

Plainsboro Rescue Squad

February Monthly Meeting

February 20th, 2020

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 8:15PM by President Jack Bouchakjian. Salute to the Flag and Roll Call followed. Members present 24, 21 eligible to vote. Quorum met.

MOTION: To approve the January 2020 monthly minutes. Made by Jeigan Gokulchandran, seconded by Jeanette Kania.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

New Members: A new prospective adult member, Khristian Guidi, introduced to membership by Brian Gould. Motion to vote him into membership made by Brian, seconded by Akarsh Teki.

VOTE: 11-0-0. MOTION CARRIES. Welcome Khristian!

GUEST REPORT, Township Liaison: Neil Lewis

- Thanks for the get well card sent from the squad—appreciate kind thoughts during recovery from surgery!
- NJ state government has set up a coronavirus hotline to give updates on what is known so far, details to follow.
- On Saturday February 22nd there will be a township teen lock-in. This will be an overnight stay for 9th-12th graders, registration due tomorrow!
- FD election will now be in November. The current fire commissioners will remain.
- Township looking for camp counselors—compensation will be \$10-\$11/hr
- Planning board meeting took place on February 18th—will be moving 500 ft of gasoline pipeline and will thus require significant closings of pipeline in the near future.

GUEST REPORT Police Liaison: Daniel Reichard

- No Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jack Bouchakjian

- Thanks for coming to the installation dinner!

VP FUNDRAISING – Arun Bantval

- Fundraising plan approved by Executive Board at most recent meeting (see attached)

- Recorded donations worth \$ 175,374.17 from all sources including \$60,000 in yearly contribution by the township and \$ 24,000 grant payment from Robert Wood Johnson foundation.
- Received \$38,076 from individual donations in response to our fund drive, \$3,505 from clothing shed, \$18,693 from matching donations, \$2,395 from surveys.
- Special thanks to Harshit Dhawan for enabling \$10,000 in matching donations from his employer for the volunteering hours he has put through the squad
- Thank you letters for donations over \$150 and less than \$500 have been sent.
- Handwritten thank you letters from the President for donations of \$500 and higher will be sent this week
- We are in the process of forming the fundraising sub committee to solicit new ideas for fund raising. All interested members should contact VP Fundraising. Cadet representation is expected. The committee will meet in January and early February and will present the ideas to the EBoard for approval in February
- The normal fundraising drives plan will be finalized for Eboard approval in February – it will consist of two non-commercial drives in Spring (April) and Fall (October) and one commercial drive in Spring (April).
- Will also aggressively seek grant funding this year. The grant funding will help with projects such as replacement of 104.

VP MEMBERSHIP – Brian Gould

- Files were overloaded with people who haven't been around for years. Will be sorting through them and getting rid of old records. Plan to burn them for privacy.
- Will be buying new file folders to keep up to date records on all current membership.
- Two individuals going through crew nights, Khristian and Deena. Invited Khristian into membership, Deena's application still pending.
- Will be resuming cadet interviews in April for new cadets, not currently accepting more cadets.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jegan Gokulchandran

- See attached report.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lucy Zhu (presented by Ankit Parikh)

- Make sure you capitalize letters of people's names within EMSCharts and put in patient's address before doing survey letters.
- Double check zip codes!

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT – Emily Wolf

- No report.

CADET REPORT -- Roan Vadakan

- Working with Arun about possible fundraising ideas, open to any ideas from adult membership.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: Presented by Krishna Jagannathan

- No report.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT – (vacant position)

- No report.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Ankit Parikh

- See attached report.

INSTALLATION DINNER COMMITTEE -- Emily Wolf

- Thank you for coming to the dinner!
- Plated dinner seems to have been a success, will be keeping same format for next year.
- Will be considering other venues in town before committing to Mercer Oaks for next dinner.

LOSAP – Harshit Dhawan

- 24 people have achieved LOSAP for 2019, will be approved on March 11th, 2020.

GENERAL SUPPLIES OFFICER:

- Supplies will be purchased this weekend.
- Please write on board when supplies are needed.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES OFFICER: No report.

GRANTS OFFICER:

- Krishna Jagannathan suggests that grant writers can be hired, might be something to consider. We would have to invest but may be worthwhile.
 - Might be a good idea for the replacement of 104.

TECHNOLOGY OFFICER:

- New website is up and running, few issues remaining.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Brian Gould presents idea of removing our lawyer, Joshua Brinen, from honorary membership. Mr. Brinen had previously provided needed assistance to the squad on various issues at no cost. After numerous attempts to contact him, Mr. Brinen sends email stating that he will no longer be providing pro bono work for the squad, and that all future requests will be billed according to his hourly rate. Thus, Brian Gould makes motion to remove Joshua Brinen from honorary membership, seconded by Ankit Parikh.
VOTE:11-0-1. MOTION PASSES.

A motion to adjourn meeting made by Jack Bouchakjian, seconded by Apryl Roach.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Submitted by Emily Wolf, Recording Secretary.