

Sept. 11, 2018

## TVFD Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In attendance: Board members: Adam, Mark, Curtis, Kenny

Others: Bailey, Jim G. Margo D-G., James S, David B, Mary Bob, Robert Sanders

Minutes of previous (Aug. 14) meeting were read by Mark. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Jim and seconded by Mary Bob.

- Jim Griffin's Final Summary Report on Raffle Sales Report :
  - The last 217 raffle tickets sold on Sept 2 (day of picnic) by 11:00 A. M. Donations to the TVFD made during the raffle ticket sale were not included in raffle sales.
  - The final revenue from ticket sales was \$23,959.
  - Net proceeds were \$17,334
  - Jim will be raffle manager for the next year.
  - Next year need to decide: when to begin sales? March?? WE must have more people to sell tickets next year! Jim and Margo : 90 hours selling.
  - Need to have a separate meeting to drill down into the raffle to come up with next year's raffle items. (Need to set a date for this meeting)
  
- Treasure's Report Curtis Kosub
  - There was an ending balance of \$177,902 from all accounts
  - Doug and Curtis will meet with the Stevens Foundation concerning what will happen if the TVFD is not able to raise the matching funds as required by the grant stipulations. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Robert S and seconded by David B.

Other discussions related to the Picnic were:

- Live Auction: did well.
  - How many buyers were there at the LA?
  - There were fewer items but they went for higher prices.
  - People were leaving because of length of the auction.
  - Need to have some affordable items in the LA
  
- Meals served: 662 plates/17 were free plates
- Meals sold: 645
  - Cost of meat was higher than last year.
  - Positive things: overall quality of the meal provided/the serving line was excellent/can't lose sight this gathering started as a Homecoming Picnic for all of the graduates of Tarpley School.

- Things that need to be looked at before next year's Picnic:
  - One person needs to be in charge of Picnic Communication so that there is consistency in the information that is released to the public. In the future, this should be cleared through the secretary. (For example: Facebook reported that the picnic started at 10 A.M. and went through 3:30 P.M).
  - Supplies left over from the picnic.
    - How many briskets to auction off?
    - Tubs of potato salad are given on alternating years to the Children's Home and Silver Sage.

#### Chief's: Report:

- Adam reported that the diesel tank was repaired.
- He also reported on preparation for potential flooding based on the weather prediction for the weekend.
- 4490 needs AC and engine work.
- Several radios need batteries.
- Medina Co. Fair has been moved to Oct. 22. Need volunteers to go the Medina County Fair Parade. Kenny may be available. Doug is out of town.

#### Things that could be Improved for Fundraiser 2019:

- Food Line: Need to use the tubs with cold bottled water and the stanchions to outline the food line
- Price for Plates: this year \$10/ should we go to \$12 next? No, because the price is a good way to encourage attendance.
  - Next year we need to shop around for good prices on brisket: Kirby's@ Bandera? HEB?
  - Our goal should be to cover our cost. HEB may be our best bet. Who is going to shop around? Kenny will.
- Parade Judges: We need 2 to be at 1 table rather than scattered. Too confusing.
- Raffle ticket drawing: Pull ticket and put the winning ticket back into the cage. Be sure to do this again next year.
- Need a new Cage for raffle. Mark will look into prices. Need someone to write down the winners. A good process would be to sell a few items in the LA and then draw an item.
- We need to honor privacy about not listing the winners of the raffle on line.
- Tea Booth: Cut off tea and ice. Told to buy water. Didn't run out of tea or ice. You don't have to have a ticket to get a refill on tea. People were told that the sweeteners had been put away.

- FOR ALL BOOTHS: Need to increase the number of shifts of people who run the booths. The length of the shifts and the # of people needed and the expectations of the people in the booth.
- Clean up starting maybe a couple of weeks before. Especially for the picnic tables. Look into using prisoners to clean the tables
- Glen Sturm was great with the LA
- The Medina girls were great with the LA
- We need to add the history of the TVFD BBQ and Parade to the website. Who can do this?

Do we need to look at having an additional fund raiser for the capitol fund drive?

Do we need a new sign? Does the sign need to say: Volunteer Firefighters Needed

Adjourn: 8:45 p.m.