**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

**14193 Chiwawa Loop Road, Box 3**

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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**February 14, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. at Station 91**

**Board members present**: Dorothy Baker, Scott Baker, Liz Gilbertson, Barbara Harris, and Elizabeth Pollock.

**Welcome:**  Dorothy Baker

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9**:

**Chief Walker**:

It is election day and the Fire Levy passed. I would like to thank Bob Adamson, Stan Morgan, and Bob Jennings for all their work regarding the fire levy. People learned a lot about the fire department through the Levy and I enjoyed the entire process. What it means is that we are now stable.

**Danny Bacheldor** – Recruitment and Retention Officer. You will see me around a lot and my job is to recruit and retain fire fighters. If you know of someone who is interested in volunteering, there is information out on the table.

**LWFR Association:**

**Deb Watkins:**

The Association and the Auxiliary Board had breakfast and shared our goals for the year.

The Association Board looks at where there is need in the community and sets aside money for donations each year. The Association members vote on which donations to proceed with.

The Pantry is building a storage shed for food processing and we donated to that. Also, the Association is buying two new ice wet suits as the ones we currently have are twenty years old.

**Bridget Dancs:**

We would like to do a blood drive and would be looking for about 35 people to donate blood. How many people here would be interested in participating? We will put up flyers to get information out to the community and the blood drive would be done at station 91. Once a date is set, we will be looking for some volunteers to help with the drive.

**Call to Order:** Dorothy Baker called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Attendance:** 35 members attended in person, 11 on Zoom and 1 guest.

**New Member Introductions:**

Kraig Peiguss was welcomed to the Auxiliary. Welcome Kraig!

**Approve January Minutes:**

Paula Robinson moved to approve the January meeting minutes, seconded by Kathleen Colvard and the motion passed.

**January Treasurer’s Report: (Barbara Harris)**

Memorial Account $230.00

General Account

Beginning Balance January 1, 2024 $89,637.19

Donations +$ 498.81

Lawyer for Bylaws -$ 825.00

Ending Balance January 31, 2024 $ 89,311.00

Chris King moved to approve the January Treasurer’s report, seconded by Donna Tobias and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Rescind motion for Auxiliary to post “Levy, vote yes”.**

At the January meeting, we made a motion to advertise the Fire Levy and it was approved. An email was sent out to let members know that we cannot do that as a 501c3 non-profit organization. We can support the Levy as an individual but not as an organization. Because of this, we must make a motion to rescind the January motion.

Chris King made a motion to rescind the January motion and it was seconded by Kris King and the motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominating Committee: Liz Gilbertson and Stan Morgan**

Four Board positions are up for election. If you are interested in running for a Board position, please let anyone on the Nominating Committee know by next Wednesday (2/21).

Right now, we have 3 people running for the Board. Chris King, Kris King, and Franklin French.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Benevolent Night at Squirrel Tree: Scott Baker**

The Auxiliary is holding another Benevolent Day at Squirrel Tree on February 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and we have put flyers out in the Community to get the word out. Hope to see you there.

**Easter Egg Hunt: Liz Gilbertson**

The Easter Egg hunt is on March 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Rec Club and the Easter Bunny will be there.

If you are interested in helping:

* Stuffing the eggs is on Monday, March 4th at 5:00 p.m.
* Hiding the eggs is on March 30th at 8:30 a.m.

The organizers are asking the Auxiliary for help in set up, tear down, and baking cookies. The last time the Easter Egg hunt was held, 200 people showed up. There are sign up sheets outside the room.

**LWFR Appreciation Banquet: Dorothy Baker**

April 17th is the Appreciation Banquet. Marisha Robinson would like to know if there are 2 people from the Auxiliary who would help go out and ask merchants for door prizes. Marci Scott volunteered, and Dorothy will send Marci the information.

**Tour de Bloom: Marci Scott**

The race is on Sunday, May 5th and Marci met with Ace Bollinger (race organizer) and discussed the process. We will need about 84 volunteers and sign-up sheets will be available at the March meeting.

**New Business:**

**Memorial Fund Spending and Establish Garden Committee: Barbara Harris**

The LWFR Association will be installing a new flagpole at Station 93, and they will be adding a memorial garden for Jerry Jennings.  We would like to have a motion to spend $200.00 from the Memorial account to help with the garden.

April Adamson made the motion to spend $200.00, seconded by Franklin French.  All were in favor and the motion passed. We would like a committee of 3 volunteers.

**Picture Boards Committee: Dorothy Baker**

The Auxiliary has 3 large picture boards that are used at events. They show what the Auxiliary has purchased over the years, but the boards need updating. Dorothy will get the Boards back from Patricia Baranouskas and store them at station 91. We are going to create a committee to keep the picture boards updated and Chris King has volunteered to head the committee. We would like 2 more volunteers to be on the Committee and a request will be sent out on this.

Scott Baker will let Chris know what will be needed for the upcoming Benevolent Day at Squirrel Tree.

**Pancake Breakfast Chair for 2024: Dorothy Baker**

It was decided that we will provide binders and USB drives to the current leads for all major events this year.  The binders are to have timelines, contacts, instructions, example documents, and event set up drawings when needed.  Chris King was handed a binder for the Pancake Breakfast, which already contains full documentation for the event.  Dorothy will check with Velda to see if a binder has already been created, and will also provide Velda with a new binder, a USB drive for document storage, and provide instruction on the preferred format for the yard sale event documentation.

**Sunshine Report: Sharyl Nelson**

Bob Jennings, Mary Morgan, Donnarae Holloway, Mike Stanford, and Donna Tobias have all been sent cards.

**Good of the Order:**

Deb Wadkins gave an update on Mike Stanford.

**Social Committee: Kathleen Colvard**

In celebration of Valentine’s Day, the social committee gave a prize for the couple married the longest (the Tobias’s) and the couple married the shortest time (the King’s). Congratulations to both couples.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Auxiliary meeting is on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Station 91 and a Zoom option will be available.

The meeting concluded at 6:52 p.m.

John Tobias moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by April Adamson, 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.