**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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Minutes

January 6, 2016

**Good of the Order:** Chief Lamar gave a heartfelt thank you to the Auxiliary for the wonderful Pancake Breakfast that coincided with a difficult week in our Country. He also noted that both of our areas (District 9 and 4), had insurance ratings of 7 (6 will be the new goal), which will help all of our homeowner’s insurance rates. Last year, the Dept. had four new firefighters who also happened to graduate at the top of their class. This year three new firefighters will be joining the department. The Dept. had 230 calls last year, with three large state mobilizations. Some of the Auxiliary money given to the Dept. has been spent to upgrade the IT equipment and also to purchase larger hose needed to fight bigger fires. Long term planning for the Fire Dept. has started, which will not only include the Fire Dept. and Auxiliary, but people from the community. A Wellness Initiative has been enacted within the Dept., with the first step being a membership offered by the Kahler Glen Athletic Club for firefighters to work out there during the week. Chief Lamar also reminded everyone that their Annual Banquet will be on Wednesday, January 13 at Pine River Ranch with nearly 185 people in attendance.

Following a delicious potluck dinner and a very lively white elephant gift exchange, President Dennis led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to Order:** President Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. New members plus some guests introduced themselves including Mike Chamness, Mike and Marci Scott, Bill Newell, and John McRoberts (Rose Ann’s husband), and her brother-in-law. Dan Forbes and Mary Long were also introduced, although they have previously helped at both large fundraisers this year. Fifty (50) members and two guests were present.

**Minutes:** Stan moved to approve the minutes. Bill seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**: November beginning balance was $48,308.67. Total expenses were $5,042.77. Total income $564.00. Ending balance $43,829.90. December beginning balance was $43,829.90. Total expenses were $5,486.92. Total income $8,366.77. Ending balance $46,709.75. Pam made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Frank seconded and the motion carried. Paul and Dennis then discussed the amount that should be donated to the firefighters this year with Dennis noting that he had consulted with Pete on the 2016 Facilities budget for new tables and more clothing racks. After some discussion, Pam N. made a motion that we give the firefighters $40,000 this year (which is an increase of $8,000 over last year), Pete seconded and the motion carried. Paul and Liz to purchase a giant check for President Dennis to present at the Annual Banquet on January 13.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS*:***

President Dennis shared with the group information gathered at the Tuesday firefighter’s meeting. He announced that Bill Moffat is now the President of the Firefighter’s Association, while also still being an Auxiliary member. CPR classes will be available through the Fire Dept. and later for the Auxiliary. Fire Dept. announced they will be putting up a website from their IT Dept., with the Auxiliary having a section to post notices, photos, and documentation.

**PANCAKE** **BREAKFAST**: Mary thanked those involved with the Pancake Breakfast including the Board, chair people, and everyone that helped. Mary stated that their two goals were accomplished in that we helped community and everyone had a good time, and we also made money. Stan noted that there is always room for improvement, so please email suggestions to Stan and Mary. Rita said that for the first time the Health Dept. came to inspect at the Pancake Breakfast and had no complaints!! Linda C. commented that the new table arrangements worked beautifully.

**BY-LAW COMMITTEE**: Need to update the by-laws ASAP. Gerri, Dick, Anne, Paul, Liz, Bob Melson, Mogens, Kathy Gibbs, and Bob Love comprise the committee with Dick Nicklas agreeing to Chair. The committee is to have new by-laws to present to the group at the March meeting.

**SERVICE PINS/CERTIFICATES –** A discussion ensued on whether to continue the tradition of service pins/certificates. After much discussion, it was agreed to recognize people for their service at meetings, but discontinue the purchase of pins. Pete made a motion to discontinue pins. Kathy Gibbs seconded and the motion carried. Bob Love to still get his 20-year pin ☺.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** Kim noted that after many wonderful years, Barb Weeks has decided to “pass the torch” as Sunshine Chairperson. Therefore, two people are needed to send cards, and purchase flowers when necessary for death of spouse ($50 limit). Damaris and Sharyl agreed to co-chair the Sunshine Committee. Pete to stop at Barb Weeks’ to pick up her leftover cards.

**GOODIES FOR FF MEETINGS:** Everyone agreed to continue with the tradition of supplying treats for the firefighter’s meetings. Kim passed around a sign-up sheet.

**TO GO BAGS:** Becky commented that the to-go bags need to be replenished. She also suggested taking soon-to-be expired items to the Pantry and the school and the group agreed. Linda, Rita, Nancy, Liz and Marci agreed to organize the bags. Ponderosa’s TO GO bags need to be replenished also.

**LAST CALL FOR COMMENTS:**

**SMOKE ALARMS:** The Fire Dept. is offering free smoke alarms and 10-year batteries to the community. Bill Moffat, as Chair of the Safety Committee stated that every sleeping space should have a smoke alarm. Bill noted that George Wilson and Pete Mueller have been helping with the installation, but he could use more help. Tom Bartlett, Stan, and Bob Jennings volunteered to assist Bill.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00. Pete seconded and the motion carried.

**The next meeting will on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. THERE WILL BE NO FEBRUARY MEETING.**

Respectfully submitted by Kim Broughton, Secretary

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