**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**February 1st, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. at Station 91**

**Board members present**: Dorothy Baker, Barb Harris, Chris King, Scott Baker, Elizabeth Pollock, and Jim MacMillan via Zoom.

**Welcome:** Dorothy Baker

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9: Deputy Chief Kelly McDaniels**

* It is a quiet time right now.
* However, we did have a code call where a person was in respiratory distress and not breathing. Administered aid and CPR until the patient started breathing then transported them to the hospital. LWFR did great work to save this person.

**Call to Order:** Dorothy Baker called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Attendance:**  32 members attended in person plus 19 on Zoom.

**New Member Introductions:**

Sally Fast and Katelin Kratsch – Welcome to the Auxiliary Sally and Katelin!

**Approve January Minutes:**

Fred Guimond moved to approve the January minutes, seconded by Dave Salmon and the motion passed.

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

Memorial Account $230.00

General Account

Beginning Balance – January 1st $94,032.16

Donations +$ 396.80

Ending Balance – January 31 $94,428.96

Phil King moved to approve the January Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Scott Baker and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Update on Auxiliary Name Change: (Barbara Harris)**

I logged into the account and the name change is still pending.

**Barb Weeks’ Passing:**

One of the founding members of the Auxiliary passed away and her Husband Don suggested that people donate to the Auxiliary since Barb helped start it. Becky Payne added that Barbara was a hard loss for the community.

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominating Committee: (Dorothy Baker)**

The Nominating Committee members are Elizabeth Pollock, Dorothy Baker, Shawna Presley, and Stan Morgan. We will be reaching out and encouraging those who want to be on the Board and will provide information on what we do and our relationship with the Firefighters. If there is anyone who would like to nominate themselves to run for the Board, please let one of us know as we would love to have a conversation with you. The March membership meeting will be the last date for someone to nominate themselves, or another member.

**Bylaws Committee Update: (Jimi Wilson)**

The Bylaws Committee members are Deb Clark, Jim MacMillan, Becky Justus, Chris King, Dorothy Baker, and Jimi Wilson. We are working with an attorney to streamline the Bylaws so we don’t have to do this again. Once the Bylaws changes are finalized, they will be put in front of the Membership for approval.

**Date of Monthly Membership Meeting:**

Currently, the Bylaws state the first Wednesday of the month, but the second Wednesday would help the Treasurer to close the books.

***Chris King made a motion to have the membership meeting on the “second” Wednesday of the month and it was second by Susan Brunelle and the motion passed.***

**Time of the Monthly Membership Meeting:**

Currently, the Bylaws state a 7:00 p.m. start time and, as directed by the Lawyer, the Bylaws need to state a date and time.

There was much discussion and retracted motions on the meeting time.

***Kristy Bradwin made a motion for a 7:00 p.m. meeting time year-round and it was seconded by Liz Gilbertson.***

***Vote: 21 people were in favor of 7:00 p.m. and 23 people opposed.***

***Scott Baker made a motion for a 6:00 p.m. meeting time year-round and it was seconded by Barb Harris.***

***Vote: 34 people were in favor of 6:00 p.m., 7 people opposed and the motion passed.***

Membership meetings will now be on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue Appreciation Banquet: Tuesday, March 14th**

The LWFR Appreciation banquet will be held on March 14th at Pine River Ranch. Social time is 6:00 to 6:30 with dinner, recognition, and awards from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The Auxiliary will also be presenting a check. Please RSVP to Kim Wiley as this is a fun event.

**Tour de Bloom Bike Race: Sunday, May 7th**

The Tour de Bloom race is on Sunday May 7th (not Mother’s Day) and is the same route as last year. This will be Jimi Wilson’s last year in coordinating the event and she would like to have someone shadow her this year on how to lead it. If you have an interest in coordinating this event, please let Jimi Wilson know as soon as you can.

**New Business:**

**Clothing Orders: (Chris King)**

Estimated time for order arrival is February 20th. Chris will pick up the orders and bring them to the March meeting. Once the orders are picked up, Chris will send out an email to let people know the clothing is available should anyone want to pick their items up earlier.

**Dollar Amount to present to LWFR:**

The Auxiliary approved holding back $11,000 which would allow a check to be given to the Firefighters for $83,000.

**Chris King made a motion to give the Firefighters $83,000 and it was seconded by April Adamson. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

Members suggested having a picture taken of the check being presented, inviting the Press to the Banquet, putting out a press release to the Wenatchee World, Echo, Lake Wenatchee Info etc. and a blurb put onto the Auxiliary website. This will all be considered.

**Event Calendar:**

Dorothy will update the event calendar for 2023 and it will be sent out to the membership. We are not going to do potlucks at Ponderosa in 2023 but will look at doing something at Station 91 before a meeting. We will also link the Social Committee and the Membership Committee to come up with some event ideas.

**Show and Tell:**

Dorothy was asked by an Auxiliary member about doing a “show and tell” on things people do to prepare for an emergency. There are many types of emergencies (power outages, smoke, water outages, extreme temperatures etc.). Three members shared their ideas:

Dorothy Baker – Lists of items to take in an emergency, bins to transport those items in.

Elizabeth Pollock – Purchased air purifiers for the house to use even when it’s not smoky.

Marcia Scott – Purchased a WaterBOB (Amazon) as water is essential for life. The bladder can pump water into anything.

**Want to share your emergency preparedness idea? Please bring it or share it at the March meeting.**

**Comment/Idea/Suggestion Box:**

This is something new and we will have the box at each meeting. It is anonymous for comments, ideas, and suggestions as your input is important. We want to encourage openness.

**Amazon Smile Program Ending:**

The Amazon Smile program is ending on February 20th, 2023.  Amazon will be doing a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what groups have earned in 2022 through the program.  So, if you are considering purchasing something, and are part of Amazon Smile now, you will need to do so before February 20th.

**Fred Meyer Community Rewards:**

Elizabeth gave an overview of the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program and the process of how to sign up will be emailed out to everyone.

**Sunshine: Sharyl Nelson**

Not in attendance.

**Good of the Order:**

There is a sign-up sheet to take treats to the Firefighter’s meeting that is the first Tuesday of the month. There are usually about 20-25 people at the meeting. The Firefighters like both sweet and salty items and are very thankful for the treats. The treats can be individually wrapped items, cookies, granola bars, veggies and dip etc.

The LWFRA stickers are still available, and they are $1.00 each.

**Patient and Family Advisory Council at Cascade Medical:**

Tom Baranouskas let the membership know that Cascade Medical is putting together a Patient and Family Advisory Council to provide feedback about services. Elizabeth to send out the brochure and flyer to membership which is a great way to get more involved.

**Committees:**

A question was asked about the number of Committees that LWFRA has. There are 3 standing committees – Nominating, Budget, and Audit. We are looking to add a Facilities Committee and a Membership Committee for a total of 5 standing committees pending membership approval.

**Next meeting:**

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

Becky Payne moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Randy Pollock, and the motion passed.

The meeting concluded at 7:13 p.m.