

Portal Rescue January Board Meeting

January 20 and 26, 2010

1. Call to Order President Bill Wilbur called the meeting to order at 6:12. Kristine Stone, Cheri Greenwade, and Jeff Gee were not present. One community member, Lee Dyal, was present.
2. Adoption of Agenda The agenda was adopted by unanimous vote (after minor changes were made).
3. Acceptance of Minutes for December 2009 Meeting Minutes of meeting on December 16th were approved unanimously (after minor changes were made to the Fire Chief's section). (Jackie moved, Rick seconded)
4. Reports
 - 4.1 President Bill enjoyed participating in picking up the new brush truck from Fry Fire and noted their willingness to help us. Clearly the Fry mechanic had given the truck tender loving care. The price was \$3,150. There was one other, lower bid.
 - 4.2 Treasurer 2009 accounting is closed out and reflected in the budget report that was shown. \$97,900 came in; \$75,600 went out; balance sheet for the year was greatly improved over last year. Interest on investments was \$789; we are now making approx. \$123 per month. There is \$26,400 in the checking account earning no interest; Rick recommended keeping that as operational capital for the first part of 2010. New 2010 accounting – no revenues yet; expenses include the brush truck and some minor office expenses. The fire bar will be moved from the office expense column to the radio ops column for the 2010 budget.
 - 4.3 EMS Chief Jeff absent; no report. Jackie mentioned that the EMS refresher is scheduled for February 1 – 3. The monthly meeting last week included training.
 - 4.4 Fire Chief No ops in December. A new Brush truck was purchased, as mentioned above. David Johnson and David Newton drove it back; it ran well. At a recent training the foam did not work on the new Brush 6; David Newton will speak with Fry fire about fixing. Bill mentioned that the Fry mechanic went through the entire engine 6 months ago; it also has new wheels and new tires.
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 2010 Budget Rick showed the proposed new budget and explained any major changes to various columns. The donations column is set at \$15,000, which is lower than the \$21,000 received last year (but some of that was from memorial donations and the dissolution of the Stateline Samaritans). Additional discussion ensued about adjusting numbers in various columns to realistic levels. The meeting was abruptly adjourned at 6:50 due to an EMT tone-out. Meeting was continued on January 26th, with all board members present except Kris Stone and Dinah Davidson. Extensive budget discussion continued. The final budget will come up for approval at the March 2010 board meeting.
 - 5.2 NIMS Discussion David Newton handed out an overview of the National Incident Management System and gave a brief description in preparation for a vote as to whether the board would agree that Portal Rescue will use the NIMS system. This was unanimously approved (David Newton moved, Cheri Greenwade seconded).
 - 5.3 Procedures Manual

No new discussion, except a question as to whether or not the secretary (not present) has the current manual.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Old Brush 6 – Disposition

Jeff Gee proposed selling old Brush 6 as a 4WD water pumping truck (NOT a fire truck). Jeff suggests swapping out the pump for a lower-performing pump we already have in stock, and possibly removing the wire racks. The light bar, illegal for private citizens, must be removed, as well as the radio. Jeff suggests asking \$2,000. Jeff has volunteered to help with these changes. It was pointed out that insurance must be kept up on the truck (about \$35/month) until it is sold.

6.2 Proposed Change to By-Laws for Signature Authority

6.2.1 Board members

The first proposed change was that all board officers have check-signing authority.

6.2.2 Recurring bills

It was proposed that with pre-approved recurring bills, only one signature be necessary. These items will need to be voted upon at the annual meeting in March.

6.3 Lottery tickets for Soup Kitchen Raffle

It was moved (by Susanne Apitz) and second (by Jackie Lewis) that we purchase \$100 of lottery tickets to use as a prize for the soup kitchen raffle. This was unanimously approved.

7.0 The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.