

## MINUTES

### Society of Friends and Family of Gibbons Volunteer Fire Dept.

DATE AND TIME:	October 6, 2020	<b>Distribution:</b>
LOCATION:	Gibbons Fire Hall	GFD members/website
ATTENDEES:	Attendance list attached at bottom	
Adoption of the Minutes:	Cameron Pinault	Call to order: 19:50
Adoption of the agenda:	Leah and Linden	Additions to the Agenda: Kids Christmas Party Kory's Newborn

#### Ongoing Business:

- Treasurer Report - Dylan
  - Savings - 13998.37
  - General - 9705.97
  - Total - 2,3962.91
    - Total is up to date excluding the Geoff Jones scholarship
    - (-\$2000.00)
- Geoff Jones Scholarship –Leah
  - Susan Jones and Chris Jones are being contacted to present
  - Scheduled to be delivered at the October 28, 2020 Council meeting at 7:00 pm
  - Eric will contact Mix and the Free Press to try and arrange press.
  - Leah and Chelsea (?) will be present to represent the fire department.
- 50/50 Raffle update- Erin
  - As an update, the raffle is still being pushed through. On the final stage with the banking and paper submissions. i.e. Licensing

- The raffle replaced the grocery raffle we discussed doing because we should make more money of the raffle considering the low overhead. Once tickets are ready, they will be distributed electronically and pushed through.
  - Note: in the future- chatters may be a good place to request a donation from (Leah as the contact).
  - Q- Leah asked about interprovincial sales
    - A- all sales have to follow typical AGLC rules. No out of province sales, 18 plus, name on card is owner of ticket.

## **New Business:**

- Casino- October 9 & 10:
  - Overview:
    - Casino pays for so much stuff. Leather boots, training and general equipment, etc. We receive a total of 20,000.00 (approx.)
    - The casino is the Century Casino in St. Albert.
  - Schedule Confirmation (Will)
    - Chantelle will cover for Savannah if necessary.
    - If you have to change get a hold of Dylan or Will.
  - Eric will take all of the applicable forms with him on Friday.
    - Bring the Casino license and the un-filled casino volunteer forms
  - Rules:
    - No Drinking, No Drugs, No Gambling
    - Be at least 15 minutes early
    - Food and drinks (non-alcoholic) will be free for workers. Show up before the kitchen closes if you work the night shift and would like real supper, otherwise it's bar food. Will or Dylan will confirm but kitchen usually closes at 11:00 pm.
    - Any other Covid rules will be sent out if necessary
  - Attire:
    - Wear your Gibbons Fire Department T shirt with Jeans.
    - Masks will likely be worn.
- Fire Pay/ Dues:
  - Overview: In the past, \$5.00 from every hour of a fire fighters county pay is donated to the Association. This money is used to pay for events, parties, equipment, uniforms, and anything else we as a group think we need.
  - The Association wants to move to a flat rate monthly due system. Members would donate \$25.00 a month starting Jan 1, 2021.
  - Benefits:
    - Sporadic fire pay may affect association budget.

- Most people will benefit and receive more of a pay out
  - Questions:
    - Q- Will the \$25.00 per month still give the association enough money to cover costs?
      - A: depends on fiscal responsibility but we believe so. We intend to continue to apply for grants and donations as much as possible to help offset the cost.
    - Q- Will people who work out of town for large periods of time be obligated to continue paying the dues?
    - Q- Can we set up re-occurring monthly withdrawals for EFT's?
    - Q- Will the dues be tax deductible (similar to unions)?
    - Q- In the past, the Society act did not allow us to request dues from some members? Will this be different because it's all or nothing or due to verbiage, etc.? How?
  - Will Benson put forward a motion to vote to amend the Bylaws and move to the dues system, provided the society act allows it. Questions will be answered in the November meeting.
    - Seconded by Cameron Pinault
      - Silent Vote:
        - 13 yes
        - 1 No
        - 1 Spoiled
    - Motion passed.
- Adult/Kids Christmas Party
  - Due to Covid restrictions- it isn't clear how/ if we will be able to have a party or not. Adult or Children's parties may not be possible. Currently we think we may need to combine the parties or have a restricted guest list. It's not clear how things will be but we want to try to plan something.
    - As a group we will plan the party tentatively, but be prepared for some possible changes, i.e. dry party, combined party, etc.
    - Tentatively the party will be booked for November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Gibbons Cultural Centre. The committee will look into finding a caterer with a solid cancellation policy.
    - Will have more information in November.
- Halloween Candy:
  - The department is planning on handing out Candy on Halloween again this year. Vote to spend \$300 on Candy.
    - Motion by Dylan Wells
    - Seconded by Leah
    - Passed unanimously
- Gift for Kory's newborn:

- Kory is an old member who continues to volunteer to train the department in medical calls. She recently gave birth and the association will send her a \$ 100.00 gift in accordance with Bylaws.
- Dylan Wells moved to increase the gift value to a total of \$250.00.
- Seconded by Jon Fulton
  - Vote to spend \$250 on Kory's baby gift.
  - Passed unanimously
  - Erin and Dylan will arrange.

Motion to adjourn: Leah and Dave- 20:41

Attendance:

- Will (V.S)
- Syreena
- Chantelle (V.S)
- Jason (V.S)
- Michael
- Chelsea (V.S)
- Dallas (V.S)
- Chase
- Curtis
- John (V.S)
- Jamie
- Richard (V.S)
- Zach
- Eric (V.S)
- David (V.S)
- Leah (V.S)
- Jordan (V.S)
- Kris
- Linden (V.S)
- Cameron (V.S)
- Dylan (V.S)
- Erin (V.S)



Will Benson  
President



Chelsea Drangsholt  
Vice President

