

SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, September 10, 2026 – 6PM

MINUTES

I. Call to order

II. Public Comment: 3 minutes per participant

III. Old Business

A. Tecopa Weird Tales Festival

a. Volunteer check in.

- a.i. The committee discussed volunteer check-in but determined it is not an immediate priority. The topic will be revisited closer to the event date when more people return to town.

b. Site plan update.

b.i. Update from meeting with consessionaires about site plan.

- b.i.1. Kandy approved the requested setup area and offered additional space if needed.

b.ii. Vendor setup in the Bizarre Bazaar is permitted from 9:00 AM on Friday until sometime on Sunday.

b.iii. Update regarding porta potty and dumpster requirements/costs.

- b.iii.1. Jenn Mills confirmed there is no county guidance mandating 20 port-a-potties. The recommended baseline for 1,000 attendees is 4 port-a-potties.

- b.iii.2. Lance requested 5 units to ensure the center and campground restrooms do not get overwhelmed.

- b.iii.3. Handwashing stations or hand sanitizer setups with paper towels will be required.

- b.iii.4. The campground management has requested that dumpsters not be placed in their space.

- b.iii.5. Mike will obtain quotes for 4 port-a-potties, ensuring at least one is ADA-compliant. Amie will request extra dumpsters from Shane.

c. Update budget if needed.

- c.i. Stage will cost us even if borrowed. \$630 to rent it or buy.

- c.ii. A preliminary budget was outlined: \$630 for the stage, \$100 for fencing/straw bales, \$250 for lighting, \$500 for dumpsters, \$2,000 for port-a-potties, \$2,000 for merchandise, and \$200 for printing.

- c.iii. The total projected expenditures amount to approximately \$7,180 of the \$7,500 grant.

- c.iv. Remaining funds will be allocated to a miscellaneous category.

- c.v. Robin: Bring idea to board to purchase stage for fundraising. Mike will add this as an agenda item for next week's Board meeting.

- c.v.1. Colette will prepare two budget versions for the regular board meeting: one where the grant pays for the stage, and one asking the board to fund the stage separately.

d. Discuss MOU with Ted/IC for use of SIFPD name etc. at film premiere.

- d.i. Changes made. Will be presented to the board next week.

e. Temple of Weird update - call to artists and supplies collection (Constance).

- e.i. SIFPD Altar for the Temple

- e.i.1. Volunteers needed to help build an altar in October. Mike volunteered to help Eliza. The altar design may incorporate a fake fire element underneath it.
 - e.i.2. Altar construction is scheduled for October.
 - f. Event schedule
 - f.i. Film premiere.
 - f.i.1. Cynthia will hold brainstorming meeting on getting sponsors for premiere.
 - f.i.2. The team discussed ticket sales, noting that integrating Ted's payment processor into the website might be too complicated.
 - f.i.3. The MOU has been redefined as a standard agreement, as MOUs are not legally enforceable.
 - f.i.4. The finalized agreement will include four stipulations: Ted must provide evidence of liability insurance, the committee has the option to sell merchandise/raffle tickets (subject to Cynthia's approval), Ted bears all expenses and keeps proceeds, and the agreement does not grant explicit rights to any sponsorship agreements (protecting SIFPD logo/IP).
 - f.ii. Next day showing of film.
 - f.iii. Wonderhussy meet and greet.
 - f.iv. Weird Tales tent w/Artesia Bell.
 - f.v. Music
 - g. Event features/fundraising
 - g.i. Food
 - g.ii. Silent auction and raffle.
 - g.iii. Merch
 - g.iii.1. The committee briefly debated obtaining competitive quotes for T-shirt printing, comparing Constance's direct-to-garment pricing against a screen-printing quote from a traditional vendor.
 - g.iii.2. Determine assets for stickers and other merch needing to be ordered.
 - g.iii.3. Tshirts for staff.
 - g.iv. Vendors
 - g.iv.1. Amie has reconnected with 90% of the vendors and will distribute a vendor packet outlining event rules, such as dry camping and pack-in/pack-out policies.
 - g.iv.2. Vendors will be asked to donate an item from their booths to the silent auction or raffle.
 - g.iv.3. Raffle tickets will be sold in person via paper tickets only, not online, to avoid logistical confusion.
 - g.iv.4. Mike will get vendor waivers from insurer.
 - g.v. Field trips.
 - h. Website and communications review.
 - h.i. Colette, Cynthia, and Ted will hold a 15-minute call to finalize the ticket payment process.
 - h.ii. The website is currently in draft mode and will refer to the vendor area as the "Bizarre Bazaar".
 - h.iii. The "Meet the Firefighters" scheduled activity will be removed or loosely worded to avoid liability, as firefighters cannot guarantee they will be stationed at the trucks all day.
 - h.iv. The flyer is approved for printing and social media promotion pending the addition of the second movie screening. The website will be updated to remove explicit times for the firefighter meet-and-greet.
 - h.v. SIFPD page on event with poster linking to website.
 - i. Determine WiFi plan for event for staff, vendors, public, etc.

- i.i. Tabled.
- j. Advertising, soliciting donations.
 - j.i. The promotional flyer requires updates to clearly state event hours (10:00 AM to 8:00 PM) and include a second screening of the movie on the 14th.

IV. Good of the Order

V. Public Comment: 3 minutes per participant

VI. Adjournment & Schedule next Committee Meeting Thursday October 8 at 6pm.