**CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #9 AUXILIARY**

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Minutes

November 5, 2014

Liz led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Good of the Order:** Chief Lamar thanked the Auxiliary for all we do and gave two examples of recent accidents where equipment purchased with the money we donated was used to buy lifesaving equipment and training. Chief Lamar then gave a presentation on the proposed merging of Districts 4 and 9 which has been agreed upon by the Commissioners. Mick presented a slide show about why merging should be considered, which included; proactive rather than being reactive; reduce duplicative efforts; increasing efficiencies in economics; strengthening partnerships; and improving the delivery of emergency services. What is driving the decision – aging membership, changing demographics, societal demands facing members, shrinking pool of potential members, increasing regulatory requirements, and costly parallel needs. Who makes decision on merging – commissioners, firefighters & staff, the community and other outside stakeholders (school district, churches, hospital, sheriff, forest service) – they are all on board. Merger will be petition based method within District 4 with handouts and community meetings. Suggested name change is Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue for recognition.

**Call to Order:** Vice President Liz Rawlins called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m. Pat Deveny, Bob and Marilyn Barr, and Windy Strauss were introduced as new members. Thirty-nine (39) members were in attendance.

**Minutes:** JoAnne moved to approve the minutes. Marlene seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**: September’s beginning balance was $3,657.98. Total income was $29,812.14. Total expenses were $230.06. Ending balance $33,240.06. Garage Sale Gross: $26,384.00. $1,349.74 for expenses. Netted $25,034.26. Bake Sale $2,538.00 Kathy’s Table $5,159.00. October’s beginning balance was $33,240.06. Total income was 0. Total expenses were $524.51. Ending balance $32,715.55. Bills presented included health permit, pancake breakfast food, and nametags. Frank made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Marlene seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Jimi had an extra women’s shirt with the fire picture on the back for $15.00.

Pancake Breakfast: Mary thanked everyone for signing up. Jobs left include: Door greeter/security – Kaye and Windy volunteered.

Bake Sale: Kim passed sign-up sheets. Also a sign-up for cookie plates.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The need for food pantry help was discussed. Marlene to check with the Pantry on what they need for Christmas meals.

Purchasing a Christmas Tree for Cascade Medical was discussed. Cathi Helseth is donating $100 in her husband’s name, Firefighter’s are donating $200. Susan Hastings stated that the desired tree is a 9’ pre-lit tree for $399. Jimi made a motion that we donate $50 in Brian Helseth’s name to purchase the tree and anyone can make a donation to Paul to make up the difference should they choose to do so. Marlene seconded and the motion carried.

Kim talked about the Auxiliary making wreaths that will be sold at the Pancake Breakfast. Anne has contacted Midway Grocery who has agreed to sell them for the Auxiliary. A wreath making day will be held on Wednesday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m. for anyone that wants to help.

Nancy Miller made a motion that we support the recommendation by Mick regarding merging Districts 4 and 9. Becky seconded and the motion carried. Dennis’ working together agreement was passed around for anyone supporting the merger to sign. It is not a legal document but a set of principles around the merger.

Jimi mentioned that the Chelan Auxiliary is hosting a gala on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2015. More details to follow.

**Sunshine Committee**: Frank is having triple bi-pass surgery next Thursday. Everyone wished him well.

Pat. B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23. Paula seconded and the motion carried.

**Next meeting Wednesday, December 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Kim Broughton, Secretary