**CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #9 AUXILIARY**

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Minutes

September 3, 2014

Dennis opened the evening by toasting our terrific Yard Sale with root beer floats!! He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Good of the Order:** Chief Lamar thanked the Auxiliary for all of their hard work on the Yard Sale and reiterated that the goal is not just to make money, but also provide the less fortunate with quality items. People also come to the Yard Sale to socialize and it gives the community a chance to mingle with the firefighters and Auxiliary members; kindness and graciousness are shared. Dept. News: Three mechanics going to school in Yakima. There will also be some live fire training with District 6 (Monitor, Dryden, and Peshastin). In October, District 9 will host Firefighters from Chelan and Douglas counties with a fish fry. Burn restrictions – expect ban to be lifted soon. Awkward situation last week with campfires: trying to get all entities to agree. Chief Lamar will be meeting with RiverCom to go over budget. He also reminded us that school has started and kids are at bus stops – be cautious. Make sure chimneys are swept and cleaned. Clean out dryer vents. Anniversary of 9/11 is next week – keep those people in our thoughts and prayers.

**Call to Order:** President Dennis Broughton called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

**Minutes:** Jimi moved to approve the minutes. Frank seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**: August’s beginning balance was $4,862.98. Total income was $3,992.40. Total expenses were $5,197.40. Ending balance $3,657.98. No bills were presented. $1,960.00 was donated from the public to feed firefighters with a total of $1,666.24 spent on food. JoAnne made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Becky seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Paul reported that the Yard Sale had grossed **$26,284.00!!**

Kaye presented the Auxiliary with $3,105.00 from the Kahler Glen Fundraiser.

**Old Business:**

Dennis led a discussion on what worked at the Yard Sale and what things needed improving. A discussion ensued regarding what to call the Sale – Yard, Garage or Rummage. A sign committee will be formed to finalize this decision.

Yard Sale suggestions are listed below.

**What Worked at the Yard Sale:**

Kid’s area in corner with a tarp to sit on.

Pictures on thermometer worth a thousand words.

Veronica proud to be working at yard sale.

Coffee and popcorn worked really well.

Friendliness was appreciated.

Crime scene tape and opening ceremony work well.

RiverCom – bringing hats for kids.

Worker’s dedication

Chiwaukum t-shirts went quickly. The proceeds from the shirts and Music Fest at Plain Hardware will be going to Pateros state troopers that lost their homes.

Veterans Place for drop-off worked well. Our items continue to provide for others.

**Seventy-three members on our roster and sixty-eight members participated in the Yard Sale!!**

**Improvement Areas:**

Clothes Racks were recycled. Need to form Committee to build new ones and also a new deck on the upper trailer.

It was jokingly suggested that we have a pit bull to guard station at night. Bill Moffat to formulate security plan.

Larger Cashier sign on tent.

Big Sign for early bake sale.

Signage committee emphasizing how and why to donate – it is all about saving lives.

It was suggested that we all wear a button saying that your dollars save lives.

New masking tape needed. Wider markers for tape.

Low spot where books were. Need another table or tent.

Move valuable things inside and glassware outside.

Need to improve traffic flow through backroom.

Need bigger dumpster.

Get ahold of metal scrapper to come next year before putting anything in dumpster.

Take more time to set up areas and have committees to organize each area.

Whoever is running Yard Sale should delegate responsibilities.

Do not let people in the day before – be more vigilant.

No cardboard in dumpster.

Use a bull horn in the Opening and state that all items were donated by the public to help raise funds for our Fire Dept. – Linda Wells has a bull horn.

Slow traffic down in front. Maybe a sign?!?

Another driveway into area?

Security better for meeting room.

Form a group to figure out table set-up and how many tables needed.

*Please email further suggestions to Jimi for next year’s Yard Sale.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jimi stated that Mike Stanford will be placing one more order of the Chiwaukum Fire Shirts.

There will be a Fish Fry in October for the Chelan/Douglas County Firefighter’s Association. Dennis will send out email with details.

**Sunshine Committee**: No Report

JoAnne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16. Becky seconded and the motion carried.

**Next meeting Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Kim Broughton, Secretary