

□ Continued lack of volunteers jeopardizing theater's future. PAGE 1.

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Eagles Aerie #3472 of Imperial is in financial trouble.

"We're not carrying our own weight right now. We're in the red," Trustee Mike Liewer explained. "We're not that far in debt but if we don't do something now it could get substantial."

Therefore, the board and trustees of have called a meeting of all members for Monday, July 14, at 7 p.m. at the club.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the continuation of the club and the 2014 fair booth.

Liewer said the board will discuss with members the options of closing the club or keeping it running, and a vote will be taken.

He said the board met with a member of the Grand Aerie Monday night to discuss options and plans.

"We need a plan to go forward," he said. "Financially, we need everyone on deck, and we need volunteer help at the club."

Volunteer help could mean time given to serve meals, or donated supplies such as toilet paper or catsup, Liewer noted.

The board and trustees are also looking for ideas for money-makers, "new streams of revenue and bringing membership numbers up," Liewer said, including attracting young members.

"It's the membership that has to come in to perpetuate the club," Liewer stated. "If the club isn't used it doesn't make revenue."

Liewer said that if the membership shows no interest Monday night in keeping the club open, the Grand Aerie will sell the assets and the Eagles Club "will be no more," he added.