

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:30 P.M, Tuesdays, December 10, 2024,

Bodega Volunteer Fire House. Bodega, CA 94922

1. Call to Order. CALL TO ORDER 7:36 P.M.

A. Board members Present David Hamilton, Ron Albini, Sarah Molica, James Piazza

B. Board members Absent. None

C. Others in Attendance 1 Community member

Minutes Approval

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Incident Report

Ron reported 11 incidents this month, we had a few cancellations, a couple of medical aids and Vehicle accidents.

1. Financial and Administrative Issues 501C3 Suspension

The organization is still under suspension by the Franchise Tax Board. They have submitted the reviver form and are awaiting clearance. Penalties from Franchise Tax Board so far are \$62.08 for 2020. For the IRS we have gotten two 2019 to 2020 \$10,500.00 and 2022 to 2023 \$2,680.00 for a total of \$13,180.00 so far. Excepting the 2020-2021 and 2022-2023 with an estimated total of \$ 10,500.00

2. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reports current funds, with balances in Exchange Bank \$74,021.75 and Morgan Stanley \$422,414.47, totaling \$496,436.22. Two more Donations came in and sent thank-you cards.

3. Lease Agreement Gold Ridge Lease and Equipment

The discussion focused on the need to finalize a lease agreement with Gold Ridge. The group agreed to consult with an attorney Bob Haroche to draft guidelines for the lease, considering a five-year term with potential adjustments for cost of living. Insurance and maintenance responsibilities were also discussed. Insurance and Maintenance The group discussed the importance of securing insurance and ensuring maintenance costs are covered by Gold Ridge. They emphasized the need to build a fund for future maintenance without relying on fundraising activities. Goldridge carries the insurance on the fire department and the equipment. With naming Bodega Volunteer Fire department as lost payee. Will get a budget amount to Insure the Post Office and McCaughey Hall

4. Facility Management

Pressure Washing and Mold Issues There is a need for pressure washing to address mold and moss on the building. The group discussed hiring a licensed professional and forwarding the cost to Gold Ridge.

Floor Maintenance The floor's rough texture makes it difficult to clean. The group considered options like sanding or applying a coating to improve cleanliness and ease of maintenance.

Community Hall Cleanup and Rental Charges Concerns were raised about inadequate cleanup after events and whether the current deposit is sufficient. The possibility of hiring a cleaning service was discussed.

Sound Improvement in the Hall

Jack Jacobson offered to discuss potential improvements to the hall's acoustics, focusing on addressing sound issues in the corners.

5. Organization Naming

The group discussed the need to decide on a temporary or working title for their organization, with each member suggesting names for consideration at the next meeting.

6. Records Management

Discussion on organizing and moving records from the existing firehouse to McCaughey Hall, including the need for secure storage and potential digitization of records.

7. Sign Repair

Discussion on the need to repair a sign, with plans to inspect it and schedule a repair day. Concerns about timing due to personal schedules were mentioned.

8. Flashlight Replacement

Discussion on replacing old flashlights for vehicles with new, lighter LED models. The plan is to purchase them and seek reimbursement from Goldridge, despite past issues with their support.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 PM