

PARKS AREA CONNECTION MEETING MINUTES

Date/Location: October 8, 2024, Ponderosa Fire Station #81, 1511 N. Spring Valley Rd., Parks

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Craig Marsino called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call** – Craig Marsino, George Chambers, PFD Firefighters, PFD Chief Lee Antonides, Babs Felix (treasurer), John Sears, Tammy Ontiveros, Bart Bartel (secretary), Christina Talbott, Benita Holloway, Bill and Charlotte Moss, Joanie Raetzel, Diane Pacheco, Karin VonKay, Kathie Krushinsky, Jeanna Roush, Amber Turk, and Jessica Manuell were present.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – George Chambers moved, seconded by Bill Moss, to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2024, with change suggested by Babs Felix. Motion for modified minutes unanimously approved.
4. **Financial Report:**

PAC Financial Report September

Beginning Balance (9/1/2024)	\$15,666.29
Revenues September	2,620.90
(Membership Dues: 30.00	
Labor Day Bake sale: 1,018.22	
Bingo related: 1,018.00	
Knife raffle: 254.68	
Donations: 300.00)	
Expenditures September	1,388.64
(Local family death: 500.00 donation	
PAC Supplies: 462.56	
Parade contribution: 395.00	
Food reimbursement: 31.08)	
Ending Balance (9/30/2024)	\$16,898.55

5. **PAC provided services** - None since September meeting.
6. **PFD News** – Chief Antonides gave updates regarding green wood availability at station, and wood chips to Maine School.
7. **Sherwood Forest Estates (SFE) Events/News** – Kathie and Jeanna stated activities and events were over for 2024. A big thanks to SFE and Parks communities for Moonset Pit staffing.
8. **Parks calendar** – Bart reviewed the October calendar. An additional event is a dementia support group (hosted by Karin) which will meet Wednesday October 16, 4-5pm, at the Parks fire station, and every 3rd Wednesday of each month. There is an after school trunk-or-treat at the school on Wednesday October 30 which is open to the public (in addition to the October 31 event at the deli). Christina and Amber will distribute donated and purchased candy for PAC. The next calendar will be issued in April as few events occur during the winter.

9. **Welfare checkup** – Karin reported that the Foundation for Senior Living has an existing phone check-in (CATCH) program but currently only in the Phoenix area. Lee stated that Ponderosa Fire Dept. and CCSO can also do welfare checkups if calls are made to 9-1-1.
10. **'Welcome to Parks' information packets** – Babs and Benita have put together dozens of packets, which are intended to be handed out to new Parks residents. They include information regarding PAC, government resources, community resources, etc. Attendees were encouraged to pickup packets at the end of the meeting if they knew of new / future Parks residents. (Over the winter they are being stored in the shed behind the school if anyone needs one, and Babs will bring them again to the next meeting in April.)
11. **Holiday gift baskets** – Babs has a list of families from the Maine school. Attendees suggested that the families be pre-contacted to make sure they want the gift baskets, and Babs will contact the school to get family phone numbers. Babs and Bonnie have done some shopping, and Craig will get food that can't spoil the first week of December. Babs will get wrapping paper. A PAC gift basket preparation event was scheduled for Saturday December 14 at 9am at the Bellemont fire station. Amber/Benita/Bart/Kathie/Mary T will be there, and any PAC members are welcome. Deliveries will hopefully be made later that day, in conjunction with any firefighter gifts.
12. **Other items** –
 - a. Christina gave a PTO update.
 - b. Two households in SFE graciously offered cut dry firewood for donation to local families. Bart/John/Kathie/Joanie/George will pickup and deliver wood October 14.
 - c. Karin gave a Northern Arizona dementia update.
 - d. John updated success of knife sharpening program and donations.
 - e. Craig proposed buying gift cards for Maine School teachers. After a short discussion, a proposal was for between 10-14 \$150 Walmart gift cards for full-time teachers. Karin motioned and John seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Craig will handout gift cards at Maine school before December holiday break.
 - f. Kathie recommended the Coconino County Woods Watch program, and Babs distributed information on Coconino County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training. If interested contact jpaxton@coconino.az.gov.
13. **Location, Date, and time of next meeting** – The next meeting will be in 2025! Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 6pm, at the Parks Fire Station. Bart will send a reminder and agenda in March. Please stay safe this winter!
14. **Adjournment** – Chairperson Craig Marsino thanked everyone for a great 2024 and adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm. A group photo was taken for later posting to the PAC website courtesy of Anne Dudley.

Recorded by: Bart Bartel
Secretary for Parks Area Connection