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***Rogue Valley Professional Fire Fighters***

**IAFF Local 1817**

Minutes - Union Meeting

September 9th, 2025, at 6:00 PM, Via Zoom videoconference

**ATTENDANCE**

 **E-Board Members Present**: Brian Anders, Brian Simonsen, Neil Clooney, Joey Forrest

 **Members Present**: Andy C, Garrett B, Charles S, Bryan C, Ben K, Caleb E, Jacob R, Adam C, Travis L, Corbin L, Jason A, Evan C, Garrett T, Jared H, Mark T, Jake P, Scott D, Damon H, Chad L, Jordan V

Meeting Called to Order 1805

**Approval of Minutes** No approval of July minutes.

**Action Items:**

None.

**Discussion Items:**

 **50.1 Treasurer Update:**

Financial assets; $199,116

We have $59,000 in certs and Joey explored options for this to be invested. He contacted Scott capital and had a preliminary interview with valuable feedback. This investment group has a good track record with labor unions.

Any additional questions should be directed at Joey.

The motion by Court to have Chaplin Myers stipend was approved in Mays meeting.

Joey has spoken to our accountant Tami and was advised we would have to 1099 him and him be subjected to taxes. Chaplin Myers has since been removed from his duties as a Chaplin serving on calls and his service has been reduced to station visits. We are exploring options of making a donation to his church and obtaining the stipend that way.

November is the budget approval meeting, any members that would like to get ideas/projects funded should contact Joey to get on the agenda.

 **50.2 E-Board Updates**:

We have an ongoing discussion with Admin about TFL deployment and have filed a DTB, there has been some back and forth and we are waiting for one last justification for their case. If unsatisfactory we will be filing an ULP. This will be a lengthy process of approx. 6-12 months and decided by the state.

Mark asked if there was a plan as to what we would be bargaining and informed them there is no game plan as of yet.

Jared H asked if qualifications counted in the Firefighter position and was informed that the TFL applies to AIC BC/BC and above.

Brian bought up the mistake admin made by approving OT for the Engineer academy and then rescinded. The Union will be taking no ownership of this situation currently.

Evan voiced his frustration that the district should be supporting its members in development for a need they have and be compensated for that.

Jared H concurred with Evan and mentioned “It’s not an underwater basket weaving contest in Las Vegas”, this is a need the department has and is mandatory its participants to be present.

Evan mentioned that not all participants have been mandatory to be there.

Brain acknowledged these were all valid points and discussion is ongoing.

Mark mentioned that even now there is no past practice, this is a new academy and an opportunity to bring change.

 **Old Business:**

No old business

**Good of the Order:**

No additional business

**Adjournment:**

Brain asked for the meeting to be adjourned, Garrett B motioned the adjournment and Andy C seconded it at 1858.

Approved by, Submitted by,



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 President – Brian Anders Secretary – Neil Clooney