

Foreign Fire Tax Board Meeting Minutes

Quarterly Meeting

March 7th, 2024 Oswego Fire

Station 1 @ 0800

Meeting Called to Order:

0800 by Paul Gal(roll call)

Present: Deputy Chief Flanders, P. Gal, J. Heiss, M. Pavlacka, T. Taylor

Absent: Chief Cornish

Late arrivals: B. Seggebruch (0812), B. Cihak (0818)

Visitors: D. Eichholzer, R. Marshall, M. Tinker

Approval of Agenda: Motion by M. Pavlacka, Second by P. Gal.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by J. Heiss, Second by M. Pavlacka

Open Forum/Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Chairman's Report: Members who received an Economic Statement form, Please fill out and submit as soon as possible.

Treasure's Report: Updated that the bank we use switch names from First Allied to ServBank. See treasure's report for further information.

Old Business:

Leather Work Gloves: Order completed and gloves dispersed to members. Budget agreed and voted on used to its max.

Sunglasses: Order completed and dispersed to members. Cases have been ordered and currently being distributed. Money left in the voted upon budget will be used for new hires.

Coffee: Budget was increased for demand on coffee.

Pocket Calendars: Order completed and dispersed accordingly. If anyone is in need of a calendar, please reach out to a foreign fire member.

Station 1 Table: Progress is slowly advancing. All materials have been ordered and acquired.

New Business:

Additional Leather Gloves: \$2000 budget proposed for the purpose of restocking and any future needs. Motion by B. Seggebruch to approve a \$2000 budget for restocking of leather gloves. Second by M. Pavlacka. Motion passed 6-0

Red Shirts: \$2500 budget proposed for restock and future needs. Motion by B. Cihak for a \$2500 budget to be used for red shirt restock and future needs. Second by B. Seggebruch. Motion passed 6-0

Bay Floor Coat Racks: More information needed. Motion by B. Seggebruch to table the topic for the next meeting. Second by M. Pavlacka. Motion passed 6-0

Station Kitty: Purpose is for Foreign Fire to take over funding for each station's kitty/house funds and no longer have members paying out of pocket. Goal is to keep spending organized with purchase of basic spices and condiments. Foreign Fire to have four logins with Sam's Club and designated one guy from each station to keep up on the needs. Foreign Fire agrees to cover expenditures for each station beginning in May and through the rest of the year. Foreign Fire will then discuss future budget needs for a full year basis. Funding is calculated based on staffing at each station and based on what each member currently pays per month.

Motion to approve \$2400 for station one, \$1440 for station two and three, and \$720 for station 4 by M. Pavlacka. Second by P. Gal. Motion passed 7-0

Fitness Shoes: Proposed by P. Gal to allow members the opportunity to obtain new fitness shoes. Foreign Fire would again use DNA Active Lifestyle Outfitters in Plainfield. Motion by P. Gal to purchase shoes for the organization and not to exceed a budget of \$12,000. Second by M. Pavlacka. Motion passed 7-0. Email will be sent to all members when the four week window will open for members to go get their shoes.

Peloton Bikes: Proposed by B. Seggebruch to purchase one peloton bike for each station. Bikes would come with a commercial package and are equipped with a 23" rotating tablet. This tablet will allow stat tracking and gives members other options of fitness such as free weight workouts, yoga, stretching, etc.. Motion by B. Seggebruch to purchase four peloton bikes with commercial packages with three year subscriptions and not to exceed \$18,000. Second by M. Pavlacka. Motion passed 7-0

Office chair wheels: Purpose is to replace the wheels on the chairs in station one's kitchen to allow easier rolling across the tile floor and lessen the chance of any damage to the chairs. 12 chairs accounted for that will need their wheels replaced.

Motion by P. Gal to purchase clear wheel sets for the 12 chairs at station one and not to exceed \$250. Second by J. Heiss. Motion passed 7-0

Upcoming Elections: FFIB will be holding an election for two board positions. P. Gal and M. Pavlacka have completed their three year term. If you are interested in becoming an elected member, please notify foreign fire via email by March 12th. The election will take place beginning March 18th and end on March 20th. Battalion Chiefs will be coming around with the box to collect votes. If you are not on shift for any of

these dates, please email Lt. Kearns with your vote. If you have any questions, please contact a current member.

Other Matters: There has been some conflicting information with some proposals made that may be confusing to the members of the department. FFIB agrees that the board needs to be more transparent with giving out information and keeping members of the department more up to date. By no means does the FFIB want members to feel discouraged or hesitant when submitting proposals. All proposals are looked through thoroughly and if an item does not make the agenda, it may be due to other avenues of purchasing.

Adjournment: Motion by B. Seggebruch. Second by M. Pavlack. Motion passed 0925.