Northern Piatt Fire Protection District

Business Meeting

October 8, 2018

Called the meeting to order at 19:35.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken.

Minutes were reviewed by Cindy Giertz.

Treasurer’s Report was read by Chief Jones. Balances include: $66.53 – checking account; $29,502.66 – memorial fund; $5,004.61 – 343 fund; $2,619.07 – CPR fund.

Committees

1. Trailer – Zach, Andy
2. Lounge –
3. Homecoming – Cody, Zach, Caleb, Todd
4. Fire Prevention – Dave, Andy, Brian, Zach, Bryan
5. Engine 343 – Andy
6. Training – Dave, Zach, Andy, Jason
7. Media & Promotion – Mike, Dave, 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

Committee Reports

1. Fire Prevention – Open House will be held on October 10, 2018. All supplies have arrived. Will need assistance with serving food, watching trucks, etc. May have a firehouse demo if Bryan can get everything ready. Brian would like to clean/organize the station on Tuesday evening and needs assistance. Noted that no one attending the Open House will be allowed to put on turnout gear. Zach will be cooking chili on Wednesday afternoon and noted that help would be appreciated.
2. Media & Promotion – Bryan is still working on scheduling a time for updated photos. A committee meeting will be held this month.

Old Business

1. Igloo coolers have been marked with department logo. If anyone plans to borrow a cooler, they should let an officer know.
2. The Chief reported that most of the items ordered with the funds from the People’s Gas grant have arrived.
3. Use of the microphone with the base radio continues to be a problem.
4. The Chief reported that three 100’ sections of 5” hose have been ordered.
5. Discussion was held on ordering new t-shirts. Derek made a motion to order 100 shirts of the design the department currently has. Bryan seconded the motion. All were in favor. A sign-up sheet was passed asking for name, size, quantity and choice of short-sleeve, long-sleeve or sweatshirt so the Chief has an idea of what to order. Dave will also check into costs of shirts with the color logos.

New Business

1. The Chief reported that we are missing several metal badges. If anyone has more than one badge, they should return the extra ones to the Chief. If a member does not have a badge, they should indicate this on the t-shirt sign-up sheet.
2. All members must log into their department email before leaving the station this evening. Zach suggested members download the Google Mail app onto phones.
3. Members were reminded to use Fire TextResponse.
4. The Chief reminded members that ESO reports must be completed within 24 hours of a call. He will provide a demonstration on ESO after tonight’s meeting.
5. The Chief noted that members can self-assign EMS continuing education courses in Target Solutions in order to earn continuing education credits. The Target Solutions training assigned in January must be completed by Monday, October 15, 2018; members who have not completed it by this deadline will not be able to go on calls.
6. Todd made a motion to donate $100 to the Homecoming Committee. Brian seconded the motion. All were in favor.
7. The Chief reported that there are new fuel cards for the trucks. Members were reminded to put fuel receipts into Cindy’s mailbox. Members were also reminded to keep the fuel level about ¾.
8. The Chief reported that he has been watching fire videos on-line and noted that both helmet cams and dash cams were being used. Helmet cams are wi-fi enabled, have 16-32 GB memory and are rechargeable. Web and dash cams can only be used on fire calls, not medical calls. Brian made a motion to purchase one dash cam (to be put on 8653) at a cost of $229 and two helmet cams (to be put on spare helmets) at a cost of $309 each. Zach seconded the motion. All were in favor.
9. In response to a question about probationary firefighter plates, the Chief noted that these cost $50 each. He will ask the trustees if some can be ordered.
10. The Chief reported that he is researching options to purchase a generator to run the entire fire station.
11. Training at IFSI is available on 11/10/18.
12. Truck checks are to be completed after this evening’s meeting.
13. The Chief reported that payroll and attendance are calculated manually. Members should ensure that all records are up-to-date so they will get credit for all calls.
14. Bryan reported that he has been invited to a birthday party scheduled to take place at the fire station on October 20. The hosts have requested donations to the department in memory of Dalton Brunning.

Meeting adjourned at 20:10.