PRESQUE ISLE COMMUNITY MEN’S CLUB

Meeting Minutes Dec 7, 2017

Opening: Meeting called to order at 9:00 with 22 members and guests.

 Opening song Jay Kettler

 Pledge of Allegiance Les Fissette

 Prayer Les Fissette

Introduction of newcomers and guests: President – Les Fissette

Program – Dawn Barrett- God Loves You Food Pantry

 Service those who are in the poverty level

 Servicing more seniors lately, several other programs help families as well

 Needs always include fresh produce, dairy and fruit

 This is the 6th year of their operation; supported by donations and grants

 More volunteers are needed, especially drivers with a truck or trailer to go to St Vincent’s to pick up food orders every other Monday and bring to the chapel. Volunteers will be at chapel to unload the boxes. Packers are also needed to prepare orders for folks to pick up.

 Volunteers must take a 1 hour training class.

 There is now a 9-county supervisor based in Alpena coordinating all the food pantries

 1 semi truck full of food would feed about 400 families – costs $1200; smaller truckload costs $800 and would feed about 250 families. Must have 30 active volunteers to qualify for a semi load.

 Pick-up times are 11:30 at the chapel; volunteers release the food and may help load it, but loading is not a requirement

 $24,000 yearly income is the qualifying amount for recipients, lay-offs can be an exception

 Occasionally when someone is sick, a delivery may be made

 Distributions happen on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month

 Food packers work at 9am Wednesday, Distributors work at 11 on those days

 Currently pantry is servicing 16 client families; usually more in the winter than summer because of seasonal layoffs

 Donations of non-perishable food items are welcome from the community

 Thanks to PICMC for support over the past 6 years.

Program #2 – Presque Isle Township Fire Department

 Larry Fields, township supervisor gave a brief history of the township fire departments

 Dick Nowak, chairperson of the fire Commission

 Bill Forbush, Alpena and Presque Isle Fire Chief was very instrumental in bringing the department to life

 17 volunteers, most are liscensed first responders or EMT’s

 Department was put together with donations

 Federal surplus, other fire departments gave surplus equipment, DNR, PI Fire purchased tanker for 10% of its value from Byron Twp.

 54 calls since activated

 Daytime calls are hardest to cover since most volunteers work day shifts

 Momentum is there to support the department

 All are welcome to stop by to visit any time a vehicle is parked at the station

 Current list of needs always changes as various things are acquired

 Beginning Dec 12, Presque Isle dispatch will begin dispatching both PI departments

 Members made several comments thanking Chief Forbush and all first responders for their dedicated service

50/50 Drawing -run by Bob Beres; won by Morley Kellog AGAIN!!!! $17.00

Break at 9:40

Business Reports and Meeting Set-up

 December is the time to pay up $12.00 or next year’s membership

 Minutes- Nov, 2017 Secretary-Jay Kettler

 Bill Fay’s name is spelled with an “a” not an “e”

 Minutes approved as corrected - Hellmuth/Cameron PASSED

 Financial Report Treasurer-Bill Fay

 $23,125.00 so far in ad sales for the new directory; several checks still to come in.

 Approved as presented - Lutes /Velat PASSED

 Set-up for Jan, 2018 Jay Kettler + L. Fissette

 Set-Up for Feb, 2018 Kurt Aufschlager + C. Phipps

Committee Reports

Project Evaluation Committee-Morley Kellogg-Chairman

 Presque Isle Twp Fire Department – requested $1000.00, committee recommended $500; Kettler/T Velat moved $1000.00 PASSED

Health and Family Committee-Bob Beres –Chairman

 Bob Hunt and Tom Dege both passed away in November

 2 Memorial contributions will be sent by the treasurer

 Bill Fay is in the hospital with breathing problems Room 2640B

Stan Paavola passed away a few days ago

 Scholarship Committee- Tim Lutes

 Very little to report, phone calls will be made to counselors in the next week to solicit applications. Question about where transcript requirement is listed—will be added to a 2nd place on the form.

Old Business

 Flower Bed at corner 638 and Grand Lake Rd.-Spring 2018

 County Road Commission owns the land where it is located.

 Men’s club initially installed the telephone poles and planter

 Most of the flowers in the bed are perenials, so they take care of themselves

 48 telephone poles are sunk into the ground, several of which have begun rotting and are not stable.

 Committee was formed to research costs; Les Fissette & Bart Hellmuth will serve on the committee

New Business

 John Vogelheim has gone South for the winter, so there is no one setting up speakers after this January. Les asked for help in planning speakers for future meetings. Some suggestions were made.

 Jerry Cameron was appointed to the Project Evaluation committee in place of Paul Melcheck.

 A discussion about printing of the new directory gave guidance to those in charge of contact with prospective printers.

Announcements

Meeting Adjourned at 10:35