Rogue Valley Fire Fighters

IAFF Local 1817

Professional

Minutes - Union Meeting

November 10th at 6:00 PM, Via Zoom videoconference and in person at Scenic

ATTENDANCE

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

Members Present: Jared H, Mark T, TJ L, Jason A, Eric M, Ben K, Levi S, Aaron B, Jesse K, Chad L, Ethan M, Garret B, John H, Adam C, Jared N, Travis L, Ben K, Andy C, Jake P, Jake R,

Meeting Called to Order 18.08

Approval of Minutes September's meeting minutes was motioned to approve by Jason A and seconded by Garret B.

Approved by all present.

Action Items:

40.1 2027 Budget presentation by Joey F comparing 2026 numbers to 2027 projected numbers assuming we have a 5% COLA increase as all dues, Eboard salaries are determined on the E step firefighter wage.

Joey F went over every line item with detail explaining the difference between 2026 and 2027. The biggest change will be the 21 new members added, which will increase our revenue but also our expenses in paying OSFM and IAFF membership dues. The budget is projected to have a $13775 surplus or 10% of our income.

The budget will be posted on the Local website, and voting will open at 0000hrs 11/11 for 10 days.

Mark T asked about 2596 retirees and if they have a budget line for them. Brian A said he didn't know if they did.

Joey F presented the budget with the added VP and 2 negotiators, and it added approximately $13,000 and effectively made our surplus $0.

Voting will only be for the budget without the added positions.

Discussion Items:

50.1 Treasurer Update:

Rogue Credit Union $104,618

Scott Capital $101,376

The $43,600 from Eighties bank account will be released soon, and most of that money will be moved into the Scott capital investment fund.

Brian A pointed out that it was probably 25k that was deposited back then and with moderate returns reached 43k. If it had been placed in an index fund, it would have been closer to 4.25 million!

As always, our budget is live on the local website

50.2 E-Board Updates:

Brian A informed us that there was a mistake in the seniority ranking of 4 2596 members and has since been rectified by comparing the civil service list. It doesn't impact 1817 members as the 4 members were hired together.

The IGA passed unanimously by both boards.

Brian A would like to table an additional VP for the EBoard in January's meeting which will be Brady Graham. Eric M asked if this was because of a workload issue. Brain A said no it was more so to help with the merger and to give the incoming members a face on the board they are used to talking to. Eric M asked how it would work with the bylaws and the rules regarding members being nominated and voted in. Brian A said that during the presented motion there can be amendments bought forward in discussion as to what that motion looks like. VP salary is $10,972.

Mark T asked about 2596 bank balance and how much they are bringing over to contribute to their new local.

Joey F stated he had called Tony Halley and has yet to receive a definite answer, with only being told they've had a lot of unforeseen expenses.

Brian A stated that the transfer of funds needs to be discussed with D5 asap but believes it could be in the region of 60k.

Garret B stated that he would like to know the financial situation of 2596 before we vote.

Brain A said he would also like to add 2 2596 members to the negotiating team. He acknowledged that 7 negotiators are a lot and that can be adjusted in the motion presentation.

Garret B said he doesn't believe that adding these extra members will provide more value.

Mark T agrees that 7 is too many and all members come January 1st are FD3 and at that point the current negotiating team is negotiating for all members.

Brian A agreed that was a fair sentiment.

Joey F suggested a special meeting be held before January's meeting with the VP and negotiator's motion on it. It was agreed that this is a good idea.

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Jason A asked to move the discussion points about general BC office questions to January's meeting, so the new members are present, and it will be more impactful for them to hear about department polices.

Old Business:

Ben K and Jake R are exploring the reopening of the 501c3 non-profit that was initiated and voted on to pass 5/14/2024. This non-profit is where donations can be made by the public that can be used to support local charities or our fellow firefighters that doesn't impact the union. These donations are tax deductible.

Mark T wanted to clarify that this wouldn't be affected by our current policy about donations to stations. Jake R said the non-profit is a separate entity with its own board and creates separation between the local and the non-profit.

Ben K stated that lots of other departments have these, and they are a good way to provide support to fellow firefighters and families. He will present a motion for it at Januarys meeting

Good of the Order:

TJ L said there is an Easter Egg hunt for emergency services on 3/7/27 probably at Rogue X, and he will provide ways to participate and donate in the future.

Adjournment:

Garret B makes a motion to adjourn, Andy C seconds

Meeting adjourned 19.12

Brian A said he will make finding out about 2596 funds a priority and plan for a special meeting in December.

Approved by,



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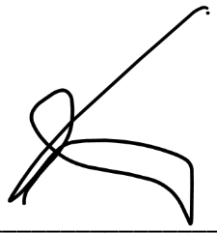
President – Brian Anders

Submitted by,



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Secretary – Neil Clooney