



GOLDEN GATE

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Golden Gate Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

16 April 2020

1. Preliminary

- 1.1. Location: Telephone conference
- 1.2. Call to order: Mr. Patton called to order the regular meeting of the GGFPD Board at 7:00pm
- 1.3. Welcome audience
- 1.4. Pledge of allegiance
- 1.5. Roll call indicated a quorum was present with Mr. Patton, Ms. Carlon, Dr. Kinnard, Mr. Trost, and Mr. Agar. Chief DiFeo was present.
- 1.6. Additions and deletions to the Agenda: Add 5.1 Stipend program. Chief's report discusses point system. Add 4.3 LOSAP investments. Tabled LOSAP discussion for April change to May.

2. Public Agenda

- 2.1. Public comment:
 - Community member asked if FD would accept donations of N95 masks? Yes!
- 2.2. Approval of minutes from March 26, 2020
 - **Motion #1** by Mr. Patton to approve minutes. 2nd by Ms. Carlon. All in favor.

3. Committee Reports

- 3.1. Treasurer's Report
 - See attached
 - Open issues/summary of discussion:
 - Dr. Kinnard reviewed the financials and discussed all items and questions raised.
 - An add on not alluded to in the report: investment options. Two long standing FFs retired so LOSAP funds diminished. Net balance will be \$32K so this will be useful when considering investment options.
- 3.2 Chief's Report
 - See attached.
 - Open issues/summary of discussion:
 - St. 83 septic permit applied for and hope to have the \$500 permit fee waived. Started out as a \$5k project, but it overran the budget. The hope is to keep it at \$5k.

- Mr. Trost will talk to Mr. Phillips to discuss the possibility of Grange support rather than just the Auxiliary (because the bathroom would help out FFs). Roughly \$2300 is needed.
- Investigating where to trim some costs, especially in labor and equipment.
- Documentation for the ISO rating is going to be on the website.
- Remodel of station 83 went well! Kudos to everyone who worked on it including the FFs.

4. Old Business

4.1 Planning session update - Nothing significant to report (NSTR)

4.2 Board Election Update

- Website has candidates' statements.
- Ballots are out. Deadline is 5th of May. Mr. Patton will follow up with DEO to set up ballot drop off box at station 83.
- Post offices are understaffed so remind everyone to get ballots out as quickly as possible.

4.3 LOSAP investments

- This needs to remain an action item and has to be handled at Board level. With \$32K, we should get involved financially. Questioned whether it would be better served to pay FFs off at the end of each year. Discussion:
 - We could but either we write the check to Lincoln Financials (no fees), or to FFs.
 - Board is ultimately responsible. This is a group contract not an individual one.
 - There is a service agreement we have to sign. As long as FFs take the money out it's fine. FFs can't move this money and board has control of these funds. It's a slippery slope to get tied up with them for \$32K.
 - Run this by the FFs. Final decision not required today.
 - Must recognize that annual contributions are not taxed.
 - This has to be an all or nothing for FFs. FFs cannot pick and choose.
 - Chief will send out survey.
 - Plan to revisit this next month after FF response.

5. New business:

5.1 FF stipend program for recruiting.

- Mr. Patton and Dr. Kinnard are recused. Mr. Patton is merely facilitating this meeting. Ms. Carlon asked that this be added to the agenda.
- Due to the decline in volunteers this should be added to the agenda, noting that next month there could be new members.
- Mr. Agar thinks this should be added to next month's meeting.
- Chief DiFeo requested that this be added as an agenda item.
- Mr. Agar asked that it be deferred until after election results because right now there is no urgency. This should be decided when final board is set before we move forward.
- Mr. Trost agrees that it should be open to the next board.
- Chief DiFeo countered that from an operations standpoint this is urgent.

- Chief DiFeo maintained that with some volunteers having moved out of district and spending gas money to come up here, we are not providing any compensation other than LOSAP. They are looking at moving to a different FD where they could be given fuel reimbursement. The stipend program is a good investment.
- \$8-10K that we aren't budgeted for so this should be for the next board.
 - Looking ahead, if we come in on budget and include the fact that we have \$10K in contingency, that magnitude of funding is not out of the question.
 - Questioned what the plan is for an assistant chief, for training, etc.
 - Chief DiFeo's position is concern regarding retention of FFs.
- Mr. Trost agrees that the Board should support this for 6 months.
- From Treasurer's standpoint: max cost would be \$7200 for the year so a 6 month commitment would be \$3600.
- Two options: 1) plan for May and vote then or 2) support a 6 month pilot program implementation retroactive to the first of the year as long as we are confident that we can keep it going.
- Reiterated this is a retention issue.
- One board member call dropped so we need to postpone this since we need 3 members to vote (Mr. Patton and Dr. Kinnard recused themselves). Ms. Carlon will set up a special board meeting since Mr. Patton is recused.

6. Other Business:

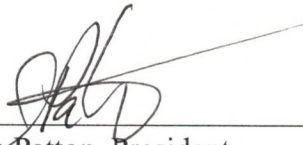
- 6.1. Election issue reminder: new members need to be sworn in before the May meeting. They need the affidavit before the May meeting. Patton will research this with SDA.
- 6.2. Dr. Kinnard reflected this board may not meet together again in May. A round of appreciation and thank yous for the support, hard work, and going beyond the call of duty to support the community and FD. Regardless of the election results, we have 2 FF retirements to celebrate as soon as it becomes possible post-pandemic

7. Adjournment

- Sam Patton adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 21, 2020 via conference call at 7:00 pm.

END

Minutes approved by:



 Sam Patton, President