

## January 17, 2024 PMVFD Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Roll call/quorum of board members confirmed. Present were Roy Golightly, Jim Miller, Carole Peterson, Jennifer Golightly, Doug Hagee, Judy Miller, John Parr, Gerri Parr, Mike Peterson, Melissa Costa, Chris Lavine, Ralph Sparks, Jim Simpson, Mike Williams and Mary Beauchamp.

Pledge and Prayer were given by Roy Golightly.

The election of officers from the current board members was held next. Carole Peterson announced that she was turning in her resignation as Treasurer and was nominating Chris Lavine as her replacement, second by Jim Miller. Motion passed unanimously. Doug Hagee moved to re-elect all the remaining current officers by acclimation, second by Carole Peterson. Motion passed unanimously. The 2024 officers are: Roy Golightly, President, Jim Miller, Vice President, Chris Lavine, Treasurer and Jennifer Golightly, Secretary.

Roy stated that the Minutes of the October 18, 2023 Board Meeting had previously been presented to the board. Mike Peterson moved we accept the Minutes of the October 18, 2023 meeting as submitted, second by Jim Simpson. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was given by Carol Peterson. Carole stated that as soon as she gets January verified and closed out - she will be handing her duties over to Chris. Beginning balance of \$62,210.17 as of 9/30/23, deposits of \$29,412.84, disbursements of \$41,630.18 for a balance of \$49,992.83 as of 12/31/23. Carole did a breakdown on the funds we raised for the purchase of the truck. It did not include the \$35,000 grant from the county because they sent the money directly to Outback and it never went through us. We were responsible for the remaining \$30,000. The 833 fund was zero'd out and she also moved the \$1,000 donated by the Weith's to the truck fund. The Paypal "Go Fund Me" charged us \$21.09 to handle the transfer of the \$875 we raised for the truck to the fire department. Carole deducted the \$21.09 out of the general fund to pay for the transfer cost from Paypal and moved the total amount of \$875 into the truck fund. Motion to accept by Mary Beauchamp, second by Melissa Costa. Motion approved unanimously.

Events Committee Report was given by Melissa Costa. At last year's events we raised the following amounts: Gumbo Fest - \$1,419, Breakfast - \$908, Barbecue - \$1,863, Chili Supper - \$1,169, Auctions - \$1,977 minus costs of \$939 for total amount raised in 2023 of \$6,396.89. The biggest fundraiser last year was the Summer Barbecue. The Gumbo Fest will again be provided by David and Deanie Coulter on February 17; however, they plan to cut the amount in half from last year as there was so much left over. There will be a Silent Auction at the Gumbo Fest so if you have any items you'd like to donate - please let Melissa know. Also, she contacted the Kelloggs and they plan to host the barbecue again this summer. She mentioned possibly having a yard sale to

raise funds like Peel did but after some discussion by the board - it was decided it would not raise enough money and was not worth the effort. Motion to accept by Ralph Sparks, second by Mike Williams. Motion approved unanimously.

Fire Report was given by Doug Hagee. We had a total of 28 runs in 2023. Since the last meeting in October we had an alarm at Sunrise Ridge Drive which turned out to be nothing. There was a wildfire that was spotted on Jimmy Creek on 8083. The Summit fire department was already looking for it before they realized it was in the Pine Mountain area. Summit went ahead and located it. They discovered there was a man doing a controlled burn at 9:00pm at night but he had failed to notify anyone. We were headed to our trucks when the call was cancelled. Our new brush truck is doing fine. It's been out twice. We are still working on getting rid of the ambulance. The rescue boat sale is not doing well through the posting on Facebook. We recently lost one firefighter, Chris Vodvarka because he sold his property. Jay and Dawn Osborne both recently joined the fire department. He's going to be a firefighter and she will be an EMR. Motion to accept by Mary Beauchamp, second by Melissa Costa. Motion approved unanimously.

Emergency Medical Responders Report was given by Mary Beauchamp. We had a total of 4 calls since our last meeting involving chest pain, bladder issues, abdominal pain/panic attack and a possible broken hip. Mary applied for the mini grant for the Blue and You which is now up to \$2,000. She applied for \$1,881.85 for a new lifeline defibrillator to go in Firehouse 2. She also added on 3 more Darley first responder bags which are the orange bags that we respond to EMR calls with. She will also be talking to everyone about training in the next couple of meetings too. There will be none scheduled around the April eclipse so there will be some in March and some in April. She has three residents who are interested in the training and she can use them as fillers for the classes if they're not full. She is working on the FEMA Go Grant. Doug has all the info Mary needs for the FEMA grant including the SAM number although Doug may have to add her to the SAM account. Doug stated we have already tried a couple of times to get help from FEMA to pay for turnout gear and SCBA's. New SCBA's with 2 bottles are \$8200 each and we need 4 of them. Mary has two people for another EMR class but she needs a 3rd person which is the minimum amount required before she can hold a class. Motion to accept by Judy Miller, second by Doug Hagee. Motion approved unanimously.

Webmaster Report was given by Mike Williams. The new website [pinemountainvfd.org](http://pinemountainvfd.org) is up and running but the old website [pinemountainvfd.com](http://pinemountainvfd.com) is still up too. Mike is gradually transferring everything to the new site. He is not doing any calendar events on the old website - just referring everyone to the new site. All of our outdoor signs need to be changed from .com to .org. Carole wanted to know if the web8email works on the new website ".org" the same as the old ".com". Mike said we need to switch that over to .org so he and Carole will get together to figure it out. Webmaster is still active and Mike can access both. He also has the new webmaster account. Mike is working on a new email system to make it easier to send emails to members. Motion to accept by Jim Miller, second by Mary Beauchamp. Motion approved unanimously.

## Old Business

Roy gave a recap about the new procedure for newsletters. We mailed out postcard flyers this year as opposed to 300 hard copy newsletters. We did save some money by switching to the postcards. The estimated cost of mailing the newsletters was \$790 as opposed to the postcards and printing 50 hard copy newsletters which cost around \$400. Carole stated that so far she had received 117 postcards back plus 20 requests for an actual newsletter. Carole said she received about the same response with the postcards as she did with the newsletters. Mike Williams said he can tell how many people have actually visited the website. There were about 25 postcard flyers left over. Melissa said we could keep those at the Welcome Ridge Church and then hard copies of the newsletters at the fire station. Jim Miller said there were 40 newsletters left so they must have given us extra ones. It was decided to continue with the new program again this year and revisit again in October to see if we wanted to make any changes to it.

The 2024 Roadside Cleanup will be April 13 this year which is the weekend after the solar eclipse. There may be large crowds due to the eclipse and more trash to pick up.

The Pancake Breakfast will be held on May 4 which is the most expensive event for the year. Chris suggested that in addition to the pancakes - we could do egg casseroles. It's an appreciation breakfast for the volunteers; however, per Melissa almost everyone pays. Pippin is a wholesale company in Harrison which cuts out the middle man. Pippin has supplies and food - more like a wholesale place for restaurants. We may want to consider opening up an account there to save on supplies. And lastly, we can come up with a menu for the breakfast in May at the April board meeting.

The title for the Rescue Vehicle update was delivered to ASU by Jim Miller along with the documents. ASU applied for a new title with our name on it on December 14 and it's still in process as of January 8. The holdup has been due to a Marketing and Redistribution Statute which was passed in 2012. It requires every state supported institution in Arkansas which has any surplus property that they want to sell has to go through that marketing and redistribution place. We purchased the ambulance in 1997 for \$3500 which was well before this marketing and distribution statute was created so it shouldn't apply to the ambulance. Hopefully, we will get the title. SE Christian County Rescue is who we purchased it from. If we get the title, we will try to sell it "as is" because some people like to buy them for campers or if not, we may be able to scrap it for metal in Flippin or Harrison.

## New Business

First of all, Doug said he wanted to get rid of the rescue boat. He had originally planned to put it on the lot in Gassville but it was not a good time of the year to sell it. There's a possibility we could raffle it off at one of our fundraisers. The barbecue might be the best time to try to sell it. It's currently for sale on the Facebook Marketplace. We've had

E64 for 25 years and it was donated to us from a fire department in Emmitsburg, Maryland. It's a good truck and still runs pretty well but we don't have a lot of use for it. It probably needs an overhaul because it has a big V8 engine on it. We can take it to the lake and use it as a pumping station; however, we have a trailer that we can do the same thing with. We may be able to sell it and make some money on it. Doug will see if anyone needs a pumper at the next fire chief's meeting. Carole checked on the title to the E64 and she discovered that no one had ever taken it to the DMV. Judy made a motion to sell the E64 or whatever we needed to do with it, second by Chris Lavine. Motion passed unanimously.

We have a compressor next door to the T& E Center that is used to service our SCBA's. It services the bottles up to 2216 Psi. We could not get it to pressurize when we tried to use it a few days ago. Last year it was working fine. John and Doug think if we can get it started - we may be able to figure it out. If not, Doug said we may be able to get it serviced but the nearest company is in Oklahoma or Illinois. Summit has given him some information about the Illinois company that swings through the South to do an annual required air quality test. That company will send you an air quality test kit that you do yourself and then you can ship it to the company who will give you the test results for \$185. If we can get it running then most of the parts we need should be within my spending range. Also, we can get the SCBA's filled up at other fire departments if needed. We also have a "cascade system" and without the compressor working - we cannot fill up our bottles. There are other inexpensive possibilities for breathing apparatus on the market. And we could take them to a scuba shop to get them filled too. Aluminum ones can be filled until they fail a pressure test. Fiberglass can only be filled 3 times total.

Jim Miller stated that in looking at old minutes and other records, it was very tough trying to figure out what happened to the ambulance because he couldn't find much information about it. He said that Jennifer does an excellent job with the minutes to leave information for those who will follow us but we should all be aware of leaving information for posterity.

Chris Lavine said Marion County has 14 fire departments and per Doug they are all volunteer. Both Bull Shoals and Flippin were not allowed any grant money because they have municipal fire departments whereas both Summit and Yellville have both municipal and rural fire departments. Only the rural fire departments received the grant money. Pine Mountain is one of 3 or 4 fire departments that still have a Board of Directors vs. the Quorum.

Mike Peterson wanted to mention the passing of Lonnie Wheeler who mowed the grass for the Pine Mountain Volunteer Fire Department for at least 10 years and maybe more.

Roy asked the board to give Carole Peterson a standing ovation for her many years of service as the Treasurer before we adjourned.

Motion to adjourn the annual members meeting made by Carole Peterson, second by Jim Simpson. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.