

D'Ax Board - April 3, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

President requested to add 3 items to agenda:

- Request from Chief to purchase GPS
- Request by President to form 2 committees: one to determine improvements to firehouse & second to determine insurance needs

Motion by Brady, second by Stever, all agreed

Minutes from Feb 6, motion by Blain, second by Beesley, all approved

By Laws: 2 small items on last page to be fixed (inserting specific article/paragraph where there are **, and footnote indication by "website"), motion to approve as corrected by Brady, second by Stever, all agreed

Non-profit status: Stever pursuing abbreviated version as it costs \$695 vs \$1500, will be submitted by April 5 with cost paid through debit card

Our Non-profit status does not mean we are exempt from paying sales tax when we make purchases; MVFA pays sales tax on T shirts sold (their CPA handles)

Treasurer's report:

Breakfast brought in about \$1,700; treasurer suggests we have more frequent breakfasts as it is a good amount of money for 2 hours of work. This revenue could fund bigger events & everyday needs the Chief has. The Chief sees the breakfasts not as a moneymaker but more for community engagement; maybe this revenue could establish a slush fund for firefighters. Many people made donations.

Next pancake breakfast dates are April 29 and June 10. MVFA spaghetti dinner is June 3. Yard sale May 6.

Planning meeting for next breakfast is April 25 at 2:00 pm, Blain & Stever only with MFPD staff.

Events:

Chili cookoff in Auburn May 6, MVFA chili cookoff event May 20. Cheryl Owen reported on the chili cookoff that was held at ED County Fairgrounds; we scored high for our chili & our booth. MVFA does not need financial support for the May 20 event.

Communications committee:

Crafters will have table at breakfast. Natasha is doing a flyer, which will be posted at Frank's Diner and in town. There will also be signs at the road.

Sold 6 more shirts since pancake breakfast.

Sustainability committee:

Beesley participates on behalf of D'Ax, currently looking at numbers. Trent Williams believes there will be 3 levels of service presented, which would represent:

1. Zero income above the assessment
2. Current income level
3. Some midpoint in between

Secretary: No report.

Should we have a calendar on the MFPD website? New website will go live on April 29.

Secretary Brady & Communication Committee chair Beesley will coordinate information to give to Linnea to post on MFPD website; D'Ax link is currently at bottom of MFPD website. Eventually D'Ax will have its own website.

Gift update:

Harris reported on Valentine gifts. Mother's Day gifts are in the works; Shar sells them through the MFPD office.

November fundraiser:

Currently there is \$6,054.97 available and the projector will come from this money. This purchase was approved previously but the price is now higher than was anticipated at that time, because lower-priced options did not have enough brightness for display to be seen in daylight. Trent Williams evaluated and made suggestion to pursue a unit that costs \$448.

Blain made motion to purchase this item from "Station 75 fund" including tax & shipping, Stever seconded. All agreed.

Next item was the shed to store the fundraising equipment. Karen Paul got quotes; we need something 8' tall and the previous quote was only 7'. The new quote is for \$4,125 including delivery & set up, we just need to prep the area, no permits required.

We will need to level the area with a tractor. Approximately \$150 worth of gravel will be needed; James Young can bring it up here. We can approve this item at the next meeting as we can't install the shed until we have dry weather.

Regarding other equipment: a freezer and some crock pots have been donated; Kirk got a popcorn machine but it might need parts; we still want to get a snow cone machine. After the shed and the projector we will only have a little over \$1,000 left from the November fundraiser.

Items added to agenda:

GPS for fire dept is needed as shown by recent rescue in the forest, as well as improved radios for the support group. Our radio advisor will donate the radios, and we will need to purchase the radio boxes, power supply and antennas. The Chief provided a memo with the quotes for the needed items attached.

Funds for this will come from the D'Ax account. Treasurer reports there is approximately \$4,000 in our account & she is about to spend about \$700 for the IRS. Also the By Laws state we can't go below \$500,

Blain made a motion to approve up to \$1,450, Brady seconded. All agreed.

Committee to set goals for fundraising in regard to building and equipment needs, including capital needs for the building. There is already a similar group that includes James Young and Trent Williams. Stever agreed to be on the committee along with Trent.

Blain made motion to approve capital committee that will include Stever to work with Trent's group, Harris seconded, all agreed except Stever abstained.

Second committee being proposed is to look into whatever insurance we might need. Brady agreed to look into the insurance needs of D'Ax.

Blain made motion that Brady and Beesley look into insurance needs and make recommendation, Harris seconded. All agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Next meeting is May 1.