**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Minutes**

**June 5, 2019**

Board members present: Marci Scott, April Adamson, Karen Pirotto, and Rita Baugh

As they arrived, members recorded their thoughts to answer the question, “Why are we here?” on a poster.

**Meet the firefighters:** Tonight, we met Josiah Norby and his family—father Chris, mother Joanna, and siblings Maria, Gabriel, and Peter. Josiah joined the fire department at 16, he was named firefighter of the year, and now he is finishing his EMT training—tomorrow is graduation.

**Comments from Chief Lamar:**

* Chief Lamar leads the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
* Remember Normandy—others over self
* Mike and Becky Payne are celebrating their 50th anniversary.
* Welcome back to station #91.
* The fire department land purchase is in the final stages.
* The burn ban is effective beginning today, June 5, 2019.
* The department has received 2 grants to help with fuel mitigation and home assessments.

-One grant from RSG for $5,000

-One grant from the Upper Wenatchee Pilot Program for $38,000.

* Thank you for helping with the highway cleanup.
* Music Fest will be Aug. 17.
* All of the pumps on our engines are being certified; an independent group tests all of our equipment.
* LWFR received a post-fire hazard mitigation grant from FEMA. It will be used to purchase 4 generators for local water purveyors to use in case of an emergency for community water access.

**Call to Order**: President Marci Scott called the meeting to order at 7: 14 pm. Fifty-five were in attendance

 (50 members, 1 guest, and 4 firefighters.)

**Treasurer’s report:** Karen P.

Starting Balance 5/1: $10,930.27

Expenses: $46.34

 -1 name tag: $7.59

 -Root beer floats for the May meeting: $38.75

 Income: $76.11

 -Amazon Smile: $17.54

 -Clothing: $58.57

 Ending Balance: $10,960.04

Dennis B. moved to approve the Treasurer’s report, Bob J. seconded, and the motion passed.

**Approval of May minutes:** Chris A. moved to approve the minutes, Kim B. seconded, and the motion passed.

**Membership report:** The Board will meet to discuss membership questions/bylaw requirements and will

 report to the members at a future meeting.

**Public information report:** Velda M.

* Velda has built an LWFR Auxiliary Facebook page. Send Velda pictures to post on Facebook. Email the photos and include the names of the people and the event information. Please send photos to Velda within a day or two of the events, so the details on Facebook are current. You must receive permission from the parents before including any photos of children.

**Welcome to new members and guests:** There are no new members or guests this evening.

**Firefighter association meeting update**:

* Deb Wadkins shared that the LWFR FFA approved the purchase of jackets for every member of the fire department. The jackets are reflective, water proof, wind proof, breathable, and are rated for below zero weather with the liner. This also provides apparel consistency throughout the department.
* Mike Stanford shared an A. E. D. The funds raised by the Auxiliary purchased several that are in locations around the area. They are maintained by the fire department. The batteries and the pads are checked annually. The FF Assoc. received an $8000 grant to purchase two pulse oximeters to measure oxygen saturation, heart rate, and carbon dioxide levels in blood.

**Alert Sense:** Mike Pirotto spoke to us about Alert Sense which is like an Amber Alert for natural disasters.

The Lake Wenatchee Fire Adaptive Community group is working to educate the public about Alert Sense. You can Google “Chelan County Alert System” or go to the following website:

<https://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/public.aspx?regionid=1184>

Members of the LWFR Auxiliary working with LWFAC

 Bob A.—reflective address signs

 Bob J.—chipping program

Jim P.—working on a pilot project with the USFS and other agencies.

Mike P.--Ready-Set-Go program

**Old Business**:

* Audit report--We will need to devise some procedures for handling our cash at events. Jim Passage will

help to set up procedures. Frank A. moved to approve the changes to the budget, Judi K. seconded, and the motion passed.

* Yard sale update--Deb W. and Mike S.

A cable is being installed at station 93 by the back forty to prevent early drop-offs. There will be one early drop-off day, June 22, from 9:00-3:00. Items we won’t accept will be posted on the website, Facebook, Lake Wenatchee Info, and a sandwich board. Furniture will only be picked up on a case-by-case basis. Furniture items for donation will need to be approved. Refer people wanting to donate furniture to Deb W. or Mike S. We will ask for a donation for any pick-ups. We will not sell hot dogs this year due to cost. Nick Conley has started a food truck called “The Taste of Plain,” and he will be donating back to the Auxiliary. The menu will be Mexican food. Eight hay bales are needed and will be returned.

* Rest Stop--We need many volunteers for work shifts and cookies.
* 59er Diner--FF/Auxiliary chili cook-off competition Aug. 2nd has been cancelled.
* Insurance coverage update—Marci S. reported that after investigating whether we need additional insurance coverage, it was determined that we do need the insurance to protect us from any liability.

The additional insurance costs $1,150.00 for this year.

**New Business:** Marci/Board members

* “Why are we here?” – Rita B. shared our comments from the poster.
* Chipping update – Bob J. The new chipper is located at station 93. Drew Sahlinger will be the supervisor for the program. The chipper will be available all summer Wednesday-Saturday. Sign up on the LWFR website.
* Benevolent night with the Chumstick Coalition: July 2nd at München Haus
* Cascade Medical Foundation Golf Tournament on June 17.
* Facilities--Carl L. and Stan M. have been inventorying all the signs and putting together a binder with numbers and locations.

**Sunshine Committee:**

* Cards were sent to Bill Gibbs, Jim Woltring, and Veronica Simion.
* Deb shared that Pastor John smashed his foot and requested that a card be sent to him.

**Kudos:** Stan M., Igor M., and Carl L. were recognized for their hard work in support of the LWFR.

**Goodbyes:** We sadly say goodbye to Jan and Pat Deveny, Mike Chamness and Mo Stich, Steven and Crystal

 Williamson, Jules and Jim Burrage, and Jim and Lynda Woltring.

**July Meeting:** There will be no July meeting.

**Closing:** Kim B. moved to close the meeting, Jimi\_W. seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting closed

 at 8:13 pm.