

October 16, 2024 PMVFD Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30pm.

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

Pledge and Prayer were given by Roy Golightly at the Annual Members Meeting.

Roy stated that the minutes of the July 17, 2024, Board Meeting had previously been presented to the board. Doug Hagee moved we accept the minutes of the July 17, 2024 meeting as submitted, second by Mike Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was given by Chris Lavine. Beginning balance of \$70,731.89 as of 6/30/24, deposits of \$13,738.44, disbursements of \$20,155.54 for a balance of \$64,314.79 as of 9/30/24. The 833 monies came in for 2nd and 3rd quarter as well as the sales tax for the 2nd quarter. We sold the compressor for \$300. We spent \$16,000 for the SCBA's. Third quarter YTD in terms of fire donations and dues is down 9% on fire dues and 6% on donations. Doug and I will work on what we want to set aside towards the end of the year in terms of reporting for 833 and the Arvest fund grant. Fire donations include any donations made outside of an event fundraiser. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Judy Miller, second by John Parr. Motion passed unanimously.

Events Committee Report was given by Melissa Costa. We had our pancake breakfast in August, and it netted \$1,006.00. Last year's pancake breakfast netted \$614.00. We are planning a "chili cook-off" in October with six contestants. She is looking for seven qualified judges for the cook-off. Jim Miller, Mike Peterson and Jim Simpson volunteered to be 3 of the 7 judges. It will be held on October 26 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Judges will meet at the T&E Center at 4:30pm. She needs desserts for the chili cook-off plus she and Chris have worked on the logistics for the gun raffle too. She has also spoken to the Kelloggs and they are on board to do the barbecue fundraiser again next year in June. Melissa felt like we were in a good secure area for the gun raffle and we're not running any risks. Melissa also placed a notice in the newspaper about the gun raffle. Motion to accept the Events Committee Report by Carole Peterson, second by Jim Simpson. Motion passed unanimously.

The Fire Report was given by Doug Hagee. We had 1 smoke investigation, but we didn't find a fire. We had 2 auto aids - 1 to Lakeway and 1 to Peel. We will probably do a pump testing at the end of this month and at some point, we may have to re-qualify for ISOL. Jim Miller and I are also going to buy 2 new tires for the fuel truck. Motion to accept the Fire Report by Melissa Costa, second by Mike Peterson.

The Emergency Medical Responders Report was given by Mary Beauchamp. We had a total of 5 calls - difficulty breathing, back pain, lift assist, burns and a fall. She finished out the Blue and You grant at the end of August. They let us keep the \$8.30 that was left over from the grant. We did get our AED's and bags. One person decided she did not want to become an EMR. Mary will start the CPR classes after the Chili Cook-off. Motion to accept the EMR Report by Jim Simpson, second by Mike Williams.

The Webmaster Report was given by Mike Williams. There was not too much activity. He has the information on the ISOL ratings on the front page now. He hasn't done any more work on the donations page but it works - just needs to be refined. He had the web statistics which come in differently - gets both secure and un-secure versions. Each version ranges from 400 to 800 visitors per month - 15 to 30 per day. Ninety five percent of visitors come through on the home page. The second most popular page is the About page. Over 90% of the sight visitors are direct requests by typing in pinemountainvfd.org. The second most is from Google with a few from facebook. Most of our traffic is from the United States. Jim Miller mentioned what a terrific job Mike has done on our website. He said we need a backup who knows how to do it. Melissa volunteered to be the backup. Motion to accept the Webmaster Report by Judy Miller, second by Chris Lavine.

Old Business

Last meeting Roy stated that we reviewed the flyer sent out last year and there was a lot of conversation about our dues being down. We talked about moving the emphasis from the newsletters online to a dues paying message. So, he rewrote the flyer and asked for input, concerns or additions because he needs to get this printed and in the mail by November 15th. He requested the board take a quick moment to review the flyer and let him know if there were any concerns.

Roy said the newsletter deadline for submitting articles is November 15 and that Amber Parpart had agreed to do it again this year. Roy will send out an email reminder about it plus we also need more photos sent to Amber. Roy requested the articles be condensed down so Jim Miller can input some things he's tried to include in the last 3 years.

The S1 Tank Cover keeps coming apart and it looks like a bad cover. Jim Miller might be able to turn it around and keep it for 1 more year. He will remove it all at the end of next year and revert back to the old tank.

New Business

Jim Miller wanted the board to know there is a storage area In S1 above the office. We have several things stored up there but one of the things it contains are ceiling tiles that are used in S1. There are also several different items stored in an area above the bathroom in S1. He closed it up, so we don't have to heat that area. He also would like

someone to take over putting the the desiccant in the safe to keep the papers from molding. Finally, in the storage area above the kitchen in S1 is a box of replacement tiles for the floor in the men's bathroom.

Judy Miller said she had received several phone calls asking what our insurance rating is. She said it's not on Facebook or our website but maybe it should be there on both because it's an incentive to be a member of the fire department. A neighbor told her that they got several hundred dollars off their insurance by simply being a member of the fire department. She thought our rating should be posted on Facebook, website and in the newsletter that by simply paying the annual fire dues may result in a reduction of homeowner's insurance if you live within 5 miles from the nearest fire station. Chris said he had posted it on Facebook and Carole said she had sent out emails to individuals who requested it.

Jim Miller wanted to know what we think about a mini-split heat pump. We already have a bid from Central. Our current system has a leak in the coils. They put in some kind of stop-leak in the system and so far, it's held up. Jim adjusts the thermostat now to coincide with the weather. The mini-split heat pump is very quiet, ventless and ductless. The outside unit must be close to the inside unit so the current outside pad could not be used. They have a life span of 7 to 10 years so they're cheaper, but they must be replaced more often. The one we would want is the Jujitsu because it has a 7-year warranty. Our current unit is on borrowed time, so we need to make a decision as to what we want to do in the near future. Doug asked if we could just replace the current unit with a conventional heat pump. Mike Peterson said our furnace is fine as far as he knows. We need to get an estimate from a couple of companies about the cost. Carole said she could call Tony, and we could start with him. Mike Peterson said he would get Tony to come and give us an estimate. It will be an agenda item for discussion at our next meeting.

Carole said that we needed to put a financial review committee together. Chris Lavine said that Mary Ann Walker said she would take over Jim Miller's role, but she has to be approved. No one objected to her taking Jim Miller's place. Roy said he would email Jim Duke to see if he will do it again. And Jim Simpson said he would do it too.

Mike Peterson said the tanker is full of water. It still has a little hole but it's pretty much in operation.

Motion to adjourn by Judy Miller, second by Mary Beauchamp. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.