

**East Greenbush Fire Company**  
**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**April 15, 2014 – 6:00 pm**

Members in Attendance: Bob Lehmann, Mike Benson Jr., Mike Benson Sr., Jeff Tooker, Marty Miller, Tim Boel, Marc Iorio, Greg Forgea, Rick Williams, Jim Cartright, Chuck Hellmuth, Pete Lehmann, Chris Lavin, Kathy Miller, Nick Madore, Anthony Gullo.

Bob Lehmann called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.  
He states that the entire membership was invited to attend at the last meeting.

Bob states that the timeline for the committee will take a few months of pitching ideas, plans, and budget/dollar amounts for the plans/ideas that come forward. In addition, we will pick a date in the future that we will research costs for all ideas that come forward and are approved.

Bob states that the goals of the celebration should be:

1. Award and recognize all the members for 100 years of dedicated service.
2. Community involvement / recognition / memorialize our departed members.

All ideas, however, will be entertained. We need to start the process now so that budgets may be created for 2016.

Bob states there will be approximately \$19,000 in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary budget line at the end of 2014 and approximately \$24,000 in there at the end of 2015. Tim Boel states that by 2016, there should be anywhere from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Bob opens up the floor for ideas. He states everyone will have a chance to speak.

Jeff Tooker states that we should have a special company meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2016, which happens to be the actual 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the EGFD. He would like to approach Crisp Cannoli (or whomever happens to be in that spot in 2016) to perhaps start there at 6:00 pm that evening with a brief meeting, and then move to the Park Station, and then have a light dinner for all members and their families.

Pete Lehmann states that a trip to Lake George might be a good idea, but doesn't want to exclude our Life Members. His thought would be to have a "centerpiece event" – maybe a bus and a boat ride to Lake George – maybe a dinner and a cruise on one of the ships and then come home.

Greg Forgea states that it is probably in excess of \$30,000 just to rent the boat.

Bob Lehmann states that, for many of these events, there will be a cost associated with it for the members and their families.

Chuck Hellmuth inquired if these events would be spread out across 2016.

Bob Lehmann replied yes – possibly starting with a special company meeting on January 7, 2016, continuing to the Installation Dinner, and so on.

Chris Lavin states that we should have some sort of recording (video or book style) to document our 100 years. He would be willing to work with Marty Miller and/or a video production firm to create some sort of documentary. He states that it would take about \$3,000 to \$4,000 to complete this task. He also would like to include a recognition of those members who have served more than 20 years.

Tim Boel states that we should maybe include all members in this, even those who haven't reached 20 years. Marty Miller states that there is a video from about 30 years ago that has a lot of interviews on it. Bob Lehmann stated that Tom White was interested in working on a history book.

Chuck Hellmuth pitched the idea of having a local parade – perhaps from the bowling alley to the Pavilion with food and beverages. Nick Madore also likes the idea of a parade.

Rick Williams brings up the idea of having a 5 or 7 day cruise for members. He states that they would have to figure out a time of year, and maybe shorten it to 3 or 4 days based on when people can get vacations. He states that he might be able to get a cruise line out of NYC.

Tim Boel seconds the idea of a cruise. He states that he has quotes from Blue Skies Travel for cruises that would cost as low as \$500.00 per person, but that people will not go for free on these cruises. If the fire company were to foot some of the bill, there could be cruises as low as \$250-\$350 per person for inside rooms and \$450-\$550 for those in outside rooms. Tim Boel also states that maybe we could get the cruise line to host a cocktail hour and perhaps a spring/fall cruise out of New York or New Jersey might work the best.

Mike Benson Sr states that, starting at the January 2015 Company meeting, somebody should read a piece of history from each decade of the fire company's existence. He also suggests that we should have a low cost picnic and/or BBQ for our members and their families.

Jim Cartright states that we need to keep any and all deadbeats out of this celebration.

Tim Boel states that he will work with Marc on the budget.

Bob Lehmann states that he wants all members to feel welcome at the events.

Mike Benson Jr states that we should do a big celebration, and that we also need to incorporate the Sherwood Park members as well.

Marty Miller suggests that we should do a company photograph in 2016. He also suggests reaching out to people for artifacts to display in 2016.

Bob Lehmann states that plaques would be great to hang in the stations.

Greg Forgea states that we should do a time capsule on January 7, 2016, not to be unearthed for 100 years. He also favors a Saturday parade, and perhaps a memorial dinner the preceding Friday evening to recognize the members who have passed on.

Anthony Gullo didn't have much to say, and his chops were busted on heavily.

Bob Lehmann states that we need to meet again prior to September.

Rick Williams and Tim Boel will work on numbers for a cruise.

Marty Miller and Chris Lavin will be working on a memorial video/book.

Pete Lehmann will be working on a boat ride.

It was decided by the committee that there will be another meeting at 6:00 pm on June 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker  
Recording Secretary