

MFPD District Auxiliary – D’Ax

Board meeting November 21, 2024

Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm. Quorum was reached.

Motion was made to approve the agenda, passed unanimously.

October minutes were tabled until the next meeting due to technical difficulties in sharing them with board members.

Treasurer’s report:

Pancake breakfast receipts from Nov 16 were lower than usual: 55 attendees including 2 veterans. May need to consider whether November/December are not good months for this, or tie in better with Veterans Day.

Donations received at Fall Festival as well as sales of swag; separate donations also received from community members.

Raffles – we will submit paperwork in December stating 6 pancake breakfasts and 2 other events will take place in 2025; placeholder dates are acceptable.

Insurance:

Information has been requested by Christian Mello of Petersen Insurance, including documents showing our federal employer ID number and the IRS 501(c)3 letter. Also requested was information about our anticipated number of events, estimated revenue, and whether alcohol will be served. Discussion ensued about alcohol at events, whether we would sell it, give it away, allow people to bring their own, or sell tickets that would be exchanged for alcoholic drinks. Needs more research; permit would be required. Unfortunately we can not be added to MFPD’s CIRA policy, so Christian is finding other brokers for us.

Sustainability committee:

Nov 4 was to be last meeting of the committee; now ad hoc status. Anticipating a questionnaire to be distributed to residents regarding department’s budget after R&R grant is finished. Some ideas of how to disseminate would be at breakfasts and possibly mailing out although it has not been determined as to how that could be paid for.

Sales of swag:

None sold at last pancake breakfast but more was sold at Fall Festival. People requesting different styles; can look into this.

Events:

Mardi Gras – would need to start selling tickets in January for March 1st event. Some discussion about whether to postpone event; would it make sense to have a “Mardi Gras in May”? Board members were spilt on this. March 29 was also suggested as a potential date. Currently awaiting quotes from possible caterers. Motion was made to push back the date of the event to an unidentified date in the future; passed unanimously.

Another event to keep in mind if the January recognition dinner.

Quote was received for address signs to be offered to the community at cost.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55.