

Spokane County Fire District #5
February 28, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Todd Lehman and Larry Wendlandt. Gary Pietz absent due to surgery recovery.

District Secretary: Carol Harrington

Guests: see attached sign in sheet

Time Meeting Began: 7:01 p.m.

- **Flag Salute**
- **The minutes from the January 24, 2011 Regular Meeting were reviewed. Larry motioned to approve them; Todd seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.**
- **The treasury report was reviewed.** Carol read the report aloud.
- **The February bills were reviewed. Larry made motion to accept the bills as presented; Todd seconded the motion. The expenses were approved as presented for \$9,662.43.**
- **Secretary's Report:** Reminder of our annual Banquet this Friday evening at 5:30p.m. Sign up sheet is in front of the volunteers' mailboxes. (Carol apologized for inadvertently listing the reminder; the banquet has already been held).
- **Correspondence: IEFCA Fire & Life Safety Council:** Proposal to change "lock-down" procedures; it is now under the jurisdiction of the Fire Code but should be under law enforcement as it is a threat/safety issue where the goal is to keep students/staff inside a building and fire procedures are tailored to get students/staff out of a building. **Email from Fire Chief Ron Wood** to BVFF regarding using OTEP meetings as Standby time. Irene told Ron the BVFF does not have a problem with that but it is the district's decision. Todd and Larry see no problem with that and said the volunteers could use OTEP as Standby time. **WFCA sent a flash drive** with updated 2011 Fire District Lawbook, Fire Commissioner Handbook and Directory. AAG Insurance wants to know if we would like a rep to come out and propose an insurance package to us. The board does not think this is necessary. **Reply letter from Jason Burdick** regarding his future commitment to this fire district (copy to Ron and board). Todd said that Ron and Jason need to be aware of Washington State standards for volunteer firefighters; if Jason cannot meet those standards there is nothing the board can do about it. Larry said if he gets straightened out for this year that's fine but he needs to keep himself current. Todd said he has a lot of time to make it up; he's got this year to show us. Ron said he would hate to lose him and stated that Jason's letter was a good one.
- **Fire Chief's Report :**
 - **Personnel:** Courtney Patterson is now the Station 52 EMS Lt. in place of Cindy Date. Hep B shots for 10 volunteers will be \$50 each times 3 shots. The 2nd occurring at 30 days and the 3rd at 6 months.
 - **Training:** The 1st training of the month involved a live fire classroom review. The 2nd training was a practical live fire on a van out in Station 51's parking lot.
 - **Stations:** N/A
 - **Equipment:** There is a gas leak in A51 that Dan Patterson found on a truck check. Larry will take a look at it. E52 is leaking water; the pipe is partly rotted off. B52's alternator needs to be replaced; it is still under warranty and Ron will get that replaced. The air refill station is up and working great; it just needs a few more small parts but is operational and fast.
 - **Other:** The speaker we had at our annual banquet, Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich, was great. We will send him a thank you card for his time and support.

Old Business:

1. **DNR 2010 Phase II Grant:** Ron said we have the two generators in. We have a demo pager right now to see how we like it. We should be ordering the pagers soon; there will be 10 of them. The original quote was for \$150 per pager (different one) but the quote is now \$160. The demo pager is really a higher quality product and much more user-friendly. Ron and the board like it better though they are \$200 each.

The intermittent light for B52 is here and Ron will change it out. The light stands and other lights should be here soon. They are waterproof and run on fluorescent bulbs and are less expensive to maintain. We are running over budget on the pagers, under on the generators, over on the lights and under on the intermittent flashers.

2. **Recruitment:** N/A
3. **Organization Policy and EMT Class Fee Policy Dec. 20, 2010 vol. sign off page :** Carol has received no more sign off pages. Ron will remind them at the training sessions to do this.
4. **Station 53:** Carol is waiting for Larry to bring back the Station 53 binder as she needs it to help create the draft survey for the public. She will have it ready at the next regular meeting.
5. **Supply Request Ron:** Fuel is needed. He will fill the tender first. Hep B shots are needed to order to get the volunteers up to date. Board said to go ahead and order them.
6. **Supply Request Carol:** We need more outdoor U.S. flags and some more ink for the printer. Board said to go ahead and order flags and ink.
7. **Budget for 2011:** All special meetings that were scheduled to discuss the budget have had to be cancelled due to Larry's work and Gary's surgery. They will schedule a meeting soon.

New Business:

1. **Costco Card for District:** Board discussed getting a card for the fire district that Carol could use when needing supplies instead of Ron having to go get them on his card. Carol will think about it. She may be more apt to use Cash & Carry or Winco.
2. **2011 AFG Grant:** Carol has been checking the site and the guidance and application are not out yet and there is no date listed when they will be out. She has created a survey for the officers to fill out with needed information regarding why we need a pumper/tender. She has also talked with Steven's County FD's Chief as they got a pumper/tender on an AFG last year; he sent her their narrative and said he would be happy to answer any questions she may have.

Public Concerns:

1. **Jerry Jensen:** He said that the board was elected and should set a good example. He couldn't believe there was not one commissioner at our firefighter's banquet and thought it was a disgrace and showed a lack of support. Larry said he was out of town for work but has come to many fire district functions from trainings to our open house and supported the volunteers whenever he could. Todd said he would have been there but the sudden snowy weather kept him at work for the road crew and he could not make it. They said Gary just had surgery or he would have been there also. They are doing their best and do support the team.

There was no other business.

The next regular meeting will be March 28, 2011 at 7:00p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

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Attest: Spokane County Fire District 5 Secretary