

Fort Ellis Fire Foundation

Public Meeting

Fort Ellis Fire Service Area Board of Trustees

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fort Ellis Fire Department

Officers Present:

President Todd Kaiser, Vice President Norbert Hackl, Treasurer Gerald Groggel

Members Present

Jaelyn Liebscher, Graham Goff

Guests

Lola Dunmire & Vanessa Skelton (via Zoom)

Chief Present

Chief Mike Cech (via. Zoom)

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm

Secretary Report

The minutes from the December board meeting were issued via email and each board member acknowledged receipt. Gerry moved to approve the minutes. Norbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report

The December 2023 YTD financial report was issued via email and presented at the meeting. There was discussion on the expenses and the Balance Sheet. Gerry moved to approve the Financial Report for the Foundation. Norbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Very little activity.

Discussion on Food and rehab. It was decided that it will stay in the FSA budget.

Station Cleaning with also go to the FSA.

Discussion on the purpose of the Foundation after the building is built.

More discussion on firefighter gear, and the Newsletter coming from the Corporation.

Recruitment and retention to Foundation

Capitol Campaign

Reported by Vanessa Skelton with Bannack Group.

Preparing to present to State Farm next week.

Results from the first mailer and are hoping to do another mailer this spring.

Media stories with Bozeman Health's \$25,000 donation, Vanessa will share those with the Board.

Murdoch, Vanessa will be working on this ask.

Working with UPS, FedEx and Amazon.

FEMA grant opened recently for Rescue equipment for MVAs on I -90, Mike is getting an estimate on the needed tools from Curtis.

Next year will ask for a FEMA grant for a new fire truck.

Town Pump grants opened recently. We may be able to apply for two grants for the building and equipment.

Working on grants with the Gary Sienese Foundation and LOI.

Community application submitted to Target.

BNSF has been submitted and are waiting for the results.

FEMA grant is due February 10th.

Trying to get in the loop with the FEDS for where some other funding can be found.

Working with Bear canyon along with other neighborhoods currently.

Talking with Tim Sheehy with Bridger Aerospace for fire equipment, and building.

Give Big is on International Firefighters Day this year. Would like to do a match with businesses east of town or in the district for the new station. Would like a list of Businesses from the Board of who they may know and would like to participate.

Will utilize the Outreach Committee to get this going. Would like to try to have a presence in town during Give Big. Maybe have some fire trucks downtown with a place to donate along with kid's truck tour.

Board opinions on business outreach for Give Big included:

-Exxon on E main owned by Super Pumper; Norbert can try to get contact info.

-Owner of Casey corner,

-Star One- Vanessa will be talking with them.

- Empire already working with R&R Taylor for supplies.

- Bear Canyon and Sunrise KOA

-Gallatin Subaru & Audi- owned by Ressler, Billings Clinic,

-Best Practice Medicine- Buck is working with them on donations and in-kind donations for training and the training room.

- Discussion on the funds raised and how much we have in hand.
- Billings Clinic discussion.

Morrison and Maierle would like to do something.

Yellowstone Processing donation

Mesa acquired Mergenthaler. Moving discussion.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 pm

Next board meeting Thursday, January 19, 2023 @ 7:00 pm at the station with the option for the Community to join in via. Zoom.