

## **Tarpley VFD Monthly Meeting September 10, 2019**

### Call to order 1906

Board Members present: Mark Bradford, Kenny Alf, Curtis Kosub, Doug Carlyle; Absent Adam Jenschke

Attendees in addition to the Board: Bailey Alf, Connor McEachron, Cody Wells, Jim Griffin, Margo Denke, Robert Sanders, Mary Bob Kosub, David Borrer, Lisa Ward, Mark Clemens, JoAnn Clemens

### Secretary's Report:

- Doug read the minutes of the last meeting. Jim moved to accept the minutes, Robert second. Minutes accepted as submitted. Minutes are posted on the website

### Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer's report was presented by Curtis Kosub.
- Balances: Construction Account \$224,704.49; Operating Account \$84,474.09; Savings Account \$3,257.18; Figures for the CDs from the prior month are \$21,133.85 and \$10,598.41.
- Building continues to be under budget at this time by several thousand dollars as contractors donate goods and services.
- Robert made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report and was seconded by Cody. Motion carried.
- Picnic results
  - We sold 643 plates in 45 minutes bringing in \$8,554.00. This includes over \$2,000 in donations at the point of meal ticket purchase.
  - Record silent auction revenue of \$3,810.00.
  - Best live auction revenue since 2014 of \$10,776.00
  - Total revenue \$47,932.06. Expenses were \$10,602.17. Total net for the event was a record \$37,329.89.
- Suggestions
  - Four people selling meal tickets. The donations caused confusion, but well worth it.

- Doug recommended we look for a way to account for these donations in a more secure manner without dissuading donations.
- Advertise on The Ranch radio station.
- Trouble with the line formation. Consider theatre chains or additional signage, tape.
- People appreciate not having a band. Conversation is easier.
- Discussion about changing the date to a cooler time of year. Consensus was to leave it Labor Day weekend.
- Fertilize the grounds when construction is done? Doug will investigate and get quotes.
- Need to buy some trees. Monterey Oak, Mexican White Oak, and Cedar Elm were recommended.
- Need to fill some holes in the ground.
- The toilet seat in the men's restroom is broken.
- In general, the restrooms need TLC. We need to check them more frequently throughout the week, every week, because they are used by the community. Alternative is to install bars and lock the facility. We are going to begin with signage and see what happens.

#### Chief's Report:

- 4490 has alternator whine

#### President's Report:

- PA system is inadequate. Mark recommends we buy a new system.

#### Old Business:

- Jim & Margo summarized the raffle.
  - Prior to the picnic
    - 1638 tickets sold
    - 88 free tickets (\$100 purchases)
    - 231 Square tickets (surcharge)
    - \$550 in cash donations

- Day of the picnic
  - 241 tickets sold
  - 10 free tickets (\$100 purchases)
  - 64 Square tickets (surcharge)
  - \$511 in cash donations
- 2,272 of 2500 tickets sold
- The group needs to look into what changes we might want to make to next year's raffle in order to facilitate and increase sales or raffle income.
- Jim & Margo are stepping down as organizers of the raffle. They will continue to sell tickets.

New Business:

- None

Connor made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Robert.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.