



Northern Virginia Firefighters' Emerald Society Pipe Band

Board of Directors Meeting

September 12, 2024

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm
- II. Members in Attendance: President Matt Lopez, Vice President Bill Bryce, Secretary/Webmaster Jim Kraftchak, Member At Large Matt Khale, Band Manager Garrett McKenzie
- III. Reports
 - a. Secretary
 - i. No report
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. No report
 - c. Quartermaster
 - i. No report
 - d. Band Manager
 - i. No report
 - e. Pipe Major
 - i. No report
 - f. Drum Major
 - i. Bill Bryce stated that he has been busy with work so nothing new.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Fundraiser
 1. Matt Lopez stated that his plan is to get businesses to support the band.
 - a. Has a list of around 200 businesses that can be contacted to get donations.
 - b. This is what he will be doing over the next several months.
 - c. Working on a letter for the board to approve that can be provided to the businesses.

2. Mission BBQ
 - a. Plan is to go to all the local Mission BBQ stores and see if we can get better support from them than we are getting from Chantilly.
 - b. Matt Lopez to check with Kingstowne Mission BBQ
 - c. Bill Bryce to check with Herndon Mission BBQ
 - d. Garrett McKenzie to check with Gainesville Mission BBQ
 - e. Bill Bryce to see about getting the band listed on the Mission BBQ website as one that they support.
 3. Garrett McKenzie suggested that we provide businesses different levels of donations like \$100, \$500, \$1,000, etc.. and call them something like Bronze, Silver, Gold, etc.. donation levels.
 4. Jim Kraftchak suggested creating a sponsors page on our website with links to the businesses websites that provide donations.
- b. 40th Anniversary
- i. Matt Khale asked if we are going to move the celebration to next year?
 - ii. Matt Lopez stated that yes we're going to move next year.
 - iii. Matt Khale stated that he would be happy to work on getting a 40th anniversary tshirt designed and made as he has contacts with tshirt makers.
 - iv. Bill Bryce to send the art work to Matt Khale.

V. New Business

- a. Cliff Gill
 - i. Question was asked about how Cliff was doing?
 - ii. Matt Lopez stated that his return to the band has been pushed back.
- b. Events
 - i. Garrett McKenzie stated that we have been requested to participate in the Woodstock Christmas Parade, which is the day before the Chincoteague Christmas Parade.
 - ii. Matt Khale motioned that we decline participation in this parade. Motion was seconded by Bill Bryce and motion carried unanimously.

VI. Good of the Order

- a. Nothing

VII. Action Items

- a. Bill Bryce to get artwork for the tshirts to Matt Khale.

- b. Matt Lopez to check with Kingstowne Mission BBQ for support.
- c. Bill Bryce to check with Herndon Mission BBQ for support.
- d. Garrett McKenzie to check with Gainesville Mission BBQ for support.
- e. Bill Bryce to work on getting us on Mission BBQ website.
- f. Matt Lopez to create a letter to send to businesses to request donations.
- g. Matt Khale to design 40th anniversary tshirt once artwork is received from Bill Bryce.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm with motion by Matt Khale, seconded by Bill Bryce and passed with a unanimous vote.