

Blue Ridge Fire Department Auxiliary

Minutes for July 8, 2023 Meeting

In Attendance: Karol Cannizzaro, Karen Foster, Jerilyn Grant, Linda Hammer, Laurie Hawke, Donna Hawkins, Renae Henderson, Mary Levine, Susie Lutz, Cindy Perelli, Vicky Scott, Beverly Westgaard

1. Meeting was called to order at: 10:00 AM by Chair Linda Hammer

2. The minutes were read for the June 3, 2023 meeting.

A. Beverly moved, and Cindy seconded approval of the minutes.

B. The minutes were approved as read.

2. Financial Report:

A. Cindy Perelli presented the financial report for July 2023

i. Savings has \$15,903.74

ii. Checking has \$21,761.47

iii. Total is \$37,665.21 as if June 30, 2023

iv. \$16,785.46 has been deposited to checking in July,

v. Withdrawn from checking \$2,457.84, for a to-date total of \$36,089.09

vi. July Sale proceeds \$14,986.46

vii. Beverly moved, and Susie seconded approval of the Financial Report

viii. Motion was approved.

3. **Old Business:**

A. July Fourth Arts and Crafts Sale Recap and Needs for Labor Day Sale

Overall, please consider volunteering, especially on sale days!

Bake sale—Karen Not as many donations as last year, but it sold quickly; More pies are needed

Firedog Café—

Breakfast—Susie--Needs someone else to take over. Very time consuming to cook everything

About half of those who help are Starlighters. Sold out (400); Labor Day need help Maybe make 350; people are needed to heat burritos, firefighters helped to heat burritos.

Lunch –Linda--Sold more than normally, crew worked effectively.

Discussion about raising prices (\$6 for meal deal); Raise prices a dollar across the board

Raffle--Mary \$741 at sale which is good. \$265 for membership; Thank you Karol for sending out the letter and Becky helped at the table the entire time.

Prizes and donations—Becky Still working on getting additional prizes

Vendors—Linda Additional space was beneficial, traffic flowed well. (26 vendors) May have additional vendors for Labor Day

Coffee—Laurie-- \$41 isn't much, but it was a hot day. Received compliments on the coffee.

Cashiers/Paypal—Mary Brock thanks to Sharon Carey, Lindsay Unhock (firefighter's daughter), Jerilyn Grant, and Beverly Westgaard for help

Red Hot Mama's –Susie and Vicky-- Inventory is down, and number of volunteers and workers is down. Keep looking for new volunteers.

Recommend that we change hours to 8-1:00? Discussion No change for now

Children--May have a face painter, and children's activities for Labor Day

Silent Auction —Linda-- Finally sold the painting! Cornhole board sold for \$450 Another set of cornhole boards will be at Labor Day.

B. Appreciation Dinner:

August 5, 2023 @ 5:00 PM

Need volunteers to call members (37-39) Beverly volunteered to call,
2 people to check in attendees and give cards for meat

Menu: Steak or chicken; Member and guest only, No charge for members this time. Bring a side or dessert.

4. New Business:

A. Bake Sale pricing

- i. Someone complained that price for their donation was too low.
- ii. Should prices be raised? Discussion
- iii. Cookies can be different sizes
Smaller cookies 5 for \$2
Larger cookies 4 for \$2
- iv. Cupcakes \$1.00 each

B. Laurie will update Bake list \$

5. Other:

Info for new member: Auxiliary was formed before 1998, first quilt raffle was in 1998.
Project crew is the Red Hot Mamas

6. Meeting was adjourned at: 10:59 AM by Chair Linda Hammer

7. Next Meeting: August 5, 2023 at 10:00AM

Respectfully submitted, *Laurie Hawke*, Secretary