**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**October 11, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. at Station 91**

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

**Welcome:**  Jim MacMillan

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9**:

**Chief Walker**:

It was quite a month in September and the Auxiliary did an amazing job on the Yard Sale. We appreciate all you do.

The truck outside (SAR95) is a 1995 pickup that is a year-round truck for us but is at the end of its life. The Firefighter’s association has committed $60,000 to replace the truck. This is from money that the Auxiliary raised so thank you for that. A new truck has been ordered.

2024 will mark 50 years of fire service here in the Valley. We are doing research on the origination of fire service here and are putting together a committee to do this. We would like to have some Auxiliary members on the committee so we can plan some anniversary things for 2024.

The department did drills last month where we must prove that we can supply 250 gallons of water per minute for 30 minutes. The exercise was conducted, and we ran at that rate for 40-45 minutes. This allows us to maintain insurance at a low rate.

**Call to Order:** Jim MacMillan called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Attendance:**  39 members attended in person plus 11 members on Zoom and 4 guests.

**New Member/Guest Introductions:**

Jennifer Norris

Melissa Brimhall and Dave Christiansen

Mitch Eggers

Welcome Jennifer, Melissa, Dave, and Mitch!

**Approve August Minutes:**

Fred Guimond moved to approve the August meeting minutes, seconded by Bob Sage, and the motion passed.

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

Memorial Account $230.00

General Account

Beginning Balance Sept 1, 2023 $29,659.36

Yard Sale Income before Expenses +$38,270.03

After Party at Plain Cellars +$ 8,045.89

Fred Meyer (Kroger) Donation +$ 35.02

Yard Sale Starting Cash -$ 600.00

Lawyer for Bylaws -$ 150.00

Postage, Envelopes, Endorsement Stamp -$ 75.86

Ending Balance Sept 30, 2023 $75,184.44

Becky Payne moved to approve the September Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Paula Robinson, and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Yard Sale:**

Barbara Harris advised that the yard sale made $3500 more than 2022, which is over 10% increase.

Elizabeth will send out an email to request feedback. What worked well, what could be improved upon for next year so that we can continually improve the Yard Sale.

**Life Flight and Airlift NW Update: Barbara**

Life Flight ID cards were sent to everyone from the Company. Airlift NW ID cards are here for pick up. Anyone not at the meeting tonight will have their ID card mailed to them.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Pancake Breakfast – December 2nd: Dorothy**

The Pancake Breakfast is always the first Saturday of December which is December 2nd this year.

We are looking for volunteers for the following areas and sign-up sheets are on the table outside. The sign-up sheets will also be at the November meeting.

* Help set up Santa House
* Help set up for the Event
* Help in the Dining Room during the Event
* Help with clean up after the Event
* Make Cookies
* Help Plate and Wrap Cookies
* Help Wrap Raffle Baskets

Stan Morgan and Scott Baker are completing the donations for the raffle baskets and will give them to Tracy Stavang and Marilyn Mylius. Tracy/Marilyn will identify which baskets need some additional items and an email will be sent out to the membership. Please respond to that email if you can help by adding things to a specific basket.

Raffle tickets are available for sale tonight and at the November meeting as well.

If you’re going to be present at the Pancake Breakfast, you don’t need to put your name on the ticket as the ticket number will then be read.

Feedback from last year identified the need to improve the parking. The Rec Center is limited to where they can plow so, please carpool if you can. Volunteers should park out by the road.

New banners have been created for the Pancake Breakfast and the new design was shown.

**November Meeting - Pie Contest:**

The Social Committee has planned a pie contest for the November meeting. Please sign up if you plan on participating and bringing a pie and plan on arriving by 5:30 p.m. People will be asked to come about a ½ hour early to taste the pies so the meeting can begin promptly at 6:00.

**January Meeting – Chili Cookoff Contest:**

The Social Committee has planned a chili cookoff contest at the January meeting and details will be discussed at the November meeting.

**Squirrel Tree Benevolent Night:**

Scott Baker spoke to Vito Fedor at the Squirrel Tree about having a Benevolent Night and the date of Tuesday, November 14th was chosen. It will be all day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Vito will donate a percentage of the profit for the day. More details to come.

**New Business:**

**Online Auxiliary Clothing: Chris King**

The on-line store will be open today through Monday, October 23rd. Samples of the jackets and other items are on the counter. Elizabeth will send out the link.

**File Of Life Cards: Becky Payne**

File of Life Cards – the fire department gave us these sheets that include your name, allergies, medications etc. and any special instructions to paramedics if they come to you in an emergency. Paramedics cannot access your records at hospitals so this sheet will provide them with important information. Put the sheet in a baggy and put it on the side of your refrigerator. You can also put a sticker on your outside door that tells paramedics the sheet is inside in a visible spot.

**KMC Women’s Golf Picture: Elizabeth**

A picture was taken of the KMC Women’s Golf League presenting a ceremonial check for $15,752.59 to Chief Walker and a few of the firefighters. This money will be combined with other Auxiliary money and given to LWFR at the annual banquet in March 2024.

**Zoom meeting equipment:**

The Auxiliary would like to have its own Zoom equipment as Zoom will continue to be part of the Auxiliary meetings.

Chris King made a motion to approve a budget of $500 to purchase a Zoom membership and Zoom equipment. The motion was seconded by Kelly MacMillan and the motion passed.

**Sunshine Report: Sharyl Nelson**

Not in attendance.

**Good of the Order:**

The two items left at the Yard Sale were never claimed (a jacket and a water bottle). They will be donated to the Pantry if not claimed soon.

**Halloween Costume Contest Winner:**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Halloween costume contest and the winner was Shawna Presley who dressed up as Mary Poppins. Congratulations Shawna!

**Next Meeting:**

The next Auxiliary meeting is on Wednesday, November 8th, at Station 91 at 6:00 p.m. and a Zoom option will be available.

Jimi Wilson will provide an update on the bylaws at the November meeting.

Paula Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chris King, and the motion passed.

The meeting concluded at 6:47 p.m.

**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.