**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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Minutes

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Following a delicious potluck dinner, President Dennis led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Good of the Order:** Assistant Chief Payne noted that eight recruits just graduated from the Academy. Our district signed an agreement with Cascade Medical and we now manage the ambulance service in our area. We have 9 or 10 firefighters along with Auxiliary member Mike Chamness who will be attending EMT school starting in January.

**Call to Order:** President Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Forty-one (41) members were present. Dennis introduced new member Dennis Clemmons.

**Minutes:**  Mary Morgan pointed out a correction to the meeting minutes. Damaris made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. April seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Pam gave the Treasurer’s report: November beginning balance: $54,644.28. Total expenses: $1,235.95. Ending Balance: $53,408.33. December beginning balance: $53,408.33. Total expenses: $650.77. Total income: $10,235.81. Ending balance: $62,991.10. Tom made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. April seconded and the motion carried. Pam presented a bill for stamps for the Sunshine Committee. Tom made a motion to approve the bill. April seconded and the motion carried.

**DOLLAR AMOUNT TO FIREFIGHTERS:** Dennis explained some expenditures that we may have in 2017 – carts for Yard Sale, container and gravel, possibly re-build deck on container at Station 91, and our various fundraisers. Dennis suggested that we give $50,000 to the firefighters. Becky moved we give the firefighters $50,000.00, Damaris seconded and the motion carried.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Per our by-laws, Dennis and Bob to be the Board Members on the nominating committee. Dennis asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Lisa, Stan, and Frank volunteered.

**BIO FORM:** Bob explained the Strategic Plan for the firefighters – One Team, One Plan – hospital, firefighters, sheriff’s office and Auxiliary working together. He also presented a Bio form that will be emailed to each member updating our skills and talents. This is a way to match skills with actions that are included in the Strategic Plan and also help the Auxiliary to match skills with committees. Bob also suggested that committee chairs rotate every couple of years and in order to keep continuity, each committee have a chair and “co-chair” to shadow and learn the job for the future. Bob emphasized our most important goal is to keep our culture of being a neighborhood group working together to raise money and have lots of fun doing it!!

**PROPOSED MEETING TIME:** Kim proposed meeting earlier during the winter months. After discussion, it was agreed to meet at **4:00 p.m.** for the next meeting, as a trial. Dennis suggested spring/summer meetings go back to Station 91 where trucks would be rolled out with tables and chairs set up in the bay (chairs would need to be purchased). This would reinforce for all of us the good that our fundraising does in purchasing fire equipment, etc. If this becomes a permanent change, our by-laws would need to be revised.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST REPORT:**  Stan and Mary thanked everyone for all of their hard work on another successful event. 308 adults and 48 children attended with 7 adults and 4 children as guests of the Pantry. The breakfast made $500 more over last year. Jimi noted that Terri needs pictures from the Pancake Breakfast for the Banquet. Please forward to Terri if you have pictures.

**SUNSHINE:** Damaris and Sharyl sent a card to Liz who broke her knee cap. Dennis thanked the group for all of their love, prayers and support during their daughter’s illness.

**LAST CALL FOR COMMENTS:** Dennis and Kim will chair the Yard Sale this year. Becky talked about a family in Tennessee that firewised their property and had one of the only homes saved during a fire in their area.

**The next meeting will on Wednesday, March 1 at Ponderosa Clubhouse at 4:00 p.m. NO FEBRUARY MEETING.**

 Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18. Damaris seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting was then followed by a fun and lively white elephant gift exchange.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Broughton, Secretary