**CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #9 AUXILIARY**

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Minutes

August 6, 2014

Dennis led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Good of the Order:** Chief Lamar was happy to see so many people. Busy is the word. Gave fire updates: 5th of July – helped down the valley and then transitioned to our area July 16-18. Duncan Fire has jumped part of the fire lines and will work its way back to Entiat Valley. Chiwaukum fire still burning - 14,000 acres in wilderness. Hansel Fire on Hwy 97 is 1,000-2,000 acres. North end of lake is the Shoefly fire. 18 additional starts from last lightening throughout Central area. “Thank you” theme again for this group. The food alone has been phenomenal and much appreciated. Our unique community has welcomed the firefighters; feeding them, shaking their hands, asking where they are from, raising money, thanking firefighters, offering to do laundry, offered wives a place to stay. People across the USA are talking about our Auxiliary. One Strike Team leader said that there will be two scholarships for our firefighters at the State Convention in Wenatchee. Central Washington needs a lot of help. At the August 16 Music Fest firefighters will pass the boot for State troopers and firefighters who lost their homes. August 19 there is an Ice Cream Social at Mt. Springs sponsored by the Hospital District. District 4 and 9 will be discussing combining Associations operationally. Thank you for time, energy and effort. Fires will burn till the snow flies.

Tom Snook also came to the meeting to thank us for the lunches and food. He acknowledged notes that were put in lunches. Proud to be part of such a caring community.

Mike Stanford was at the meeting to present t-shirts with the fire photo he took on the back for every Auxiliary Member as an appreciation gift.

**Call to Order:** President Dennis Broughton called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. He introduced guests Judy Drexler and Bobbie from Ponderosa and new members Bob and Jerry Jennings; Anne and Pete Mueller and Lynda and Jim Woltring. Dennis talked about our Auxiliary and Ponderosa working together operationally just as the Firefighters will be doing.

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

**Treasurer’s Report**: August’s beginning balance was $3,230.68. Total income was $1,680.00. Total expenses were $47.70. Ending balance $4,862.98. Bills were presented. Lisa made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Marlene seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Old Business:**

At the 59er Diner fundraiser they matched any gift card donation purchased that day.

Dennis thanked Martha for her signs thanking the firefighters. They have been used at various fundraisers. He also thanked Pam Mullen for putting thank you notes in the firefighter’s lunches and suggested that Beaver Valley school kids make some in the future.

Yard Sale: Depending on the fire situation we may not have firefighters to help this year. Dumpster and sani-cans ordered. Cathi has done flyers. Paula has extra flyers to put up anywhere and passed them around. Lots of furniture donations. Dennis and Kim have their garage filled with furniture. Need volunteers to pick up furniture on Friday. Tom Bartlett, Vasili, Roland and Pete volunteered. Gerri put an ad in Good Life Magazine. Sign-up lists being passed around. Clothing is in the Bay and needs to be set-up early. Martha has a clothes rack to borrow. 8/12 Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. sort clothes. Lisa will do the signs again. Crime scene tape to rope off Yard Sale.

Yard Sale Schedule: Friday - trucks moved out at 7 a.m. Move tables to bays. Unload containers. Clothing group moves stuff out of back bay. Need lots of muscle. Start at 8 a.m. Donations come all day long. Wear comfortable shoes. Work until 6 p.m. Food on Friday: Kathy will make clam chowder, bring something to share if you want, but pack your own lunch. Parking is next to station with Volunteer signs in your car on your dashboard. Becky reminded everyone to wear their shirt and nametag even at set-up and also aprons. People can only hold items till 3:00 on Saturday. It was suggested to put up reminder signs about making donations.

Need someone to take metal to a recycling area. Kathy will check. Pete and Roland volunteered to take cardboard to Dryden. Remember not to crush boxes until everything is packed. Save smaller boxes for items. Leftover items will be taken to the Veterans Place in Wenatchee.

**Everyone can still have a pile of things to purchase set aside on Friday, but please check first with the Special Items Committee (Kathy Kelly) to make sure that it shouldn’t be sold there. Of course, you are still welcome to bid on it too.**

Liz passed around Volunteer Yard and Bake Sale guidelines.

Thank you to Patricia for getting an Office Depot donation for the photos for the thermometer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mary Lou was able to get REI to donate 35 insulated lunch boxes for firefighters. Thank you Mary Lou!!

There will be a Bake Sale and Firewise Table with 1400 mini cupcakes, rice krispy treats, and cookies at the Plain Hardware Music Fest. Mary made a motion to support the Music Fest; Frank seconded, and the motion carried. Marlene, Jimi, Mary, Stan, Frank, and Kathy offered to help.

Jimi passed out timesheets to those that helped serve meals any time over the last few weeks to fill out in case the State reimburses us. There will be a firefighter support dinner tomorrow night for the Heli-Base crew. Fish and chips, coleslaw, salads, ice cream pie. Stop by and say thanks.

**Sunshine Committee**: No Report

**Gratitude Moment**:

Dennis said our community is full of Grace and Gratitude. He shared that the morning after the Pateros fire blew-up he saw Methow Valley trucks that were helping us heading home to help their own area not knowing if their own homes were still there.

JoAnne thanked all of us for our hard work and the Auxiliary in turn thanked JoAnne and other 20 year members (Bob, Sharen, Barb . . . ) who created the foundation for our Auxiliary.

Jimi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20. Paul seconded and the motion carried.

**Next meeting Wednesday, September 3, 2014.**

Respectfully submitted by Kim Broughton, Secretary