

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY

BOARD MEETING

September 12, 2016

PRESENT: B. Dieffenbacher, C. Hoyt, B. Bealo, W. Miga, K. Miga, D. Dieffenbacher

NOT PRESENT: K. Battaglini

Bob brought up some of the problems we are having with the physical process at Lourdes. Wes said that he has been working with the staff at Lourdes to try to address the issues and feels that we are on a path to improvement. Lourdes has asked that each member bring a letter to his/her appointment saying what that member specifically needs in terms of the physical exam and testing, so that there will be no confusion. We will start the process with the new members who are coming on board and will see how it goes. Wes has a network of people at Lourdes whom he is in contact with; if we see any problems with billing or otherwise, we should let Wes know.

Chris brought up a question regarding the process for resignation, as Adam Holton plans to resign. While reviewing the process in the bylaws, we came to the conclusion that the bylaw addressing the process of resignation is unnecessarily complicated. Karen will propose a bylaw change to the bylaw committee so that hopefully we can vote on this change at the October meeting.

OSHA training e-mail did not go out by the end of July. Bob says that he still has to work with our insurance company regarding this. He says that the insurance company came out with a lot of new material and he wants to see if there is anything in the new material that will address everything all at once instead of piecemeal. Wes said that this issue needs to be resolved ASAP as the end of the year is quickly approaching. Bob said that he still has to determine who needs what classes. Wes said that the list with the names of the people who attended the 6-hour OSHA course taught by Jeff Winchell is in the back room at Station 2. Also the training sheets have the OSHA topics addressed during training. They are in the binder in the board room at Station 1. Kim Greenlee has offered to help keep track of the hours, but we need a system in place to track all of the hours from the various sources. Bob will come up with a reasonable proposal to get us to the end of the year. We will keep discussing this via e-mail.

Chris said that the truck committee is at a standstill regarding ordering the new truck; there is a disagreement over the size of the compartments/length of the truck. There are four people on the committee and they are split 2/2 and cannot come to an agreement. Wes recommended getting feedback from the membership in regards to this issue. Chris said that we have until November to place the order before the new (higher) prices kick in.

Bill brought up the audit results. We discussed the issue with our dependence on Alice. Wes does not like the wording of the letter sent by the auditors; he believes that it sounds like we

have a problem with checks and balances. Wes believes that we have a redundancy problem rather than a fiscal integrity problem. We will set up a meeting between the audit committee, board, and Scott Hotalen and this is one of the items to be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Miga