**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**March 8th, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. at Station 91**

**Board members present**: Dorothy Baker, Barbara Harris, Chris King, Scott Baker, Paula Robinson, Jim MacMillan, and Elizabeth Pollock.

**Welcome:** Dorothy Baker

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9:**

Chief Walker presented the latest elevation drawings and design for the main building of the new Fire Station 93 on Hill Street at Beaver Valley Road. Throughout the process, LWFR has met with the Hill Street neighbors to discuss how to minimize disruption and reduce the visual impact. The architects are working on the final engineering drawings and then the report will go to the Commissioner and a price tag will be put on it. It will likely be a $6-8 million dollar project.

LWFR district 9 covers approximately 100 square miles and has 5 fire stations.

**LWFR Fire Association:**

Kris King is the new Lake Wenatchee Wildfire Risk Reduction Coordinator which is a 2-year position funded by a grant. Kris is looking forward to working with everyone.

**Call to Order:** Dorothy Baker called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Attendance:**  42 members attended in person plus 17 on Zoom.

**New Member Introductions:**

Jane Gross and Scott Taylor are new members attending their first meeting.

Guest – Rex McMillian is a neighbor of Stan Morgan’s on River Road.

Welcome Jane, Scott, and Rex.

**Approve February Minutes:**

Stan Morgan moved to approve the February minutes, seconded by John Tobias, and the motion passed.

**February Treasurer’s Report: (Barb Harris)**

Memorial Account $230.00

General Account

Beginning Balance – February 1 $94,428.96

Yard Sale – Porta Potties -$ 450.00

Name Badges -$ 73.48

Sec. of State Reports -$ 60.00

Amazon Smile Donation +$ 210.41

Fred Meyer Donation +$ 25.66

Ending Balance – February 28 $ 94,081.55

Judi Kennedy moved to approve the February Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Donna Tobias, and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Update on Auxiliary Name Change: (Barbara Harris)**

The Secretary of State is now working on paperwork that was submitted in November (as ours was) so we expect an answer soon.

**Comments/Idea/Suggestion Box:**

The box is outside on the table, and we encourage members to let us know your comments, ideas, and suggestions.

**Reminder – LWFR Appreciation Banquet:**

March 14th at Pine River Ranch. It’s a fun event!

**Nominees for Board of Directors:**

The following people are interested in running for Board positions: Barbara Harris, Chris King (both current Board members), Audry Henniger, and Liz Gilbertson. Is there anyone else interested in running?

The process will be as follows: Interested people are asked to submit a short bio and picture which Elizabeth will send out to the membership on March 20th. On April 3rd, you will receive an electronic ballot from Shawna Presley (Elizabeth will send an email saying the ballot has been sent). Voting is open from April 3rd through 10th and first/last names are required on the ballot. On the 11th, Shawna Presley and Donna Tobias will count the ballots and notify the Board and nominees of the results. Existing and new Board members will convene before the April meeting and determine Board positions. The new Board and their positions will be announced at the April meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Bylaws Committee Update: (Chris King)**

Everything is prepared and properly worded for now and into the future, current to new laws, and has been sent to the Lawyer. Once finalized, the new bylaws will be presented and voted upon by the membership.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Firefighters Multi District Dinner: Monday April 3rd (Scott Baker)**

Every year the Firefighters have a multi-district dinner which is attended by 30-50 firefighters. It is normally a fish fry and is there anyone interested in doing this? If not, this year it will be a BBQ and we are looking for Auxiliary volunteers for serving, salads, sides and desserts. Those who volunteer are also invited to the dinner. There is a sign-up sheet out on the table and Elizabeth will send out a reminder to those who signed up just before the event.

**Tour de Bloom Bike Race: Sunday, May 7**

Marcia and Mike Scott, plus one additional person will be shadowing Jimi this year. There will be an update at the April membership meeting.

**Barbara and Don Weeks Memorial: Saturday, April 8th (Ann Mueller)**

There will be a Celebration of Life at 2:00 p.m. at the Rec Club. Barbara was a co-founder of the Auxiliary and Don was a firefighter for 25 years. Looking for Auxiliary volunteers to help set up tables and bring salads or side dishes and a sign-up sheet was passed around. Marilyn Mylius advised that the Rec Club will also help and she will reach out to Ann.

**New Business:**

**Clothing: (Chris King)**

There will be a slight delay in handing out the clothing orders as GoUSA didn’t identify who purchased the items. Chris will get this sorted out and then call members to let them know the clothing is available.

**Firefighters Training Treats Sign Up:**

There is a 2023 sign-up sheet to provide treats once per month for the Firefighters meetings/training sessions.

**2023 Event Calendar:**

Dorothy Baker created an event calendar which shows when events are going to happen throughout the year. As some dates are not available, the calendar will be updated as event timing is finalized, and Elizabeth will send it out to the membership. This document has also been given to Chief Walker and Kim Wiley.

**Budget Request: (Barbara Harris)**

The Budget Committee is asking event leads to submit their budgets for 2023 and these will be presented to the membership at the April meeting.

**LWFR Auxiliary Website Updates: (Paula Robinson)**

The Auxiliary website has been updated to include a donation button and a form if someone is interested in joining the Auxiliary. Kris King is now the liaison to post information to the Auxiliary website. All information will be sent to the PIO who will, in turn, send it to Kris King for posting.

**Sunshine Report:** Sharyl Nelson

A card was sent to Chris King as she was in the hospital.

**Kudo’s/Achievements:**

Chris King acknowledged the great job Dorothy Baker has done as acting President while Jim was away.

**Good of the Order:**

**Show and Tell:**

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors: (Mary Morgan)**

Mary shared the earthquake preparedness that they were part of when living in Sammamish. This included getting to know neighbors, their phone numbers, do they work, and anyone with special needs. Lists were created of neighbors with skills (Nurse, EMT), tools (chain saws etc.) and signs were made to put in windows to indicate if people were okay or needed help. Preparedness also included extra fire extinguishers, securing breakables, straps around water heaters, and shoes and hard hats under the bed.

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**Preparedness: Marcia Scott**

Marcia has many years of experience in this area and approached the Board about having a preparedness talk once per quarter as emergency management is important. These quarterly sessions would be educational and fun to ensure we are self-sustainable in an emergency. The membership felt this was a great idea.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Auxiliary meeting is on Wednesday, April 12th, at Station 91 at 6:00 p.m. and a Zoom option will be available.

Randy Pollock moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Tobias, and the motion passed.

The meeting concluded at 7:17 p.m.