstorming session about ideas for Fun Day. Some are as follows:

- A letter from Shel Kurtz was read. It was suggested the sellers of tickets wear bright vests. Make an announcement that large bill buyers should come to the front table to buy tickets as otherwise it wipes out the sellers change too fast. An observation was made that people were upset that they didn't get the chance to buy tickets.
- Pull tab winners need to turn in their winning tickets as soon as they win. It could be announced to turn in your ticket. An alternative is to designate an area, such as the kitchen, where people can turn in their pull tabs.
- We have a shortage of volunteers that needs to be addressed for next year.
- We could work on timing of raffles so the calling of prizes doesn't conflict with other raffles.
- Lynne suggested having a bourbon raffle.
- It was suggested to have a 50/50 raffle with one hundred \$100 tickets, to make \$5000.
- Some other organizations get high school kids to sell tickets or help the day of the event. This would be especially helpful for the kids' games. Peggy will contact Melissa since she teaches at the high school. Possibly hire a bus to bring them to and from Fun Day.
- Russ commented that Fun Day is really important to the community. He feels it should be continued.
- Having food trucks was suggested as an alternative to the kitchen. Sandy will contact some local food trucks. (Lola's Lunchbox and the Chinese one.)
- Having it catered was suggested as an alternative to the kitchen. Russ will contact a caterer.
- Could we reciprocate with Sherman and share workers for each of our events?

Fire Chief's Report:

Warren will be asking FF Inc. for a hose reel. This request will go to the Finance Committee. We are getting a new cell tower on Shady Knoll by the farm that will help with our dispatch issue. We hosted the Chief's meeting last night. The Red Cross is looking at providing free smoke detectors to homeowners. The money raised for fire protection through our property taxes should stay with the Pike Lake Fire Department. This needs to be investigated to make sure that is what is happening.

We can always use more firefighters or EMS personnel. Please contact Warren if you are interested. (715-661-4627)

Our next meeting will be in March.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Sironi