

## **MFPD District Auxiliary – D’Ax**

**Board meeting January 25, 2024**

### **Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 pm. Quorum was reached.

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Insurance as a topic; motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the December minutes; passed unanimously.

Report on Insurance quote:

Total price came to \$2,508, which was considered to be very high in relation to District Auxiliary’s overall finances. Of that total, \$744 was for Directors’ liability while the rest covered general liability & other. Not sure what other coverage D’Ax would need as the organization is an auxiliary of MFPD and items like equipment should already be covered under MFPD’s insurance. More investigation is needed; another potential source to check is the issuer of MFPD’s policy.

Election of Directors:

Director Harris is stepping down from her position on the D’Ax Board, although she will continue to help with D’Ax events as needed. We thank her for her tireless service to the organization and to MFPD! Elisabeth Bingham has agreed to step in as a Director to fill the remainder of the term, which ends in December. The Board voted unanimously to add Director Bingham to the D’Ax Board, and we welcome her participation.

The terms of Directors Blain and Stevers ended in December 2023, and both have agreed to run for their offices again. With no other candidates declaring for the seats, the Board nominated Blain and Stevers to the offices and they were voted in.

The positions of each Board member were also up for election, such as President, Treasurer, etc.. With all Directors being satisfied with their current positions, the vote was unanimous to retain the current Board members in their respective positions. Director Bingham will assume the role of Vice President previously held by Director Harris.

Non-profit status:

The IRS has D’Ax in its queue and we should have resolution within one month. We still have a donation check dated in November so the Treasurer will follow up.

Treasurer’s report:

Deposit of \$225 in checks and change; \$319 spent for chili cookoff, \$4 spent for mail. Current balance \$6,198.71.

Cancellation of the ongoing Zoom account was approved by the Chief; however MFPD now plans to do audio recording of meetings. Cost was \$15.99 per month. Directors voted unanimously to continue paying for this capability for MFPD.

Canva is being used for flyers at an annual cost of \$119.

Received a \$1,000 check for “firefighter wish list fund” from residents who had a medical issue that MFPD responded to.

Chief approved additional expense to buy meat for chili cookoff, which will occur on Feb 17 at the fairgrounds again: “Battle of the Badges”

Communications report:

Wrote thank you notes to those who donated; flyers were created for pancake breakfast.

MFPD Sustainability committee:

The committee discussed questions for mailer; meeting with Stanley Simons, MFPD’s marketing guru.

Swag: no change since last month, will re-evaluate after next breakfast.

MVFA Station 75 fund has \$150.25 remaining; Board voted to authorize up to \$150 for a grill cover, passed unanimously.

Pancake breakfasts: Board discussed proposed frequency of the events in the future; while there was some interest in reducing the frequency, it was believed that the Chief may want them to occur monthly. There was also a discussion about what food to offer, such as a “do it yourself” waffle station. No firm decisions were made.

Remaining issues that were discussed include DMV paperwork for a donated car, which the Treasurer will address. Also the Support Group requested donations of water & Gatorade; we will get a list of what is used annually. President Blain circulated an inventory list for the Directors’ information.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45.