



United Yavapai Firefighters Local # 3066
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This last meeting was very productive and we accomplished many changes. We had a quorum for the first time in 4 months in of itself an improvement. We started with an update from the PFFA which I plan to continue in subsequent meetings. The tax referendum and initiatives were addressed and the PFFA involvement was reviewed. As some members know the Fire Districts UFDA and AFDA submitted a referendum in both houses for approval that would limit property taxes for operating budgets. After review by our leadership the PFFA has decided not to endorse and let them fail. The PFFA has designated a new liaison to work with the Fire Districts and the lines of communication are now better for the future. President Hill and our political advisors have also determined that all the initiatives that are currently collecting petitions will ultimately fail. This issue will not go away and our leadership is working everyday for our benefit. The motions were passed and this will greatly increase our efficiency and protect our members:

- A quorum of 9 is needed for a local meeting
- Local meetings will be every other month on the 3rd Wednesday of that month. E-Board will meet every month to conduct Local business.
- Revision of the general fund to assure fiscal responsibility with the legal defense fund revision.
- Election of an Executive VP, which is JP Vicente allowed in our Constitution and made a delegate for the IAFF biannual Convention this year.

Also was discussed that Chapters will hold a monthly meeting and all business needed to be put on the agenda for the Local will be sent to the Chapter VP and posted for the membership. The E-Board also wanted input on creating Chapter treasuries and the diversion of some money that is being sent to the general fund. After a report by Ron Kayser on our budget it was determined this was impossible. I think the idea has merit and will be put on the agenda as letting the individual chapters being given the latitude to raise dues and be responsible for those funds. I am also in favor of putting together a special committee to look into funding for a permanent union hall to benefit all the members.

Last but not least your Chapter VP's will be asking you for your help in supporting the PFFA endorsed candidates Tom O' Halleran for Senate seat in district 1 and Bob Robson for the Corporation Commission. I have been asked many times what can we do as a union to affect these tax issues, well this is it. We need to support the politicians who support us and public safety. These are truly the people who can protect our livelihood and our families.

Our union was built on making these connections with politicians and supporting them when they need it so they will fight for us when we need them. The union has only asked three things from its members:

1. Be the best at your profession.
2. Be involved with your community and charities.
3. And be politically active locally and nationally.

Let's pull together and be proactive in our own future. I have challenged each chapter to create a charitable organization or support a current one in your community. Start and contribute to a Pac Fund for local and state politics for the betterment of our communities, departments, and our fellow Firefighters. If you want to help and be informed and involved attend your next chapter meeting.

Fraternally Tom Haney