

Fire Safe Sonoma
CDF West Division HQ – 2210 W. College Ave, Santa Rosa, Ca
Minutes
October 7th, 2009

Attendees

Jack Rosevear, Caerleon Safford, Tamara Boulton, Marjorie Conley, Ray Utterback, Nathan Garrett, Tony Walls, Dennis Searles, George Morris, Toby Ray

Additions

Caerleon gave a slide presentation showing pictures of various completed projects from the SOD Grant. The presentation demonstrated the amount of work on various properties to reduce the threat of fire throughout the County.

Consent Agenda

All present Board members unanimously approved the consent agenda.

Donations

\$2,450 was donated to Fire Safe Sonoma (FSS) from the following benefactors:

Laura Tietz donated **\$2000**

Healdsburg Reserve Fire Fighters Association donated **\$300**

Palomino Lakes Home Owners Association donated **\$150**

Jack explained the need for donations from use of the FSS chipper. He suggested a \$100 donation per use in the form of an invoice to offset the cost of maintenance. There are no legal implications for required donations since regular service is necessary for the chipper. FSS should build an account to provide funding for chipper maintenance.

Grants

SOD Grant

Caerleon finished paperwork and data collection

The small amount of money not used from the grant will be returned

\$99,800 of the grant was allocated to 22 different projects

Chippers Ahoy! Grant

FSS is waiting for funding from the grant

The grant would provide the FSS chipper for “on demand” use by approved entities

Chipper Extravaganza Grant

FSS is still waiting for funding if it is still available

The Grantor requested a 990 tax form from FSS

\$90,000 will be available for 11 select communities throughout Sonoma County

FSS will not commit to any projects until grant funding is secured

Fire Safe Sonoma Website

FSS is member of techsoup.org which provided website software to Caerleon

Tony and Nathan will make a collaborative effort to design a website using the techsoup software

Caerleon will contact Brigitte, who works for the County, about data migration from the current FSS website

New Business

Nathan will invite two individuals to the next FSS meeting who are interested in joining the organization

Ray will be attending a donation strategy workshop offered by the Center for Non-Profit Success. The Board had a discussion about fundraising strategies. All agreed that soliciting individuals for funding is a direction FSS needs to pursue.

Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date

Board members will re-establish the Vision, Goals and Objectives of FSS for 2010 and beyond

The Board will address and explore fund raising possibilities

The Board will also explore ways to secure discretionary funds

A discussion will be held to pursue a rewrite of the Living with Fire document

Jack wants to coordinate another safety class for chipper use in order to get additional agencies/departments trained

The next meeting is scheduled for November 4th, 2009

