

PARKS AREA CONNECTION MEETING MINUTES

Date/Location: 08 August 2023, Ponderosa Fire Station #81, 1511 N. Spring Valley Rd.

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson George Chambers called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. **Roll Call** – George Chambers, Joanie Raetzel, Chief Lee Antonides, Captain Mike Allen, Kathie Krushinsky, Babs Felix, Craig Marsino, Diane Pacheco, Bob Dickey, Tish Bradford, Christine Rondeau, Bonnie Jackson, Mark Christian, Bart Bartel, Carol and Roger Whitlock, Robin Baxter, Rick Tomjack, and Sara Beck were present.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Babs Felix moved, seconded by Tish Bradford, to approve the minutes of July 11, 2023 as written. Motion unanimously approved.
4. **Financial Report/Audit/Dues**- Karin VonKay completed the 2022 PAC Financial Audit; no issues were noted. She suggested PAC look into how much is spent on credit card fees. PAC dues are \$10 per year per household. If you have not paid your dues, please bring them to the next meeting or mail them to: PAC, PO Box 50654, Parks, AZ 86018.

PAC Financial Report July 2023

Beginning Balance (7/1/2023)	12175.69
Revenues (7/1 thru 7/31)	1537.67
Yard Sale Food	1110.00
Yard Sale Table Fee	200.00
Cash Donations	167.67
Membership Dues	60.00
Expenditures (7/1 thru 7/31)	103.96
Office Supplies	63.08
Stamps	13.20
Medical supplies	27.68
Ending Balance (7/31/2023)	13609.40

5. **PAC provided services since last meeting** – PAC provided medical supplies to a local resident.
6. **PFD News** – Chief Lee said PFD has new trucks – a new fire engine, a type 6 (which is currently on a wildland call), and a new Chief’s vehicle. The Strategic Planning Committee meeting was Aug 5. The committee looked at future staffing to fully man the Parks fire station in about 3-5 years. It takes over 70 new homes built to get enough additional tax revenues to hire one new fire fighter. They are looking into grants for hiring. Recruiting is tough right now. PFD is switching dispatch centers on Nov 1 to provide better response times. Rick Tomjack (PFD Board Member) thanked the community for passing the bond, which frees up money to do some updates at the Parks station. Future updates include repaving of the parking lot (about 40k), replacing doors, redo roof, modular building maintenance, and improve parking in order to hold more community events. The Parks station has Starlink internet service, which allows

the firefighters to prepare reports. The Parks fire station will be manned for the next several months during the construction at the Bellemont station.

7. **SFE Events/News** – The SFE website is still down – Kathie suggested getting an NAU student to help. There is a blood drive this weekend (21 signups – need 24). Moonset Pit will be open August 12. There will be a pancake breakfast Labor Day weekend (Saturday) and a chili cookoff on Sunday. There will be a combined Firewise/neighborhood watch and taco night on Aug 24. All are welcome. The SFEFD is in need of new board members.
8. **Moonset Pit, volunteers for Aug 26** – Whiz and John (8-11 am), Jim and Sue Winschel (11 am – 2 pm). Forestry plans to burn the pit before Christmas this year.
9. **Bake Sale – Aug 12, Parks Feed and Mercantile** – PAC is having a bake sale this Saturday, Aug 12 from 8-11 am at the Mercantile. Set up will be at 7:30.
10. **Labor Day Weekend Events** – PAC is not having any events over Labor Day weekend, but will participate in the Artisan Craft Fair at the General Store and Deli. Josie Bustillos (aka Salsa Lady) is putting on this event and the table fee proceeds will be donated to PAC. PAC will set up a table and pass out information. Christine, George, Joanie, and Bonnie will man our table. Event time is 9 am to 1pm.
11. **Possible Future fundraisers** – PAC plans to have a bingo game at the Fire Station – maybe Sept 30. We will have a nacho bar. Diane, Bonnie, Bart, Kathie, Babs, Sara, and Craig have agreed to work on this fundraiser. This item will be on next month’s agenda.
12. **PAC Newsletter** – Babs is getting pictures together; she needs bake sale pics. Hopefully, the newsletter will be out by the end of August,
13. **Upcoming Community Events/Community Calendar** - refer to community calendar.
14. **By-law and Policy review/possible updates** – tabled until next meeting. Joanie will resend these documents to all members for review.
15. **Other items not on agenda**
 - a. Kathie K asked if there is any timeframe to end stage 1 fire restrictions. There are no plans to end fire restrictions at this time.
16. **Location, Date, and time of next meeting** – The next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 12, 2023, 6pm, at the Ponderosa Fire Station in Parks.
17. **Adjournment** – Tish Bradford moved, seconded by Bob Dickey, for adjournment. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Recorded by: Joanie Raetzel
Secretary for Parks Area Connection