

## **MFPD District Auxiliary – D’Ax**

**Board meeting July 23, 2024**

### **Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm. Quorum was reached.

Motion was made to approve the agenda, passed unanimously.

Motion was made to approve the June 27 minutes, with a change in the stated cost of buying an additional griddle. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about insurance for Officers & Directors:

Chief Rosevear suggested a simple agreement between MFPD and D’Ax may allow D’Ax to be on MFPD’s policy. Chief Dwyer suggested D’Ax could be eligible if it were to be made a subcommittee of MFPD’s Board. Another option may be CERA – Chartered Enterprise Risk Agency (?). Board member Linnea Ugla should know; will follow up with her.

Communications:

Sustainability Committee working on a survey & Q&A sheet; plans to do a mailer & flyer. The survey will go through the Communications committee. Currently it is unknown how the mailer will be paid for.

There was significant discussion about social media postings and Nextdoor reopening comments on our posts after we had closed them; Communications Director Beesley complained to their administrators.

Swag:

We donated 2 shirts and 3 hats to Congressman Kiley and his staff member, as well as to Brian Franklin of DOT. We sold 2 shirts & 2 hats at the latest breakfast; currently have 12 hats & 57 shirts.

Pancake Breakfast:

We had 97 customers at last breakfast, 87 adults & 10 kids, and we received donations of \$90 and \$100. Thank you notes have been sent to the donors. We cooked an additional 5 lbs. of bacon and had leftovers, however we ran out of orange juice. The next breakfast was set for September 21, but since that date would conflict with MFPD’s Budget Workshop, it was decided to change to September 14.

MVFA station 75 fund:

There is \$150 left; MVFA is willing to add \$250 to that total with D’Ax to pay any remaining costs of the new griddle. President Blain is pursuing a discount for first responders from the manufacturer. Motion was made for D’Ax to accept this arrangement & pay needed costs; passed unanimously.

The idea of a D’Ax vinyl table banner stating “D’Ax supports MFPD” with logos was discussed; motion was made and passed unanimously for President Blain to pursue with the printer.

Open house for Fire Prevention week:

We will meet with Chief Dwyer in late August or early September to plan.

Mardi Gras event:

Discussion about raffle & silent auction prizes; will need separate meeting(s) to plan beyond the Board meetings.

2025 pancake breakfasts:

Tentative dates of January 25, March 15, May 24, July 19, September 20, November 15.

Capital improvements:

Discussion of fundraising for capital improvements. There is a FEMA grant that has a 3-day window to apply for a new firehouse but it would have to be shovel ready, so we couldn't qualify right now.

Rehab:

Ongoing discussion of regular needs like water, and the process to purchase them.

Public comment:

It was requested that we provide some type of fly & yellow jacket traps outside during the next pancake breakfasts to keep insects away from the tables.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20.