

**October 7th 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Called to Order: 19:04

Accept previous minutes as posted, motion Bieker, second Rod.

Presidents Report:

Eckert reports,

New contract is in effect, and will be seeing wage change. Keep an eye out and double check it.

More movement on the closest unit this month. More to come, shouldn't speak too soon.

Convention recap. Good event, thanks for sending. Lots happened, a couple cliff note highlights of some resolutions passed. Issues with delinquent locals can now be dealt with via conservatorship. EDF funding increased twenty seven cents, was getting run down. Ladies auxiliary defunct and gone. Motion to limit outside spending on campaigns failed, reasoning being that it would too heavily favor incumbents and their ability to stump while on official paid for business. Adopted bill of rights for members doing human testing. Funding to research cancer in children of firefighters. Iaff wide organ donation request service brought by great falls. Funded a female health and wellness committee. Added additional IAFF medical director role, workload with expert testimony demanded help. Subject matter expert board for NTSB issues established. Two cents per cap for developing and organizing new locals. Funding for lobbying early access to medicare. Two cents coming back per cap for defunct programs. ALTS, Redmond, HR and EMS conventions will be combined into one summit. GIS dept funding increased. Good debate, good work, good time. Next convention Arlington 2026. Per cap increases will be absorbed in our budget.

Treasurer's Report:

None, Paul absent

Committee Reports:

Insurance:

None, Judge was out of town

Safety:

None, reminder this is Hiltenbrand, Freji, Loney. Get at them with issues if you've got them.

Health/Wellness:

McCormick notes senior status season, reach out to a PFT if you want to do the WFI Assessment.

Eckert notes Skin cancer screening in Riverstone at the dermatology office on the 12th.

Galleria test, still probably worthwhile, but only a moment in time captured. Some talk about it at convention, some folks getting cancers after getting tested, does not disprove legitimacy of test.

Charity:

Hiltensbrand reports, the committee voted to cut a check for \$500 for a Spirit Lake FF who had a hip surgery, hardtimes, and some delay getting back on the line. The foundation is poised to pick up insurance and rent costs until he is back on the line.

Bieker notes it's possible to deduct from your paycheck to donate to the foundation, a nice way of doing it and a worthy cause, many of us do 5\$ monthly.

PAC:

Houston reports, light month. Elections looming. Absentee ballots are out. Know how to vote, reach out with any questions. Paying attention to the city council vacancy. Applicants will be reviewed within the next two weeks, rumor is 7-9 applicants.

1st District:

Bieker reports lots of opportunities for training in union work, if you are interested, reach out and get involved. Heading to Boise soon for an E-board retreat. Northside fire approved for a safer grant they will be going from one per shift to three, pretty cool. Lewiston is going through it. Negotiations woes, binding arbitration in their contract, went through arbitration, city digging feet in despite *binding*.

Communications:

Tolan reports, nothing new. Continue sharing photos and stuff.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Eckert, heads up ALTS in New Orleans January 8th. Last stand alone alts. Good venue.

McCormick Motions to donate 1k to IAFF Foundation in wake of hurricane Helene, notes IAFF has solicited donations for the foundation and noted that there had been many requests already from fellow members who have lost homes with more expected. Foundation has several arms, one of which is disaster relief. Foundation money goes specifically to IAFF members.

Bieker seconds motion

Some discussion follows with Church clarifying money goes to members and Sutherland speaking in favor.

Unanimous pass.

Good and welfare:

Bieker, thanks to Tolan for successfully organizing our first annual back to school food drive. Lots of positive interactions.

Tolan, thanks to all those who participated in the food drive. Shout out to Kelan for keeping it running. Brought in \$1062 and about 1k pounds of food.

Rod, congrats in order with Holbrook retiring and also two promotions, Lind to BC and Thaxton to captain. Hiltenbrand notes Holbrook's last shift the 11th, say goodbye and keep ears open for a potential shop party or something.

Sutherland makes mention that maybe we should consider if some sort of work needs to be done for a buffalo tune up.

Eckert notes, lots of levies around here. Timberlake, NLF, Hauser. Be aware of what you're voting on.

Move to adjourn

Motion Sutherland, second Church

19:47

