

Pike Lake Chain Firefighters, Inc.
April 29, 2025

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 Jim Nelson/2nd by Ann Sloane. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Warren Johnson presented the expenditures, deposits, and reported our total assets as of December 31, 2024. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as given was made by Rick Sironi/2nd by Terry Mantor. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Fun Day Co-Chairpersons: Terry Mantor, Mike Grandy, Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois
- Raffle Hourly/Table Prizes: Lynne Clemens
- Hourly raffle donation organizer and manager: Lynne Clemens
- Advertising: DJ DeJarlais
- Set Up- Tear Down – Terry Mantor
- Tent Order: Rick Sironi
- Bar: Mary Dupke-Bourgeois
- Cash Raffle: Nancy Grandy
- Corn: Brandt Family
- Ice Cream: Mike/Ann Sloane
- Food Order and Prep: Mike Ida and Rick Sironi
- Special Raffle/Card Raffle - gather prizes: Jack Wierzba
- Special Raffle - organizing workers for that day: Sandy Sironi
- Special Raffle – run it on Fun Day: Rick Sironi
- Card Raffle - run it on Fun Day: Paul Withey
- Food/Kitchen Set Up: Mike Ida and Rick Sironi
- Food at event: Mike Ida
- Hot dogs/Brats: Mary Kaminski
- Kids' Games: Sandy Guerard
- Face Painting: needs someone
- Dice Games: Len/Shari Wronski and Scott/Amy Christian
- Silent Auction: needs someone
- Popcorn, Cotton Candy: John Fierek
- Garbage Pick-up: Everette Sammis
- Pull Tabs: Chris Pawell
- Porta Potties: Jack Wierzba
- Supplies: Mike Ida and Rick Sironi
- Parking: Tony Kippes
- Dunk Tank: Melissa is getting high school students
- Table for Pike Lake/Community resources:
- Cut outs of fire fighters

New Business

Food trucks were discussed as an option instead of preparing and selling food in the kitchen. An option to have both food trucks and the kitchen was brought up. There are two trucks available from the vendor Ed contacted. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made to keep the kitchen as it has been and not contract a food truck by Rick Sironi/2nd by Jack Wierzba. Motion carried.

Lynn wants to go down to two raffles this year on the hourly raffle.

Fire Chief's Report:

We upgraded our response capability by the sale of the underutilized heavy rescue vehicle and replaced it with a new mini-pumper. **This was done without incurring any additional debt or outside funding.** The new mini-pumper has all the capabilities of a full-size fire apparatus in a slightly smaller format. We have increased our water pumping capacity by 1500 gallons per minute and increased our water supply by 300 gallons and doubled our Aqueous Fire Fighting Foam capacity. This smaller four-wheel drive chassis will allow us to respond down narrow, poorly maintained roads and driveways in any weather conditions.

In addition, we are in the process of acquiring a new All Terrain Rescue vehicle by early summer. It will allow us to access and transport patients on trails and in wildland areas.

The department is getting a Lucas machine, an automated device that gives chest compressions. We got a \$10,000 grant and another large donation which will go towards the total cost. This will greatly increase our positive outcomes with patients needing CPR since we are so far from a hospital or paramedics from Park Falls

The Chief intends to focus on recruitment, infrastructure, and training. We are looking for people of any age and ability that have a passion to serve their community, work in a cooperative environment, and be willing to learn. There are many tasks and roles that can be accomplished based on each member's skill and abilities. If you live or frequently visit our beautiful community, please consider volunteering.

We can always use more firefighters or EMS personnel. Please contact Chief Dan Metz if you are interested. (920-284-7279)

Our Pike Lake Fire Department lost a very dear brother this year. Manny Stein was a founding member of the Pike Lake Fire Department and Chief for many years. He was instrumental in ensuring that the citizens of the Pike Lake area were provided with an excellent emergency response and could decide for itself how best to prepare and fund it. I would encourage all of us to follow his example and continue his effort to keep our emergency response capabilities local.

Other

Our next meeting will be May 27th.

Warren explained some of the major purchases from 2024.

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Terry Mantor/2nd Rick Sironi. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Sironi