

**FRIENDS OF TOWNSEND FIRE
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY JANUARY 18, 2025 9:30AM
LOCATION: TOWNSEND FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING ROOM**

ATTENDEES: Deb Franzen Dee Johnson Dawn Herlache Dacon Franzen
Kevn Osadjan Dean VanderHeiden Kathy Karagianis Tom Karagianis Wanda Laste

Wanda Laste, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32am.

Motion made to Approve the Saturday December 21, 2024 FOTF Membership meeting minutes WITH correction of stating “November” meeting in the Date reminders... by Deb Franzen, seconded by Dawn Herlache. Motion carried.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OLD BUSINESS:

-TFD meeting room new floor looks great!

-TFD Recognition Plaque names are being verified as more files of names & information were found.

-If you have any suggestions or ideas of what else to put on the FOTF Website, Calendar of Events or FB page, please contact Anita. Raffle Drawing to be added to the Calendar.

-Grant Writing Crew submitted 2 requests recently. Pending responses to our submissions. If you are interested in attending the next Grant Writing meeting contact Wanda or Ray S.

-Can Run last week brought in just over \$300. Thank you Joe, Kevin, Chris, Bruce, Chuck, Dacon, Frank and Dee for showing up on such a cold day!

-Visit the FOTF Online Store linked to the FOTF website. *Our supplier is considering shutting down our Store due to low purchasing volume.* If you are interested in purchasing a FOTF item, please do so. FOTF Board has discussed possibly ordering a bulk of tshirts, hoodies, etc to have available at our events. Membership liked the idea. To be discussed further at next Board meeting.

-If anyone is interested in putting on the new Sparky the Fire Pup costume for an event, please let Wanda or Anita know.

-Townsend Fire Department tour & demonstration of some tools and equipment purchased through efforts of FOTF for FOTF members will take place in April or May. More info to come.

FINANCIALS:

-Treasurer Deb F reported that FOTF recently received TWO donations. An anonymous donation of \$1000 and a donation from AARP Nicolet Chapter. Thank you!!!

-FOTF is looking to have their books Audited. This is by no means saying that we are questioning the FOTF bookkeeping but more so showing that we want to stay open & comfortable with how our books are being held. If you know of an Auditor or maybe even your tax preparer, please ask them if they have an interest in reviewing our financial records. We would like to collect names and have the Audit *scheduled* by the Annual meeting in April.

-Membership was advised of an Approved Funds Request for a Training Conference for TFD member Dean VanderHeiden. Learn Lots Dean!

-Membership made a Motion to Donate the TV Package recently purchased by the Town for the new Town Hall meeting room. Motion made by Dean V, seconded by Dacon. Carried. Motion to be presented to the Board.

EVENTS:

-Whether or not to hold the Free Community Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday March 8th as discussed at the December meeting. After discussion it was decided by the members to **NOT** hold the event at this time. Various reasons such as low volunteering due to many members traveling to warmer destinations and possibility of unfavorable weather that time of year were mentioned.

-DayLight Savings Cash Raffle is still on!!! Deb handed out cover letter and raffle ticket samples for the membership to review & comment on. Great Job Deb!! SubCommittee meeting immediately following the regular meeting to review this more in detail.

-It was brought to FOTFs attention that there might be a 'music in the park' day at Oughton Park this summer. This might be something for FOTF to utilize as a fund raiser or just to support. More info to come as this idea develops.

DATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Saturday Feb 15th 9:30am: FOTF February Membership Meeting

Saturday March 8th 6pm: DayLight Savings Cash Raffle Drawing (tentative)

Watch for emails for a Stuffing Day!!

Motion made to Adjourn by Dean V, seconded by Kathy K. Motion carried. Adjourned 10:25am.

(Meeting minutes submitted by Wanda Laste, Chair. (In the absence of Secretary Anita Szyszkiewicz.)

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