



Ester Volunteer Fire Department

Board of Directors Meeting

May 27, 2026

- I Call to Order: 1731 hours. Karyn Holder, Carol Meyer, Syrilyn Tong (ST), Sarah Albers, Ritchie Musick and Eli Sonafrank present. Chief Conner also present.
- II Approval of March 30 Minutes – Approved
- III Reports
 - A. Treasurer's Reports – Mimi wasn't present so there wasn't a Treasurer's Report.
 - B. Chief's Report –Additional comments:
 - 1) There was a major, fatal motor vehicle accident a couple of weeks ago
 - 2) The live fire exercise on Saturday is on Grosbeak Lane
 - 3) The Seacrest neighborhood has been selected as the Firewise community
 - C. Solar committee – nothing to report
 - D. Fundraising (Carol) – Nothing new to report
 - E. 50th Anniversary Celebration (Ritchie, ST and Eli):
 - 1) Ritchie and Mimi have been going through old photos – there don't appear to be any articles, just photos
 - 2) Ritchie has been working of the formal, 30-minute program
 - 3) Chief elaborated on the demonstrations – a 30-minutes doll house burn, a 30-minute motor vehicle extrication, a fire safety "bounce" house, and a water hose fire display for kids.
 - 4) Chief also stated that the department would pay for the excess insurance for the Celebration, and that the Department's insurance would cover the bounce house as excess insurance would not
 - 5) ST read Mimi's email re: the proposal for catering. For 125 people, Big Daddy's BBQ would provide main meats and sides for \$2775, delivered. We doubled that and set a total budget of \$10,000.
- IV Old Business – none
- V New Business
 - A. Karyn asked if anyone had any success in finding board members. No one had. She then stated that she would be moving around the first part of September and thus there will be 3 board slots to fill. Ritchie mentioned that if we needed a quorum for the annual meeting, we could Zoom in. ST also mentioned that the library board had voted to drop their board from 7 to 5 people, as they had a lot of problems getting board members.

B. Carol asked if anyone had heard of the volunteer fire department consolidation. Chief had not. Ritchie mentioned that this happens every now and then and she didn't think it would ever work.

VI Next Meeting date: Wednesday July 8, 2026 at 5:30

VII Adjournment – 6:29 PM