

PARKS AREA CONNECTION MEETING MINUTES

Date/Location: August 12, 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), John Sears, Tish Bradford, Christina Talbott, Benita Holloway, Dan and Jeanna Roush, Joanie Raetzel, Richard Knaak, Judith and Marty Brickner, Marlo and Eddie LaBelle, and Paul/Josh/Tim from PFD were present.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** – John Sears moved, seconded by Marlo LaBelle, to approve the meeting minutes of July 8, 2025. Unanimously approved.
5. **Financial Report:** Babs reported that annual dues are unchanged at \$10 per family.

PAC Financial Report July 2025

Beginning Balance (7/1/2025)	\$15,515.22
Revenues:	1,430.57
Dues/Donations: 295.00	
Yard sale: 90.00	
Parade-related: 1,045.57	
Expenditures:	1,320.87
Parade-related: 1,109.91	
Yard sale/Bingo: 158.32	
PAC: 52.64	
Ending Balance (7/31/2025)	\$15,624.92

6. **PAC provided services since last meeting:** None.
7. **PFD News** – Firefighter Paul provided update (in Chief Lee’s absence) on new brush truck. He also explained general procedures to report someone violating fire restrictions. 911 if potential or actual fire spread, or CCSO for violations of current fire restrictions that aren’t an emergency for a possible CCSO property visit and/or potential fines.
8. **Sherwood Forest Estates (SFE) Events/News** – Jeanna provided an update in Kathie’s absence. Updated August calendar made available by Bart showing SFE pancake breakfast moved from Sunday 8/31 to Saturday 8/30.
9. **Moonset Pit** – general discussion of recent hostings and need to monitor pile consolidations prior to each opening, and continued vigilance around trash and non-yard debris materials.
10. **PAC storage shed at Maine school:** – Babs gave a general update on cleaning, organizing, future caulking, and mouse traps. Thanks to Pete, John, and Tim for assistance.

11. **Bingo review** – The event went well despite it being a warm afternoon. Everyone had a good time and the nacho bar was delicious. Thanks to Babs for organizing the great prizes and leading the games. Discussion around smaller attendance this year.
12. **PAC Bake sale Saturday, August 30:** - Babs reported that WE NEED BAKERS please. Setup will be at 7:30a and sale will run from 8-11a at the Feed and Mercantile / Chevron front porch.
13. **PAC Live Auction Saturday, August 30.** Bart reported that we need donations of items and services please. Donations can be brought to Parks fire station from 8-11a on auction day, kids auction will be at 11:15am with general auction to follow. Thanks to Dan and Jeanna for volunteering help with auction and money collection. Cash or personal local check to PAC only. Bart will get file to Craig to post on Parks Exchange, and get with Williams News for bake sale and auction events. PAC will provide snacks and soft drinks for the auction event.
14. **First responder dinner** - George got a quote from Will's Grill for barbecue dinner buffet of \$29.50 per person. Maine Gymnasium has anticipated availability on September 6. (Note that the date has since been postponed due to limited first responder availability to attend in September due to continued dry conditions; we are now targeting for a Saturday later in the fall after sufficient easing of restrictions, mid-October to mid-November). George will work on a count with local first responder agencies, including CCSO Williams personnel, PFD, SFEFD, CNFD, Kaibab / Coconino forest personnel, and possibly DPS personnel. PAC will provide plates, utensils, beverages, etc. Attendees voted at the meeting that all first responders plus one guest would attend dinner for free, all kids under 16 would pay \$15, and PAC members who wish to attend the dinner will pay \$30 per person to cover the variable costs. ALL PAC and other community members can attend the meet-and-greet and short presentation after the dinner for free. (Parks non-PAC folks have the option of joining PAC for \$10 per family and then pay the PAC \$30 per person for dinner.) A smaller committee will meet on Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30p at the Parks fire station to work on event detailed plans, shopping requirements, etc. All are welcome to attend this planning meeting.
15. **Parks calendar** – Bart will send out a September community event calendar on August 27. If you are aware of any NEW Parks/SFE events, please email Bart (bpjbranch@aol.com).
16. **PAC website** – Bart reported that we are still looking for someone to take over future website administration. Current administrator Anne will train someone, thanks Anne! If you know of anyone who might be interested in doing this, please let a PAC officer know.
17. **Other items** -
 - a. John reports continued good donations from knife sharpening services. If you have anything to be sharpened, please contact at john.sears@hotmail.com . Thanks John!
 - b. George reviewed the PAC-hosted Moonset Pit schedules for the rest of the summer and updated the volunteer shifts. Thanks George and Pit volunteers.
18. **Location, Date, and time of next meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 6pm, at the Parks Fire Station.
19. **Adjournment** – Craig adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Recorded by: Bart Bartel
Secretary for Parks Area Connection