

PARKS AREA CONNECTION MEETING MINUTES

Date/Location: 12 September 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, Renee Bass, Kathie Krushinsky, Babs Felix, John Sears, Craig Marsino, Diane Pacheco, Bob Dickey, Christine Rondeau, Bonnie Jackson, Bart Bartel, Carol and Roger Whitlock, Robin Baxter, Sara and Quinn Beck, Cathy Cook (SFE), Jeanna Roush (SFE), Karin VonKay, Amber Turk, Mary Thompson, Tim Toombs, Marlo and Eddie LaBelle, and Dick Knaack were present.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Marlo LaBelle moved, seconded by Eddie LaBelle, to approve the minutes of August 8, 2023 as written. Motion unanimously approved.
4. **Financial Report/Audit/Dues**- August 2023 Financial Report:

PAC Financial Report Aug 2023

Beginning Balance (8/1/2023)	13609.40
Revenues (8/1 thru 8/31)	1102.20
Bake Sale Proceeds	1012.52
Yard Sale Table Fee	10.00
Cash Donations	40.00
Kitchen Basket Raffle	9.68
Membership Dues	30.00
Expenditures (8/1 thru 8/31)	582.06
Office Supplies	13.75
Bake Sale Supplies	40.00
Bingo Supplies	21.36
Help for person in Need	506.95
Ending Balance (8/31/2023)	14129.54

5. **PAC provided services since last meeting** – PAC gave a woman that lost her husband recently a \$500 gift card to help with living expenses.
6. **PFD News** – Chief Lee presented Joanie Raetzel with a Community Service Award plaque. A pipe burst in the living quarters at the Parks station and the crews moved back to the Bellemont station temporarily. They may have to get a travel trailer for Parks because of the ongoing construction at the Bellemont station. One truck is out getting warranty work; one firefighter is leaving, and one coming back. The department received a grant for reflective address signs. You can request a sign by calling the station or email at office@ponderosafire.org. Once signs are requested, they should be installed in 1-2 weeks. Most insurance policies do not cover fire suppression costs for out of district residents. Out of district residents can pay for a subscription if in the response area. Ambulances are not included. Movie night will start again next year.
7. **Parks Artisan Market Overview** – The Parks Artisan Market over Labor Day weekend was a huge success. The organizer, The Salsa Lady (Josie B), donated the artisan’s table fees to PAC (\$240).

PAC had a table and passed out flyers, gave away popcorn (Thanks Christine), and sold raffle tickets for the kitchen basket.

8. **SFE Events/News** – Kathie K said the end of summer pancake breakfast went well. The Moonset pit closed last Saturday. Someone left a pile of illegal wood. This year there was a total of 4 illegal dumps; maybe cameras or an extra volunteer per shift would help. Kathie said Mike at Kaibab was wonderful. Forestry plans on burning the pit in October. Cathy Cook (POA president) and Jeanna Roush (POA Treasurer) said there will be a Chili cook off Oct 7, 4:30 to 6. The neighborhood cleanup will be on Sept 23. There will be a luncheon for SFE Moonset Pit volunteers.
9. **PAC Bingo Game** – The PAC bingo game will be held Saturday, Sept 30th at the fire house starting at 4pm. We have 17 gift cards leftover from other events. Bart will donate 5 more, but we still need a few more prizes. Maybe ask for the Mustang Grill? The cost will be \$5 per card for 3 for \$10 for the whole night, Craig and Sara will do a Nacho bar and we will have desserts and drinks available – all for a donation. Bingo committee – Kathie, Babs (chair), Joanie, Dee, Bart, Amber. CASH ONLY. Bart Bartel moved, seconded by Kathie Krushinsky, to have the bingo fundraiser as noted above. Motion unanimously passed.
10. **Teacher Fund** – Last year we gave each teacher a \$100 gift card to Walmart. Each teacher gets a \$250 stipend from the school. Marlo LaBelle moved, seconded by Carol Whitlock, to give each of the 12 teachers a \$125 per card in January. Motion passed with 19 yea votes.
11. **PAC Newsletter** – Babs finished a first draft. Joanie and George are making revisions. We will probably publish in the Spring.
12. **Upcoming Community Events/Community Calendar** – There is a Caregiver support group meeting at the Fire House on Wed Sept 20th from 4-5 pm. The PTO trunk or Treat will be on 28 Oct and will be on next month's agenda. A few changes were made to the September community calendar.
13. **By-law and Policy update** – Joanie will send out suggested changes and the membership will vote on the changes at the next meeting.
14. **Help for elderly woman in need of firewood** – PAC and the community have given firewood to this person for 2 years in a row. Diane and Joanie will take County paperwork to her for firewood assistance. Babs Felix moved, seconded by Bart Bartel, to take the County paperwork to this person. If it is filled out and submitted, PAC and the community may be able to help in the interim within the constraints of our by-laws. Motion unanimously approved.
15. **Other items not on agenda**
 - a. Kathie - Someone lost their keys at Moonset Pit
 - b. Drake Mine – can PAC write a letter regarding Drake Mine?? Per George, when the time is right, PAC can write a letter. There was discussion about whether now is the “right time”.
 - c. Joanie has received some historical information about Parks if anyone is interested in looking through the files.
16. **Location, Date, and time of next meeting** – The next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 10, 2023, 6pm, at the Ponderosa Fire Station in Parks.
17. **Adjournment** – Chairperson George Chambers adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Recorded by: Joanie Raetzel
Secretary for Parks Area Connection