

## **MFPD District Auxiliary – D’Ax**

**Board meeting October 26, 2023**

### **Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm.

Proposed additions to the agenda included swag/hats, MVFA’s Fall Festival, and the keys to the shed.

Motion to approve the agenda with the proposed additions was made by Director Blain & seconded by Director Brady, passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the July minutes was made by Director Stever, Blain seconded, passed unanimously.

D’Ax’s annual meeting will occur in January and there will be 3 open Director positions; several people have been approached to run for the seat being vacated by Director Harris. Will need to check By Laws to confirm procedure; can announce publicly to increase attendance for the meetings with nominating and voting actions – most likely the nominations are done in December with voting in January.

Dates of next meetings: December 28, 2023, and most likely January 25, 2024. We may need to change our By Laws to align our meeting dates with MFPD Board meetings; most likely that would be done at the January meeting.

Update on Non-Profit status: Stever reported no change.

#### Treasurer’s Report:

Current balance of \$5,974.70 including revenue from latest breakfast as well as donations.

Discussion about accepting Square and/or other options to take credit card payments. Some options involve monthly charges as well as per-transaction fees, and possibly up-front costs for equipment. We need additional research on options; will need to have something in place after we receive IRS approval.

Still covering the recurring Zoom expense for MFPD of \$16.99/month.

#### Communications report:

Flyers posted for upcoming Veterans Day breakfast event, will keep it at top of social media feeds.

Swag – 6 shirts sold at last breakfast, and 2-3 hats; approx. 52 shirts left. We had a request for hats at the Fall Festival but had not taken any there to sell.

Documentation – Director Beesley created a new form to track donations and payments at the pancake breakfast events.

Sustainability committee – nothing new to report.

#### Secretary report:

Two issue items were approved by the D'Ax directors outside of the normal Board meetings: the purchase of armed forces flags to decorate the tables during the Veterans Day breakfast, and the purchase of Challenge Coins to be given to the veterans during the event. Both purchases were approved by the directors unanimously.

Discussion about putting D'Ax information in the Mosquito Byte – we were not able to get a full page for our Veterans Day flyer; apparently the Byte has had some layout issues in past. We can send our information to Trent for proofreading; the deadline for the Byte is the 19<sup>th</sup> for the following month.

Additional planning for Veterans day breakfast: there will be a slide presentation and we have a request for biscuits & gravy; Directors Blain and Stever agreed to make the gravy as a one time only addition to the menu.

Insurance discussion – the broker asked about location of fundraisers, which are expected to be held either at the firehouse or somewhere on SCPOA property; less likely but another potential venue could be a private residence. An event being discussed for next summer involves hot rods and airplanes on the runway in conjunction with the pilots association and the pilots' insurance would cover it.

Fundraising update:

MVFA reports \$750.25 left from the November 2022 fundraiser; we have not completed the inventory list yet & we need to record the asset tags.

One possible option for fundraising would be to engage with Constant Contact, an email marketing service for \$12/month that also includes online auctions.

Other discussion items:

MVFA dinner on Dec 9 – should we have a table? No decision was made.

The MVFA Board meeting on Dec 7 at 3:00 pm will include elections of Board members.

We discussed the need to get additional keys to our shed.

There was a request for \$50 to purchase a cake for the Support Group lunch – Blain made motion to approve, Beesley seconded, unanimously approved.

Blain made motion to adjourn, Brady seconded, unanimously approved and adjourned at 6:52.

Brief discussion about potential insurance coverage for D'Ax, more research to come.

Next breakfast will be Sept 16; some discussion of what needs to be changed for next time.

Capital improvements: the roof is something we could fundraise for, need about \$30,000. We can do phone campaigns after we receive approval of our Non-profit status.

Brady made motion to adjourn, Stever seconded, all agreed. Adjourned at 5:04 pm.