

MFPD District Auxiliary – D’Ax

Board meeting August 31, 2023

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm. Director Harris participated via speakerphone.

Meeting was briefly adjourned to inspect the new shed for D’Ax fundraising equipment.

Two items were added to the agenda: a discussion of insurance needs and a request by the Support Group (SG) for D’Ax to fund refreshments for personnel during an incident.

Motion to approve the agenda with these additions was made by Beesley & seconded by Stever; passed unanimously.

In regard to the minutes of the July meeting, a change in language was requested to state that the Chief requested funds for food “in support of staff and volunteer training.” Several other small changes were discussed; with these changes, a motion to approve was made by Blain and seconded by Stever, passed unanimously.

Regarding Non-profit status, the IRS clarified some items regarding D’Ax purpose and By Laws with the Treasurer, who expects a decision within approximately 20 days.

Treasurer’s report: Balance of \$5,076.91, reduced to \$4,548.46 after expenditures for shirts (\$269) and promotions (\$258). August was slow except for payment of Zoom capabilities at \$15.99/month; was originally intended to be a one-time thing but now may be ongoing – will need clarification.

Request by Support Group (SG) for funds to replenish snacks for personnel during incidents: estimate approximately twice per year for no more than \$150 each time; SG will use Chief’s card if approve. Brady made motion to approve, Beesley seconded, passed unanimously.

Communications report: Thank you notes were sent to donors; flyer for November pancake breakfast completed and distributed/posted on social media and in Byte. Communications Director will receive training on website posting.

Swag: brief discussion about shirts & hats on hand.

MFPD Sustainability committee: presentation to be made at September Board meeting; a new grant was approved.

D’Ax mission statement will be circulated among Directors for approval.

Discussion regarding insurance needs: our equipment is covered by MFPD policy, we do not need auto coverage. Will inquire about special event coverage including possible serving of alcohol.

Funds remaining from last November fundraiser are \$808.44 after racks were purchased for the shed.

Capital improvement: discussion about raising funds for the roof; most likely we can avoid Davis Bacon prevailing wage law by using all donated funds & no public funds.

Fundraising strategies: discussed a phone campaign and postcards; challenge is to compile a database of contact information. Voter rolls may be not allowed, SCPOA has privacy rules for its member lists, Mosquito phone book is limited. Follow up meeting to discuss fundraising in September.

Fall festival Oct 14: should D'Ax have a both? Brady volunteered and made motion, Harris seconded, passed unanimously.

Blain made motion to adjourn the meeting, Brady seconded, passed unanimously, meeting adjourned.