



BENTON FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
IAFF Local # 4015
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October 23, 2006

On Monday, October 23, 2006 at 8:05am, Local 4015 came to order for a general meeting.

Old business:

Fundraiser: The idea to have a fundraiser raffle was discussed, and it was brought up to purchase a Bass Pro Shop gift card in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). After discussion, the details for the raffle were as follows: the raffle will be for a Bass Pro Shop gift card in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) and selling the tickets for five dollars (\$5) a ticket. The selling of tickets will stop on December 10, and a name will be drawn at the Christmas Breakfast. A stipulation is that no union member would be able to purchase a ticket. All were in favor.

Union Shirts: The design for the Local 4015 shirt, created by Sharp Impressions, was presented for approval. All approved the shirt design. The amount of shirt to be ordered by the union was discussed and the details are as follows: the union will purchase the total number of shirts ordered and each member will receive two (2) shirts. To receive additional shirts, a member will reimburse the union for the cost of the shirt. All were in favor.

New business:

Increase of Local Dues: In order to compensate for the increase in dues to the IAFF and for future activities by the local, it was brought before the members to raise member dues by five dollars (\$5) per month. After discussion, some members felt that more members should be present to vote on the issue. **A motion was made by Kevin Kidwell and was seconded by Tim Turner to table the issue until the next meeting. All were in favor.**

Notice of Meetings: Due to the concerns of members about all members being informed of meetings, voting, and issues being discussed, it was brought before the members that a notice of meeting must be made available fifteen (15) days prior to date of meeting. All were in favor.

Voting: It was discussed how the Local would vote on issues such as increase of dues and other issues. It was brought up that voting on increase of dues should be a vote totaling the number of members in the local. All members were in favor. After further discussion, it was thought that the previous ruling would not be feasible in the future. **A motion was made by Tim Turner and seconded by Kevin Kidwell that voting on increase of dues would be decided by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership. Voting totals were as follows.**
For: 7
Against: 2
Abstained: 0

It was also discussed that all “non-dues” issues would be decided by a majority vote of total members present in future meetings. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 am. All were in favor.

Members Present:

Joseph Scott Monceaux
Matthew Burcham
Jonathan Davis
Jay Emory
Dusty Johnson
Kevin Kidwell
Reggie McEntyre
Steven Rickert
Tim Turner Jr.
Jeremy Watts

Secretary/Treasurer