

MFPD District Auxiliary – D’Ax

Board meeting April 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm. Quorum was reached; Director Stevers was absent.

Motion to approve the agenda with the following change: moving Fly & Drive event to first item. Motion passed unanimously.

The Fly & Drive event will be on June 22 from 10 to 2 at Dyer Lake. D’Ax volunteered to participate with popcorn and shave ice; will be in Dyer pavilion to have electricity; other vendors will be located elsewhere. Proceeds will go to D’Ax. Discussion about other tables to be available, such as information for kids, possible crafters, Wani can do tacos, etc.

Motion was made for D’Ax to participate, passed unanimously.

The pilots’ Dumpster Day may be moved from summer to fall if they can get haz mat to participate.

D’Ax inventory: the broken table was fixed by Trent and the missing grill cover was replaced.

Next breakfast likely will be June 29 or sometime in July. The cost for the last breakfast was \$424 vs previous events when the cost was in the \$300s. We will buy more bacon as we always run out.

We may be able to do a raffle in July.

We will create a database of donors, which Elisabeth has agreed to work on.

Communications:

We are posting notices on the D’Ax Facebook page, which currently has 27 members; feel free to invite people to the group.

SWAG: 2 hats & 2 shirts sold at last breakfast; currently have 1 small/medium hat and 3 large; will order more in each size. In shirts we have 9 small, 5 med, 19 L, 7 XL and 3 XXL. There is a request for XXXL.

Research on waffle maker: several options have been located, some with 2 griddles, another with pour-in batter option. Discussion about alternating waffles with biscuits & gravy: there was a comment that changing the menu keeps people coming.

MVFA wants to use up remaining funds in the Station 75 account and waffle maker could be one use. Other options were discussed such as additional tables and chafing dishes or a cotton candy machine.

MFPD training session on May 4: D’Ax can provide lunch. President Blain wants to serve a prepared lunch rather than the sandwich buffet that was done for previous training classes. Director Beesley also agreed to help; approximate cost will be given to D’Ax for approval once the menu is decided.

Proposed Mardi Gras fundraiser: discussion about an event in spring 2025 with a raffle, silent auction, entertainment, possibly catering to include jambalaya, etc. Mardi Gras is March 4; we could do our event on March 1 2025; would sell tickets in advance. We would not serve alcohol.

We will make a formal motion next month.

Roof fundraising: CIP committee has quotes for \$35,000 and \$39,000 so far & is expecting a third quote.

Motion was made to proceed with fundraising for \$35,000 to include new roof, labor & repair of dry rot; passed unanimously (3 members voting).

Meeting adjourned at 6:59.

Actions taken after meeting:

April 26: Approved to spend remaining funds in MVFA Station 75 account and whatever additional D'Ax funds are needed to purchase an additional griddle for cooking bacon at the breakfasts, approx. \$400.

April 29: Approved to spend \$100 for lunch for MFPD training session on May 4.