

## Mesa County Safety Council

### Minutes September 17, 2013

Meeting called to order by Jim Pringle at 10:40.

Members Present: Steve Sheehy, Glenn Kiser, Kevin McDermott, Dick Pippenger, Justyn Hock, Danette Lurvey, Alan Martinez, and Jim Pringle

#### Old Business

The past meeting notes will be posted on the MCSC website.

#### New Business

Jim Pringle handed out photocopies of the May and April 2013 meeting minutes which had been composed by Diana Bailey. This led to a question as to posting past meeting minutes into the MCSC website. Steve Sheehy and Dick Pippenger said this is what was done in the past, and that we should begin doing it again. Jim Pringle said he would provide the past meeting minutes to the MCSC webmaster (NWS forecaster Jeff Colton) for posting on the MCSC website.

The next topic was planning for the 2014 Mesa County Safety Fair, which is scheduled for February 20-21 (Thursday and Friday) from 9 AM to 3:30 PM both days.

Per a request made at the May MCSC meeting, Jim Pringle met on May 30<sup>th</sup> with Chelsea Reimer from Mesa Mall to discuss the 2014 Mesa County Safety Fair. Jim relayed the following information from the meeting:

1. The cost for using Mesa Mall for the 2014 Mesa County Safety Fair would remain at \$600 for both days. This is the same cost as in previous years.
2. For the safety fair, Mesa Mall management wants the MCSC to use tables and chairs already owned by Mesa Mall. They will match the cost that would be paid to a rental company for the same amount of chairs and tables.
3. Due to the physical reorganization of some things in Mesa Mall, there will be some changes for locations of exhibitor displays for the 2014 safety fair. Much will remain the same. **The details will have to be examined and coordinated with Mesa Mall management PRIOR TO sending out exhibitor applications.**

Further discussion was made about the venue for the Mesa County Safety Fair. Steve Sheehy checked on a number of possible venues in the Grand Valley, and ALL of them have monetary charges. After a little more discussion, the consensus was that Mesa Mall is still our best option for the Mesa County Safety Fair.

Jim Pringle stated at the meeting that the MCSC will likely need about \$3000 to again conduct the 2014 Mesa County Safety Fair. The conversations then turned to fund raising.

Kevin McDermott from WPX Energy mentioned the need to make phone calls to potential donors instead of sending them letters of request. He said that most companies, WPX Energy included, receive a lot of mail everyday, including a lot of junk mail. Therefore, much of it ends up in the trash can without even being opened. He said that the phone call will receive a lot more attention. Steve Sheehy offered to make phone calls if provided with a list of companies and contact information.

Justin Hock suggested the issuance of a press release to let people in the area, and especially businesses, know of the MCSC's financial need. However, she would be unable to do this due to restrictions on federal employees to solicit funds.

Jim Pringle then mentioned that the federal employees' Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) again lists the MCSC as a charitable organization for FY2014, and that some funds will likely be forthcoming to the MCSC from the CFC's FY2014 campaign, though not in time for the 2014 safety fair.

The next topic concerned the need to fill vacancies within the MCSC board of directors. Diana Bailey was nominated for secretary, and the vote was unanimous in support. Glenn Kiser was nominated by Jim Pringle to fill the vacant "At Large" board position. Again, the vote was unanimous in support. Jim Pringle reiterated that because of restrictions imposed by the DOC legal counsel, he would be unable to hold the positions of president, vice president, or treasurer.

As of the end of this meeting, the status of the following MCSC board positions were as follows:

President: VACANT

Vice President: Roy Jones

Past President: Steve Sheehy

Secretary: Diane Bailey

Treasurer: VACANT

At Large Member: Glenn Kiser

At Large Member: Jim Pringle

It was then recommended that a board meeting be scheduled prior to the October MCSC meeting to discuss the need to fill the vacant board positions and to further discuss finances related to the safety fair.

### **Treasurers Report**

Steve Sheehy then provided a treasurers report: As of 9-17-13, the checkbook balance was \$197.31.

Jim Pringle again stated the estimated cost to the MCSC for the 2014 safety fair, and encouraged the group to still plan for the event, even though the present MCSC account needs to be increased considerably for that to happen. Steve Sheehy then asked the members at the meeting as to when we should have a cutoff to tell exhibitors and teachers as to the status of the 2014 safety fair, IF it is determined that insufficient funds exist to conduct the event. Jim Pringle recommended that the MCSC will need to have raised \$3000 by the end of the first week of January to support the safety fair. There was unanimous agreement to use that approximate date as a deadline.

Steve Sheehy then stated that he had received some correspondence from Network Solutions which the MCSC uses for their website. There was some concern of losing the website from Network Solutions.

There were no further topics for discussion and Jim Pringle stated that the next regularly scheduled MCSC meeting would be on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, and that the monthly meeting dates are up-to-date on the MCSC website.

A motion was made by Steve Sheehy to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Glenn Kiser. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM MDT.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Pringle