

Regular meeting of West End Fire Board of Trustees was called to order on May 18, 2023 at 7:03 pm.

Trustees present: Frank Magee, Brooke Lincoln, Richard Medley, John Carpenter, Michelle ~~Lower~~ *Cummins-Lower*
Volunteers present: *Anthony Lower, Damian Belzak*
Public present: Louise Magee, William Griffin

Minutes were presented. Motion to approve made by John, seconded by Richard, carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. Motion to approve made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried. St. Regis will reimburse their share to us from the FEMA grant, about \$7000.00.

Chief's report: Call-outs were announced.

Old Business: FF1 & FF2, 9 people have been certified. They will need to get some practical field time and demonstrate proficiency before they can be fully vested. There are a couple burn piles that can be used to get this experience. \$19,000 & \$5,000 have been approved from our grant to cover the cost of these trainings. MDT flagger training: 7 people are certified. Fire Department personnel: We have lost 5 firefighters in the last week. Three tendered their resignations, including our EMT. As these involved allegations toward the fire chief, it was decided that a board member, Brooke, would sign as accepting the resignations. Life Flight: Frank will find out why some members have not received their cards and request a current "paid up" list from them. Firehouse fan: Will pursue in the fall. Washer & dryer: ELKS Club in Missoula may have grant monies we can apply for. Frank has contacted Unimac (sp) about a grant. Old washer needs to be disposed of. If the dryer works, we will keep it for general laundry.

New Business: Planned burns: Two people want brush piles burned that we can train on. Saltese, large reel has a buyer: We have four, make us an offer. Old hose must go with them. Elections: Department needs to elect their chief in May, ratified by the Board in June.

Public comment: Louise Magee spoke regarding department member resignations and solidarity among the crew.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried at 7:47.

Next meeting June 8, 2023.