

PINE/STRAWBERRY FUEL REDUCTION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

President Walt Smith called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.
The meeting was held at the Pine Senior Center Dining Room
Mel led the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Walt Smith, Mel Palmer, Gail Reese, Jack Malloy, Janet Brandt, Katie Calderon, Ron Calderon

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Katie moved to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2013 meeting with the correction in Members Present.
Janet seconded.

Motion Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Gail presented the Treasurer's Report.

Checking account has \$17,072; Savings account has \$33,819.39; FOTR account has \$30,942.28
The 990 report is with the CPA; Filing the Annual Report is coming up so Gail will be asking required questions of the Board.

Janet noted that the line in FOTR for Ads on Wheels should be in the General Account. Gail will make the correction.

Walt moved to accept Treasurer's Report as presented for audit. Katie seconded.

Motion Passed.

BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Update - FD Brush Pick-Up: Mel passed out a handout comparing Fire Department budgets and tax levels from 2007-08 to projected for 2014-15 indicating yearly reductions in tax revenue beginning in 2010-11. He indicated a special tax override election to increase the FD's tax rate from 3.25 to 4 would cost the FD \$5,000 to 7,000 just to have a special election and predicted the added tax to Pine-Strawberry property owners would not pass. Because the FD's Brush Pick-Up service will no longer be funded through grants, Mel with much reluctance, and the rest to the Fire Board members voted to eliminate the Brush Pick-Up service from their 2013-14 budget in order to keep the current level of emergency personnel.

Chief Staub indicated that the FD previously committed to pay for brush pick-up through June 30. Therefore in order to complete picking up all bush piles by then, the deadline for putting out brush will be April 1. Flyers about the deadline have been posted at the post office, and various local businesses. A mailer will go out from the FD in 10-14 days with more information about the reasons the brush pick-up service is being discontinued. Chief Staub will recommend the Fire Board mothball the equipment, bobcat, trailer and truck.

Ron said he would have PSWID send the flyer to all on the water company's email list. Jack will post the flyer on the P/SFR website.

Update - Trails in the Fuel Break: Janet reported that the American Conservation Experience crew, kids from all over the world who pay to come to the U.S. to camp out and work, are currently camping just off the 87 and working in the new trail as a donation

This Saturday will be a trail workday from 9 to 1 and will include Mike Brandt's famous Smok'n Chick'n.

The last two days Janet and Mike have met with the Forest Service contractor and trail designer going over the Resource Advisory Committee's (RAC) recommended grant from the Secure Schools Title II Funds, for the Pine Canyon Trail. Janet was notified by the RAC that due to sequestration about 5% of the money budgeted for these grants have been reduced. Janet is now expecting to be informed that there may be some amount of reduction in our grant.

Status of Wrap on front of FireWise Trailer: Janet reported that the wrap is set to go and it follows the theme of the rest of the trailer with the P/SFR logo on it. Cost was only \$675 of the approved \$1500 and should be ready in the next couple of weeks.

Status of Card Reader Accounts: Gail will look into these for next meeting.

Status of P/SFR becoming a "Friend" on the PSAZ News Website: Jack reported that the P/SFR website is now listed as a "Friend" on the PSAZ News Website.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION:

Al Christianer shared his thoughts about the decision of the FD to eliminate the Brush Pick-Up service from the 2013-14 budget. He thinks that it was a sad day that the brush route was discontinued, that it is matter of priorities of the Fire Board and that he thought some Board members had their priorities in the wrong places. He also thought the April 1 deadline came too soon and that there was not enough notice especially for those here mostly in the summer.

Much discussion continued regarding FD priorities and timing of the deadline.

Walt thanked Al for his input and respected his views as a sounding board of the community.

SET DATE, TIME, PLACE OF NEXT PSFR, INC. MEETING:

May 29, 2013; 6:00 PM; Pine Senior Center Dining Room

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Jack Malloy, P/SFR Secretary