Northern Piatt Fire Protection District

Business Meeting

April 9, 2018

Called the Meeting to Order at 19:40.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken.

Minutes were reviewed by Cindy Giertz.

Treasurer’s Report was not available.

Committees

1. Trailer – Scott, Zach, Andy
2. Lounge – Scott
3. Homecoming – Cody, Scott, Zach, Caleb, Todd
4. Fire Prevention – Dave, Andy, Brian
5. Engine 343 – Andy
6. Training – Dave, Zach, Andy, Jason
7. Media & Promotion – Mike, Dave, Scott, Bryan, Caleb
8. Christmas Dinner – Zach, Cody, Brian
9. Former Member – Zach, Dave, Mike
10. Nominations – Jason, Zach
11. Memorial Fund – Brian, Derek, Andy
12. Pancake-Sausage Breakfast - Cody, Bryan, Zach - Will be held on April 14.

Committee Reports

1. Pancake-Sausage Breakfast – Cody and Zach will pick up the sausage on Friday; will need as many people as possible helping beginning at 5am.
2. Media & Promotion – Caleb was added to the committee. Bryan plans to update the website. Bryan’s wife has volunteered to take new pictures of all firefighters. The website should include links to Board of Trustee meeting agendas and minutes. Jason is an administrator on the Facebook page; he will provide access to Bryan so updates can be made.
3. Training – Jason noted that Firefighter Challenge is scheduled for May and everyone should begin practicing now. Brian suggested meeting at the station for exercise, etc., to get ready for the challenge. Upcoming trainings include Annual Fire College at IFSI from June 7-10 and Vehicle and Machinery Operations from May 7-11. Piatt County Firefighters Association meeting is scheduled for April 24.

Old Business

1. Brian and Bryan are working on a membership flyer to send to district residents.
2. No information is yet available on the small equipment grant. Funds from the small equipment grant will be used to purchase truck radios, 15-16 portable radios and 15 pagers.
3. The proposal for increasing pay was presented at the March Board of Trustees meeting. The Board of Trustees indicated that they will review the proposal and discuss with the District’s attorney and insurance carrier. The goal is to have staff available at the station during peak hours and to have firefighters compensated for the work they perform. Todd has asked the Trustees to contract out hose testing at an annual cost of $2,600.
4. The Lucas CPR device is on 8679. All members should review use of the device.
5. Members should update their training information in Target Solutions. Driving records should also be updated. Updated information should also be provided for driver’s licenses, EMT and Paramedic certifications.
6. The grain bin auger has been purchased from the funds from the Piatt County Farm Bureau Foundation grant. A Milwaukee drill, which has Bluetooth tracking, has also been purchased and is to be used only with the auger.
7. There are still many houses on the list for smoke detector installations. Additional help is needed with the installations so members should contact Zach if they are available to help.

New Business

1. The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of new chairs for the Radio Room.
2. The Board of Trustees approved funds for remodeling of the men’s restroom and installation of a new toilet in the women’s restroom. Zach and Cody are leading the renovation project and additional help will be needed.
3. The towels in the bathroom cabinet should not be used to clean trucks or other equipment.
4. Brandt Chemical in Galesville has requested a preplan which will be completed on April 10. In the summer, outside water is available. Moon Grove Farm (a new bed & breakfast in the area) has also requested a preplan and installation of smoke detectors.
5. Trucks will be serviced on April 12-13.
6. Bryan’s wife is on the Mansfield Homecoming committee and will provide information on the event to the department. She is responsible for kid’s games and Bryan has asked to use the department’s old helmets for an obstacle course he plans to set up as part of the games. Homecoming is scheduled for August 17-19 so member participation is needed.
7. After tonight’s meeting, assistance is needed with emptying salt out of the old water softener.

Meeting adjourned at 20:15.