

FNRW
Post May 31st Fundraiser Meeting Notes
Recorded on Zoom
6:00 PM Wednesday, June 4, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Bob Kleinbrahm - Chairman
David Swager – Co-Chair
Marci Swager – Member at Large
Sue Wilson – Member at Large

ABSENT:

Lisa Cunningham – Secretary
Kent Oster – Technical Expert
Lana Dykstra – Member at large
Steve Allred – Technical Expert
Deirdre Mueller - Treasurer

The general consensus among members is that the meeting was well attended with about 35 attendees and new folks expressing interest in FNRW's service.

Matt Girton from OES stayed after the meeting and met with attendees to answer their questions. He also shared that he was hoping to integrate the radio groups via the new alert app giving OES the ability to connect directly with FNRW through a dedicated channel.

Suggestions on how to improve future meetings and events include better use of the microphone, and possibly purchasing a new audio/visual system and projector. Also, to better coordinate our efforts and keep everyone informed, it would be beneficial to have one FNRW group email thread that not only includes our board members but any other volunteers, such as Barbara Reilly, the kitchen liaison and Deirdre Mueller, general FCC processes, when hosting at the FCC. The ladies were an invaluable asset to our event!

The food was delicious and very appreciated by all! Deirdre forwarded our P&L statement showing that we made over \$350 and are close to our \$10,000.00 goal!

* To better clarify Lisa's comments regarding fundraising, she suggested we continue to co-host safety events with other entities and offer breakfast or lunch for sale at the meetings. Our fundraising success for this event is due in large part to two things, a

larger turnout by co-hosting with OES, and our ability to bring awareness to our fundraising needs during the meeting. As a result, folks were inspired to contribute more than the cost of the sandwiches that day. In addition, this type of fundraising requires minimum effort and doesn't directly compete with the already established FCC's fundraising events, such as the pancake breakfast, etc.* The Board discussed better timing for informational meetings and agreed that the preferable time to hold a fire preparedness event is in the spring, possibly April. We do hope to plan a dedicated FNRW fundraiser in the future, details TBD.

Kent would like to order back-up parts to keep on-hand and will consult with Steve to determine which ones we should order. He'll also order another battery controller system at a cost of ~\$200, as they may be on backorder and take some time to receive. Also, Bob would like to hire Steve to find another repeater as a back-up for our system.

The Board would like to showcase our equipment with photos and a video to show members how their funds are being used to build our network and how the system works. GMRS is an open system, but our members have paid for the equipment, giving FNRW a private network to be used only for emergencies.

Sue will contact Sierra Pacific and the Indian tribe to request grants and there is an ongoing effort to pursue a grant from PGE. Terri has offered to assist writing requests for grants as well.

Bob would like to promote the mobile radios and set a goal to review the signal's geographic reach to better understand which areas benefit from the mobile radios. He also offered to do a session on how one obtains a radio license and other assistance for new users. Dave is willing to help members with their radios, etc., as well.

There being no further discussion, the call ended at 6:40 PM.