

PARKS AREA CONNECTION MEETING MINUTES

Date/Location: July 8, 2025, 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. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all.
3. **Roll Call** – David Berry, George Chambers, Craig Marsino (chairperson), Bart Bartel (secretary), Babs Felix (treasurer), Karin Von Kay, Kathie Krushinsky, Tammy Ontiveros, John Sears, Christina Talbott, Benita Holloway, Dorothy and Tom Waggoner, Mr and Ms Petersen, Dan and Jeanna Roush, Sherry Baker, Mr and Ms Herlihy, Sue and Bob Browning, Joanie Raetzel, Richard Knaak, Pete and Janet Olson, and Marlo and Eddie LaBelle were present.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** – John Sears moved, seconded by Marlo LaBelle, to approve the meeting minutes of June 10, 2025. Unanimously approved.
5. **Financial Report:** Babs reported that annual dues are unchanged at \$10 per family.

PAC Financial Report June 2025

Beginning Balance (6/1/2025)	\$16,666.93
Revenues:	250.62
Dues, donations, and parade applications	
Expenditures:	1,402.33
Resident home fire assistance: \$250.00	
Snack bin replenishment for PFD: \$200.82	
Other PAC and parade expenses: \$951.51	
(Parade expenses to be reimbursed in July)	
Ending Balance (6/30/2025)	\$15,515.22

6. **PAC provided services since last meeting:** Cash assistance to a Parks resident whose home was destroyed in a house fire in June, and replenishment of PAC provided snacks and drinks used during PFD fire responses.
7. **PFD News** – Lee was absent but provided updates on grants and new fire engine (via text).
8. **Sherwood Forest Estates (SFE) Events/News** – Kathie provided an update on SFE events and most recent Moonset Pit statistics, and SFE bingo, POA, and movie event summaries.
9. **July 4 PTO pancake breakfast review:** – Christina reported that the event went well with good attendance. Special shoutout and thanks to Benita for her help in the kitchen!
10. **July 4 community parade review:** - Babs reported that the parade broke even (which is the desired outcome) and was a great success. There were 26 applications and 36 floats. Attendees thought the parade was terrific this year; thanks to organizers and participants!
11. **First responder dinner** - George got a quote from Will's Grill for barbecue dinner of \$29.50 per person. Gymnasium has anticipated availability in September. George is working on a

date, then a count with local first responder agencies. PAC will provide plates, utensils, beverages, etc. Local community members can pay the \$29.50 per person to attend.

12. **Bingo night!** – Babs confirmed that it will be Saturday, August 2 starting at 4pm at the Parks fire station. Over 20 donated prizes have been obtained so far. \$5 per card or 3 for \$10 like last year. If anyone has unused gift cards to donate that would be appreciated. Craig and Sara will have some food for sale and Joanie offered to help as cashier and with credit cards.
13. **Parks calendar** – Bart will send out an August community event calendar on July 27. If you are aware of any NEW Parks/SFE events, please email Bart (bpjbranch@aol.com).
14. **Parks community yard sale** – Craig is getting a final list and addresses of those participating. The yard sale will be on Sat., July 19 from 8a-1pm. Benita can handout flyers. Craig is getting a food truck (3s in the trees) to be available during the yard sale.
15. **PAC auction** – Bart led a discussion about the pros and cons of PAC trying an auction in Parks this summer as a PAC fundraiser. Folks would donate items and services that could be bid upon in a live auction. Dan (retired auctioneer) and Jeanna (cashier) Roush from SFE have offered their services at no charge. We will include a kids-only auction at 11:30a, then a general auction immediately afterwards. The attendees voted to try it and voted for Saturday August 30 (same day as bake sale but later). Bart will organize with flyers and Craig will help post on Facebook. Bart will get with Lee for approval to use station. PAC will provide snacks.
16. **PAC Bake Sale** – Sat. Aug 30 from 8a-11a with setup at 7:30a. Several attendees agreed to bake. Bart will confirm to be held at Feed & Mercantile. Joanie or George will do credit cards.
17. **PAC website** – Bart reported that Anne Dudley (our website administrator from SFE who volunteers this service) is planning on leaving the area in the next year. We are looking for someone to take over future website administration. Anne will train someone, thanks Anne! If you know of anyone who might be interested in doing this, please let a PAC officer know.
18. **Other items** -
 - a. John reported good donations from knife sharpening services. If you have anything to be sharpened, please contact him at john.sears@hotmail.com. Thanks John!
 - b. Babs stated that the PAC shed (behind the school) is mice-infested and needs work. Pete, Tim, and John helped volunteer to clean, patch holes, and fix the doors. Karin also offered to donate some metal cabinets that can be used inside the shed. Thanks.
 - c. George reviewed the PAC-hosted Moonset Pit schedules for the rest of the summer and updated the volunteer shifts. Thanks George and Pit volunteers.
 - d. Tammy reported on county efforts to work with insurers to improve private property insurability, promoting community efforts such as Moonset Pit property wildfire mitigation efforts, proactive forest thinning, APS technology improvements, with an effort to encourage private insurance coverage and minimize property damages when wildfires occur in Coconino County. Thanks Tammy!
19. **Location, Date, and time of next meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 6pm, at the Parks Fire Station.
20. **Adjournment** – Craig adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Recorded by: Bart Bartel
Secretary for Parks Area Connection