**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Minutes**

**January 11, 2021**

As a result of the coronavirus COVID-19, the monthly membership meeting of the LWFR Auxiliary was held online on Zoom.

Board members present: Jimi Wilson, Rita Baugh, April Adamson, Velda Millard, Becky Payne, Ken Schasse, and Katie Walker

Also attending: Chief Walker, Chuck Kocher, and Steve Pate

**Welcome:** Jimi Wilson

**LWFR District 9:**Chief Walker

* Please come to the Virtual Banquet on Thursday, January, 14, 2021, at 6:00 pm on Zoom.
* Our financial status is on a better footing. Training will be back on schedule.
* All of our firefighters have received the vaccine.
* LWFR did not respond to the bomb threat in Leavenworth.

**LWFR FF Association President**: Chuck Kocher

* All officers remain in their positions. Chuck Kocher will be returning as FFA president.
* The board is working on a budget to present to the FFA in February.
* Mike S. applied for and the FFA was awarded a $10,000 grant from Burlington Northern for hazmat supplies which includes a thermal-imaging camera, and some other items. The FFA will have to match a portion of the funds.

**Call to Order**:   Jimi Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.

**Attendance:**Thirty-four members were present.

**Approve December Minutes:**

Bob A. moved to approve the December minutes, Rita B. seconded, and the motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:**Velda Millard

Starting Balance: $20,936.35

Income:

Donations: $1,177.23

Online Auction $18,407.94

Expenses:

Merchant Fees: $910.63

Ending Balance: $39,610.89

Memorial Fund Account:

Starting Balance: $3,630.00

Ending Balance: $3,630.00

Bob A. moved to approve the December treasurer’s report, Rita B. seconded and the motion passed.

**Discussion** **of move to Google platform by Department:**

The fire department is currently hosting the four email accounts allocated to the Auxiliary. To remain on the department account we would need to reimburse the department for the cost of the email accounts which is $24 per month. If we moved to our own platform, with our own domain name, it would cost us $12 per year, which would be less than the $24/mo. to stay on the department platform. After discussion, it was decided to move to our own Google account.

We will need an ongoing administrator to manage the account. Brian Mills has volunteered to help the new administrator get the Google account and domain name set up.

Bob A. moved to approve, Rita B. seconded and the motion passed.

**Strategic Plan**: Dennis Broughton

Not much has been happening due to our current situation with Covid-19. Dennis will be putting together information to share with the Auxiliary.

**Discussion**to temporarily change meeting to 2nd Wednesday of the month:

After discussion, it was decided to temporarily hold the membership meeting on the second Wednesday of the month. If we find that this date works better, we will need to change the bylaws

**Looking for Volunteers:**

A suggestion was received to donate a basket of goodies for the 24 EMTs and Paramedics at Cascade Medical as a thank you for their amazing service throughout the year to our community. Kathy Gibbs says they will put up a bin at the store for people to drop donations--local products are preferred. The secretary will send an email to the membership to ask for a volunteer to put together the basket.

It was suggested that we create a “Spotlight on our Firefighters” to be distributed to all our members each month. It was decided to bring this topic up at a later date.

We are looking for someone who knows the Google platform/apps to help the board become familiar with all the features and create guidelines and methods for moving forward.

**Donation to the FFA:**

Velda recommends that we donate $25,000 to the FFA. That would leave $14,000+ in the account. In the past, we usually kept a balance of $10,000 in the account. Rita suggested that we give an additional $5,000. Rita B. moved to donate $30,000, Donnarae seconded, and the motion passed. The total donation for the year will be $40,000 which includes the $10,000 that was donated previously.

**Sunshine Committee Report**: Sharyl Nelson

Thank-you cards went to the summer chipping crew. Gabe Norby, Ryan Everest, and Scott Baker received thank-you cards for joining the LWFR.

**Good of the Order:**

* New email addresses for the Board will be sent to the members.
* Next meeting: Feb. 10, 2021, at 7:00 pm.
* Is there any interest in a Firefighter/Auxiliary BBQ this summer? The MacMillans volunteered to host it.
* Ron Simon, former volunteer, passed away this month.
* Sharyl will send a card to Trish Lamar as she begins chemo treatment in Wenatchee.
* Anne Mueller made a quilt for Mick’s retirement. Since we didn’t have a party, she still has the quilt. We will have her hold onto the quilt so Mick can receive it at a retirement party this summer.

**Adjournment:** Jimi Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.