

November Auxiliary Meeting Minutes – Thanksgiving Meal
Auxiliary of the MPR Volunteer Fire Department
November 17, 2022
6:00 pm social/6:30 meeting – Garrett & Mic Hill Event Center
Blessing of the Thanksgiving Meal by Noel Johnson.
Call to Order: at 6:40pm by Karen Stagner

Members Present: Linda Morris, April Hignojos, Cindy Capps, Marilyn Hardy, Judy Dillon, Brenda Gibbons, Noel Johnson, Jeanette Grabman, Veronica Bettinger, Karen Stagner

Welcomed Guest: none

Secretary's Report: Minutes of October meeting – motion to accept by Cindy Capps, 2nd by Judy Dillon; Accepted

Treasurer's Report: Hold over until December – Rebecca Hutton, Treasurer, is in New Hampshire for College Graduation.
We have received a Fidelity Charitable Donation from one of our neighbors in the amount of \$225.00.

Sickness and Distress: Mary Shockley not feeling well; Cindy Etminger continuing to recover from a fall. Good to have Linda Morris, Noel Johnson and Judy Dillon back.

Thank you, all, for bringing the most delicious food for this evening's Thanksgiving Meal - YUM YUM!

The MPR City Halloween event, held in conjunction with the MPR COPS and Fellowship Baptist Church's Trunk or Treat was a great success. Pictures are on our FB page; and a few are on the City website.

FYI: The City has scheduled their annual Event Planning Meeting for 2023. Officers of the Auxiliary have been invited to share our Event plans and dates for 2023. Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29th, 10am, Event Center. 2023 Auxiliary Events Schedule will be emailed separately for review.

FD & PD Banquet, Friday, December 9th – Don't forget to RSVP to the FD

Megan Cunningham suggested we have a food drive for MPR. We have incorporated the Food Drive into the Santa Pal Program.

VFA Santa Pal Program: Coordinating with Tony Woodard and Noel Shaver (VFA), applications are open; forms are out for sponsoring signs; donation boxes are out (handouts). Plans for the deliveries to take place on Sunday before Christmas. Families will need to be visited after December 2nd; after vetting the applications. We have received an \$80 Gift card from WalMart to help offset the food. We have received a Sam's Club Grant in the amount of \$1,500 to help with the Santa Pal Program. A Chili Dinner fundraiser is planned for Saturday, December 3rd – VFA is cooking the Chili – if you can contribute cornbread muffins; and/or dessert (sheet cake), great! We want to decorate in a Christmas atmosphere. Everyone signed Thank You cards for our donors.

The City Santa Event is scheduled for Friday, December 2nd at the Event Center (handout). Auxiliary will, again, be doctoring the cocoa; as well as serving the MPR provided cocoa, marshmallows and cookies – volunteers needed.

Our Christmas Lighting Contest judging is scheduled for Monday, December 12th thru Sunday, December 18th. We're looking for volunteers to drive around the City and make recommendations for Winners.

Christmas Bags/Stockings for the firefighters. According to Chief Vascocz, we have a total of 27 in the FD. Please consider contributing some snack or trinket to the bags. We will assemble at the December Christmas Party meeting.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party, Thursday, December 8th, 6pm at the Event Center. White Elephant Gift Exchange & Games. We voted to change the menu to "Finger Foods and Appetizers"; instead of Turkey & Dressing.

Officer Nominations:

Current Slate of Officers – Voting in December

President - Karen Stagner

1st VP – Barbara Lynam

2nd VP – Judy Dillon

Secretary – Mary Shockley

Treasurer - Rebecca Hutton

Parliamentarian - Vacant

Historian – Charlene Theriault

1st Board Member at Large - Linda Morris

2nd Board Member at Large – April Hignojos

3rd Board Member at Large – Veronica Bettinger

4th Board Member at Large - Jeanette Grabman

The Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale, MPR City Hall & Library, keeping it on Morgan's Point Blvd. this Saturday. Logistics Update. Volunteers to work the sale.

Just keeping on the front burner ...

Valentines Ball Update: This is our 9th year. We can expect 150 plus people to attend this event in 2023.

We are having additional charges added this year 2023 that we haven't had in the past. Rental for room, dance floor, projector, bartenders, etc. Prices have gone up drastically. We will need Sponsors, Silent Auction items, Table Sponsors. The price for tickets (early bird) \$45.00 before Dec. 31st. \$50 Advance & \$60 at the door. On-Line registration will be available. There will be 2 Cash Bars. One during Social hour and one remaining throughout the evening. Dress code will again be "Boots to Bling". There will be a short speech and blessing of the meal. Slides of Firefighters & Family will be provided by Sharla Adams & Rebecca Hutton. We did discuss providing a collectors item to all attendees of the ball, items and prices will be presented at a later date. All auxiliary members are encouraged to help in any way to make this Fundraiser a successful event. The website is <https://eventcreate.com/e/mprlavalentinesball2023>

Motion to adjourn made by everyone

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Submitted by Karen Stagner