

## **MFPD District Auxiliary – D’Ax**

**Board meeting May 23, 2024**

### **Draft Minutes**

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

Motion to approve the agenda with the following change: adding an item titled “open house event.”  
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to approve the April 25 minutes with a change in language to “D’Ax volunteered to participate in the Fly & Drive event” as well as a correction on the numbers of SWAG available & needed. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s report:

Tax return has been filed for IRS; state return is ready & waiting for FTB number. Also communicating with DOJ regarding charity raffles.

We should amend our By Laws to align with the IRS schedule of January through December; Treasurer has a schedule of 7 different things all due at different times.

We are hoping for an approval letter from DOJ regarding raffles in the next 2 weeks.

For the last breakfast we deposited \$1150 on April 18. We received \$100 from Shimmick after the event. Note that this is gross amount received, not net after expenses.

Square will reduce the fee to us if we don’t need immediate deposits; we agreed and motion passed unanimously.

Quickbooks: we have an account; need to create categories.

Communications:

We are posting notices on the D’Ax Facebook page, which currently has 29 members; as well as on Nextdoor and Mosquito/Swansboro FB page.

SWAG inventory has not changed; will discuss another order with the chief.

MVFA station 75 fund:

We will direct MVFA to use remaining funds to purchase a grill/griddle for the breakfasts as approved last month; they may contribute any other amount needed for the purchase, or D’Ax will cover if not.

New business:

Secretary Brady stated her intention to not run again when her term is completed in December, and proposed an event in the fall to bring more community members to the firehouse, in part to enlarge the pool of volunteers that D’Ax and MFPD can draw on. An “Open House” type of event was suggested; Interim Chief Dwyer suggested the event be tied to Fire Prevention Week which occurs October 6-12.

A “Fire Prevention Week Kickoff” event could be held October 5 (as MVFA’s Fall Festival is scheduled for Oct 12). We would display fire equipment, remind people to change smoke alarm batteries, etc. – Chief can advise of events suggested by Fire Prevention organization. We could provide hot dogs, etc., and try to get publicity about the event to encourage community participation. Tentatively scheduled for 11 to 3 on Saturday, October 5.

Pancake breakfast:

Cost was higher last time due to biscuits & gravy plus more OJ being purchased. Discussion about buying muffins from Costco for the breakfasts when we don’t have biscuits; could alternate so that 3 times per year we have muffins and the other 3 would have biscuits & gravy, totaling 6 events per year. We want to maintain firefighter involvement in serving whenever possible.

Drive & Fly event on June 22:

D’Ax will provide shave ice & popcorn and collect donations; D’Ax will also receive proceeds from vendors and entry fees.

Mardi Gras event in spring 2025:

Plan is to pick up catered food & do the set-up ourselves at the firehouse. We will work on getting donations from local businesses for a silent auction.

A raffle could also be done during the Fire Prevention week event; possibly Disneyland tickets could be donated, which could increase the interest in attending.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55.