

GROOM CREEK FIREFIGHTER ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

November 6th, 2018

Roll Call:

Krueger called the meeting to order and took roll call at 1743. In attendance were President Krueger and Board Members Max Fitzmaurice, Neal Pinson and Jim Gillihan.

Finances:

Krueger stated that GCFFA had \$16,495.25 in the account as of November 5th. Expenditures for November included costs involved in the trick-or-treat event, advance to Fire District, payment to Granite Portables and online store fee. Krueger stated that the Association has not received a refund from Walmart for an online order that they could not complete. He said that he would contact the store.

Old Business:

The group reviewed the minutes. Gillihan asked about a discrepancy between the 8th and 15th for the Christmas party. Fitzmaurice explained that the 8th was the original date but Sky Y Camp had only the 15th available for us to use their dining hall. Gillihan made a motion to pass the minutes, Fitzmaurice seconded. The motion passed. Minutes approved.

New Business:

Update on IRS status: Krueger stated that there has been no reply from the IRS at this time.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat Review: Krueger deferred the conversation to Fitzmaurice who volunteered and was present during the event. He felt that it was a success. Approximately 8-9 children showed up with families. Krueger added that he had talked to other board members who thought that next year the Association should hand out dog treats. Many community members stopped by to see what was going on while they walked their dog.

Krueger stated that he saw a decoration he thought would be appropriate for next year. It was an arch that looked like a cartoon vampire. Krueger also mentioned advertising on the Senator Highway Sign. The event could be marketed as a pre-Mount Vernon stop where kids could get glow sticks and neckless to make them visible to traffic and help keep them safe. Joey Carr donated glow sticks during this year's event.

Mountain Mayhem Bike Race Update: Krueger stated that he had made contact with Forest Service about acquiring a special permit for the event. He also stated that he planned to finish the permit(s) over the course of the week and get them submitted.

GCFD/GCFFA Christmas Party: Krueger deferred to Fitzmaurice who stated that the hall had been reserved at Sky Y Camp for the 15th. He attempted to call Lucky's BBQ to see if we could get on their calendar for catering that day but has not heard back. Josh stated he estimated between 50-70 people would attend. He had RSVP's from half the people contacted. 15 parties were still not confirmed.

About that time Terry and Ann Marie Hammon walked by the meeting. Krueger asked them for a minute of their time. Ann Marie had contacted Krueger the week before and asked about gifts for the children. Krueger told her that he would provide her with a number of children once he had all the RSVP's. Krueger was curious what they had in mind for children's gifts.

Ann Marie said that they would like to purchase generic boy/girl gifts for the all the children that might attend the xmas party. Everyone in attendance thanked them and said that it was a great idea. Both Ann Marie and Terry thanked the group and left to attend the District Board meeting.

Gillihan asked about the a price limit for the gift exchange. Krueger stated that he had not assigned one but thought it was a good idea. Gillihan thought \$20 was appropriate. All in attendance agreed.

Discussion and possible approval of tuition assistance for GCFD volunteers and reserves: Krueger stated that he was not sure about this line item. He thought that it might be left over from the agenda template. Krueger felt that this had already been approved during one of the previous meetings. Neal made a motion to table the item, Gillihan seconded. Motion to table was approved.

Discussion and possible approval of community Thanksgiving and/or Christmas dinner: Krueger stated that he had talked with the GCFD Chief about throwing a dinner for members of the community that couldn't be with their families during the holidays. This had occurred in the past but he was curious if the group was interested in continuing the tradition.

Gillihan asked who was on shift for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Krueger stated himself for Christmas and Boutin for Thanksgiving. Gillihan asked if the captain's thought it was good idea. Krueger said that his shift was available to cook Christmas lunch/dinner but would talk to Boutin about his availability for Thanksgiving.

Krueger stated that this dinner would simply be for those who didn't have family in town and he didn't want to open it to the entire community. The group bounced ideas back and fourth and agreed that if any of the District or Association employees or volunteers know of anyone in this situation then they have the authority to invite them. The confirmation only has to passed along to Krueger so he can plan accordingly.

Krueger asked for a financial cap on the two dinners. Gillihan made a motion to approve \$100 cap for each of the two dinners. Fitzmaurice seconded. Motion passed. Dinners capped at \$100 each.

Questions/Discussion:

(None)

Adjourn:

Pinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Fitzmaurice seconded the motion. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 1811.

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joshua Krueger', written over a horizontal line.

Print: Joshua Krueger

Title: President

Date: 12/04/2018