

# Penngrove Social Firemen Gazette (Reprint)

April 2011

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**In the April Gazette minutes from our March meetings were omitted in error. I accept responsibility and have personally paid for this additional reprint. Sue Barrass spends time every month folding and preparing the newsletter for mailing, my apologies to Sue and the members for this error.**

*Ray Soper*

### PENNGROVE SOCIAL FIREMAN MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 3, 2011

President Reiter called the meeting to order at 7:00. John Connelly led us in the Salute to the Flag.

President Joel Reiter asked for guests or new members: New members: **Robert Demo**, 131 Oakwood Drive Petaluma CA 94954, Home # 707-962-5294, Sponsors: Rich Avilla & Roland Mellor.

**Pat Mottard**, 167 Leisure Park Circle Santa Rosa CA 95401, Home # 707-529-1989. Sponsors:

**Frank Gildner**, 210 Davis Lane Penngrove CA 94951, Sponsors: Patty and Ray Soper. This gentleman states he is capable of selling tickets and doing paper work, Home # 795-0764.

**Annette O'Kelley**, 2415 Redpine Court Santa Rosa CA 95403, Home # 707-523-2823, Cell# 479-1440, Sponsors: Bill King & Ray Soper.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written in the Gazette. Old business: PSF Crab Feed netted \$3600.00; Crab Feed was on Feb. 12, 2011.

Rummage Sale: May 6<sup>th</sup> day to receive goods, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Sale Day. NO APPLIANCES

Poker Tournament will be held on April 23, 2011

Penngrove Parade & BBQ on July 3, 2011

Update on Park Playground Equipment. Scott Thurston (a PSF member) is familiar with playground equipment and installation of it, traveled around the area looking at new equipment. Hope to have decision this month on where the equipment will be purchased.

There was a question from the membership on where the playground equipment is going to be installed. Answer from Ray Soper-the equipment will be installed on ground where high enough not to destroy playground cover and equipment. The installation should be completed June 1, 2011 if weather cooperates.

Patty Soper had new curtains installed in the main hall and Kim Hanson had new curtains installed in the bar area. Thanks to both of you.

A 50/50 lottery was held, there were some very happy winners.

Mack's Bar & Grill cooked our delicious Chicken Picata dinner and it went over great with the membership, workers were called out of the kitchen to an arousing pleased membership.

Ray Soper and helpers will cook for the membership on April 6, 2011.

### PENNGROVE SOCIAL FIREMEN DIRECTORS MEETING MARCH 15, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Reiter.

Those present were: Directors: Joel Reiter, Kim Hanson, Ray Soper, Dean DeGraffenreid, Roland Mellor, Don Barella, Bill Park and Joe Turner, others were: Patty Soper, Al Davidson and Scott Thurston.

Pizza & salad dinner was enjoyed before the meeting at the Soper residence.

Ray introduced Scott Thurston who has experience in installing modern playground units.

Much discussion followed on ground cover material under the new playground equipment. Use of chips and pea gravel were discussed. Discussion on the two different companies of which one company was chosen with two different designs.

It was moved, seconded and carried to allow the Playground committee settle issues arriving from tonight's discussion and bring back to the Directors the decisions they make. The playground Fund is \$53,170.00 at this date

It was moved, seconded and carried to loan the Clubhouse facilities to Lions Club because they are doing a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the Penngrove School. The Lions Club is using their equipment.

Patty Soper will apply for Alcohol permits for the following events: Poker Tournament April 23, 2011, Truckers Ball May 21, 2011 and Parade & BBQ July 3, 2011.

There was much discussion on workers at Social Firemen events and outside events receiving free drinks.

It was moved, seconded and carried to give the Chairman of each event (5) drink tokens for each worker at the event, such as the Corn Beef & Cabbage feed but each worker must work a full shift to earn the (5) tokens. Bar committee chairman Don Barella said he will confer with Dan Simpson on this. It was moved, seconded and carried to hire one (1) Pro Bartender for all social Firemen Events and other outside events. This will also include our monthly membership meeting. A couple of the Directors know some Pro-Bartender and will contact them for hiring (1) Bartender.

Ray Soper will purchase Blue Tokens to be used for free drinks at our future events.

Chairman for the Trucker's Ball, Roland Mellor informed the Directors on the issues of the Ball: It will be held on May 21, 2011 starting at 5:00 pm till 11:00 pm. Dinner will be held at 7:00 pm, Menu will be: Salad, Bread, Pasta, Tri-tip and chicken. Drinks \$4.00. Roland states he will need help on set up and clean-up.

Bill Park our PSF Clubhouse rental chief recommended that we change the \$450.00 clean up fee to the public as follows: Take \$125.00 out of the \$450.00 and add it to the \$500.00 rental fee making the total fee to \$625.00 thus putting the cleanup totally on the client. The balance of \$325.00 will act as the Security Deposit. It was moved, seconded and carried that we comply with Bill's recommendation.

The PSF members rent for the Hall remains the same \$250.00 plus \$450.00 cleanup deposit.

Bill Park proposed erecting part of the stage for storage mainly our sound equipment but also other items like our gambling wheel and Table. Also a light weight section is constructed as part of the sound system. This was accepted by the Directors.

Bills idea of a fence between the Club House and neighbor on Woodward Ave will be put off for a while because of other work.

Ray Soper says he'll work on some of needed cabinetry for the sound system. Ray also will make provisions to make use of our portable mikes.

Kim Hanson was thanked for getting new curtains in the bar area.

Kim also secured some prices from the Pest contractor she uses at JavAmore, to get rid of our ants, mice, rats and anything else unwanted, the initial fee of \$125.00 will be charged and a fee of \$45.00 a month for spraying for pests.

Kim would like questions or comments from the membership meeting about the "Good of the Community"

Kim asked Directors about donating somehow to the Japanese devastation. It was moved, seconded and carried to donate \$300.00 to the Red Cross for use in Japan. Members may donate to the Japanese cause at any time.

Corn Beef & Cabbage Feed netted \$2525.00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.