

PARKS AREA CONNECTION MEETING MINUTES

Date/Location: Sept. 9, 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, Dan and Jeanna Roush, Kathie Krushinsky, Karin Von Kay, Joanie Raetzel, Richard Knaak, Tim and Dorothy Waggoner, Marlo and Eddie LaBelle, Bob and Sue Browning, Sherry Baker, Mark Christian, Rick Tomjack, and Lee Antonides from PFD were present.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** – Marlo LaBelle moved, seconded by Sue Browning, to approve the meeting minutes of August 12, 2025. Unanimously approved.
5. **Financial Report:**

PAC Financial Report August 2025

Beginning Balance (8/1/2025)	\$15,624.92
Revenues:	967.50
Dues/Donations: 10.00	
Yard sale: 60.00	
Bingo-related: 879.00	
Candy raffle: 18.50	
Expenditures:	55.12
Bingo-related: 55.12	
Ending Balance (8/29/2025)	\$16,537.30

6. **PAC provided services since last meeting:** Babs mentioned that Bonnie Jackson is needing prepared meals until she moves to Flagstaff in early October. A meal train is being setup and coordinated by Tammy Brockett. Several PAC members expressed interest in helping.
7. **PFD News** – Lee provided updates on grants received and submitted, Parks station staffing efforts, community outreach projects, Bellemont station Halloween event, parades participation, out-of-district firefighting support, and subscription updates. He also reiterated general procedures from last meeting to report someone violating fire restrictions.
8. **Sherwood Forest Estates (SFE) Events/News** – Kathie provided updates including bingo events, community cleanup efforts, upcoming October POA blood drive, Halloween event, and SFE entrance rock painting. The Labor Day pancake breakfast was very successful.
9. **Moonset Pit** – general discussion of recent hostings. Saturday September 20 will be the last Moonset Pit opening of the year, hosted by SFE. If Buggy Wheel landfill is available in October, Kathie will send out notification. PAC agreed to host once in October, and SFE will

also host once, if Buggy Wheel is available. Marlo reported that her community group has deposited 168 dump trailer loads at Moonset Pit this year. Thank you LaBelles!

10. **PAC storage shed at Maine school:** – Babs gave a general update on cleaning, organizing, patching, and painting. Work is complete. Thanks Tim Waggoner and Pete Olson!
11. **PAC Bake sale review** - Babs reported that PAC raised \$506 . Thank you bakers and buyers!
12. **PAC Live Auction review** - Bart & Babs reported that PAC raised \$862. Thank you donors and participants, and special thanks to Dan and Jeanna for their efforts in making it a very fun event! Bart made one trip to landfill with one load of leftovers, and volunteers offered to make one final trip this week. It is hopeful that we can do this event again in 2026.
13. **First responder dinner** - George reported that we are still on elevated emergency alert due to lack of moisture, and agencies cannot commit to a participant count this fall due to future unknown emergencies. Therefore it was decided to wait until next spring when the moisture levels are hopefully improved and the chance of high alert is reduced. Target date of Saturday, April 11, 2026 at Maine School gym. George will work with the school, with other possible caterers, and 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. A smaller committee met on August 19 and a follow up meeting scheduled for Sept. 16 was postponed until next spring.
14. **Parks calendar** – Bart will send out the final community event calendar of the year for October on September 27. If you are aware of any NEW Parks/SFE/PTO events, please email Bart (bpjranch@aol.com) prior to September 27.
15. **PAC website** – Bart reported that we are still looking for someone to take over future website administration and that Bart will train with current administrator Anne if no one volunteers by the end of September. If you know of anyone who might be interested in doing this, please let a PAC officer know.
16. **PFD Fire Chief succession planning** – a discussion took place around a replacement Fire Chief for when Lee ultimately retires. The PFD board is determining a strategy at their next meeting Sept. 16. It was agreed that PAC could provide a letter of support, as this has been done in past years. Attendees voted to compose and forward a letter of support for current administrative chief (and former Parks resident and PAC member) Erin Hudman. Bart will initiate, review with Craig & Babs, and forward to Mark prior to the PFD board meeting.
17. **Other items** -
 - a. John reports continued good donations from knife sharpening services.
 - b. Craig proposed to make a PAC logo and PAC apparel for members who were interested in obtaining shirts, possibly vests. This was enthusiastically received and interested members signed a list with Craig after the meeting.
 - c. Discussion around creating Certificates of Appreciation.
18. **Location, Date, and time of next meeting** – The next (and likely last 2025) PAC meeting will be Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 6pm, at the Parks Fire Station.
19. **Adjournment** – Craig adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

Recorded by: Bart Bartel
Secretary for Parks Area Connection