**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**January 10, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. at Ponderosa Club House**

**Board members present**: Dorothy Baker, Scott Baker, Liz Gilbertson, and Elizabeth Pollock. The following Board members were present via Zoom - Audry Henniger, Barbara Harris, and Jim MacMillan.

**Welcome:**  Dorothy Baker

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9**:

**Chief Walker**:

We had a fire last night while the storm was going on. A smoke detector in a cabin went off and the owners (who live on the west side) asked a neighbor to check on it who found that smoke was coming from the basement. Our fire department finally got there as it was very slippery out and lots of firefighters showed up, which was fantastic. The fire was contained in the basement and the Fire Marshall is looking into the case. A reminder to everyone to keep items away from space heaters.

Two events are coming up:

1. The Insurance Commissioner is coming to Plain (Wednesday, January 24th from 5:30p-7:30p at the Rec Club) to answer any insurance questions as a lot of folks in our area have lost their insurance. We have a 6-insurance rating which is good for a rural area, and we have several programs to help with this – chipping program, fire mitigations program etc. If you have a story or have questions, please share it with the Commissioner.
2. The Plain Valley Nordic Cup race is on Sunday, January 21st and we are looking for help from the Auxiliary with parking cars. They are expecting more than the usual number of teams to show up. There is a sign-up sheet here or you can contact me directly if you are available to help.

We are starting a public distribution of Naloxone Hydrochloride to help with the opioid crisis. This is what is needed to bring someone back from an opioid overdose. We will have this on our aid cars and in the fire trucks. Plus, we have some for public use if you would like some.

**Guest Speaker: Bob Adamson on the 2024 Fire Levy**

We (Bob Adamson, Bob Jennings, and Stan Morgan) have been tasked to be the Levy committee and get this information out to you. I have brochures with me entitled “Fire Levy Facts” which gives a lot of details. We will be in touch with the homeowner communities such as Ponderosa and Chiwawa Pines. The Levy vote is on February 13th.

Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue is placing a proposition before the voters on February 13, 2024 ballot authorizing the District to establish its 2024 regular property tax levy at $0.95 per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2025.

**Levy Facts**

* Maximum levy amount by Law is $1.50
* Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue is requesting $0.95
* This rate deteriorates over time.
* Because of Levy restrictions we must return to voters on an ongoing basis for this basic service. This Levy is expected to last 6 years with normal inflation.
* LWFR maximizes Grant funding options to bring the most financial leverage possible to the local community. Allowing tax dollars to go much farther.
* On a $500,000 home this levy will add an additional $205 a year or $17 dollars a month.

If you haven’t already, register to vote and vote for your community.

**Bill Miller put forth a motion which was seconded by Bob Adamson to put the “Fire Levy Facts” brochure on the Auxiliary Facebook page. All were in favor and the motion was approved.**

**LWFR Association:**

**Deb Watkins-President**

Congratulations to Deb Wadkins who is now the President of the Fire Association. She wants to come to our Auxiliary meetings and have Auxiliary representation at their meetings.

The new Association Board members are Deb Wadkins – President; John Bradwin – 1st Vice President; Bridget Dancs – 2nd Vice President; Dave Millard – Treasurer; and Marisha Robinson – Secretary.

Deb will set up a breakfast for the Auxiliary and Association to discuss goals and objectives for 2024.

**Call to Order:**  Dorothy Baker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance:**  32 members attended in person plus 23 members via Zoom for a total of 55 participants.

**New Member/Guest Introductions:**

No new members are in attendance.

**Approve November Minutes:**

Kevin Stavang moved to approve the November meeting minutes, seconded by John Tobias and the motion passed.

**December Treasurer’s Report: Barbara Harris**

Memorial Account $230.00

General Account

Beginning Balance December 1, 2023 $80,724.09

Pancake Breakfast Income +$ 8,983.62

Pancake Breakfast Expenses -$ 1,014.91

Donations +$ 935.20

Admin – Name Badge +$ 9.19

Ending Balance December 31, 2023 $ 89,637.19

Randy Pollock moved to approve the December Treasurer’s report, seconded by Bob Adamson and the motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Pancake Breakfast Feedback: Dorothy Baker**

The Pancake Breakfast was a great success and the snow made it very festive.

Is there any feedback regarding this year’s event? The major change from last year was putting the cashiers at the back and combining the breakfast and raffle tickets payment. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

**Tone Out Update: Kathleen Colvard**

An email was sent out about how we go out and support the firefighters with food and beverages. If you would like to be on the Tone Out list, there is a sign-up sheet here and if your information has changed, please let me know. This is a great way to support our Firefighters and I will send out the final list once the changes have been made.

**Social Committee: Dorothy Baker**

I have asked the Board if they would like to continue with the little get-togethers like we have done over the past year. Originally, we had budgeted a dollar amount of $500 for 2023 but we have spent less than $250. Prizes for many things were paid for by individuals on the social committee. If you have any comments regarding the Social Committee, please let me know.

**Nominating Committee: Liz Gilbertson**

The Nominating Committee members are Jimi Wilson, Jennifer Norris, Liz Gilbertson, Stan Morgan, and Jim MacMillan.

As you know, in April we announce new Board members. This March we will have bios sent out and make the new board announcements in April. We will send an email out in the next week or so with more information. 4 positions are up for election this cycle. If you would like to nominate anyone, please do so. We want to have diversity on the Board so please consider running for a Board position.

**Upcoming Events:**

**LWFR Appreciation Banquet: Dorothy Baker**

The LWFR Appreciation Banquet will be on April 17th, and you will receive an invite from Kim Wiley. We encourage everyone to come as it is a fun event.

**Easter Egg Hunt: Marilyn Mylius**

The Auxiliary has been asked to help to do a community which is being put on by Rec Club, Ponderosa, and the firefighters. We haven’t held the event in a couple of years, and we are looking for a little help with cost and some volunteers. Easter is March 31st this year and the Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday. March 30th. There is a tentative meeting on January 22 at 5:00pm. If you would like to volunteer, I will send around a sign-up sheet. Dorothy commented that the Easter Egg Hunt would be something that people would do as an individual and not as part of the Auxiliary.

**Benevolent Events: Scott Baker**

Thank you to those who showed up at the Squirrel Tree in November for our first Benevolent Day there. It was an awesome event.

**The next Benevolent Day at the Squirrel Tree will be on Tuesday, February 27th.** Please put that date on your calendar and we will send out reminders and put the event on social media. Vito would like to have an Auxiliary Benevolent Day at least 3 times per year and we would like to thank Vito for all he does for the community.

**The next Benevolent Night at München Haus will be on July 2nd.**

Scott will also contact Blewett Brewery and/or Icicle Brewery regarding a Benevolent Night in May or June.

**Tour de Bloom: Sunday May 5th (the weekend before Mother’s Day)**

Marci and Mike Scott are leading the event this year and Dave and Nancy Salmon will shadow them. More information will be sent out as we get closer to the date.

**New Business:**

**2024 Calendar: Dorothy Baker**

The 2024 Event Calendar has been created and will be sent out by Elizabeth. The calendar will be updated throughout the year as dates are finalized and new events are added.

**Station 91 Supplies – Dorothy**

Donnarae Holloway, Elizabeth Pollock, and Dorothy Baker went to Station 91 and consolidated all the Auxiliary supplies that are stored upstairs. Going forward, please check there for current supplies and then consolidate any returned/new supplies.

**50th Anniversary: Chief Walker**

2024 is the 50th Anniversary of LWFR. Ponderosa and Chiwawa Pines had the first two fire stations. We have a committee and are looking at events, T-shirts, and new logos. Joanne Stanford, Jennifer Norris, and Audry Henniger from the Auxiliary are on the committee. LWFR will let us know when the next meeting is going to be.

**Sunshine Report:**

No one has called me with any card requests. Let me know if anyone needs a card sent.

**Good of the Order:**

**Chili Contest – Tracy Stavang**

Thanks to Dorothy Baker, Kim Jones, Kevin Stavang and Chief Walker for participating in the Chili Cookoff. The winner was Chief Walker with his San Antonio Chili. Congratulations Chief Walker!

Elizabeth to send out the chili recipes.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Auxiliary meeting is on Wednesday, February 14th, at Station 91 at 6:00 p.m. and a Zoom option will be available.

The meeting concluded at 7:08 p.m.

John Tobias moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kim Jones, and the motion passed.

**Note:**

If you want to look at past minutes, they are located online, and the path is below:

LWFR.org: About LWFR: Auxiliary; Member Login (bottom of page); Auxiliary Login; Password is **Auxmember18**; Minutes. It shows minutes since 2010 along with the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.