**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Membership Meeting Agenda**

**February 12th, 2025, at Station 91**

**6:00 p.m. Meeting**

**Board members present**: Dorothy Baker, Kris King, Barbara Harris, Elizabeth Pollock, Franklin French, Liz Gilbertson, and Audry Henniger.

**Welcome:** Dorothy Baker

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9**:

**Chief Walker**:

We have a great history of working with our local politicians, but the Federal freeze is impacting us. We have about $200K which is now frozen. In 2025 we are looking for grant money and all this is paused for us for now. We are tightening our belts and meeting frequently to make sure we are within our budget.

We had a meeting with our congressional leaders to try and replace some of our funding. We are okay in the short term but in the long term we want the earmarked money back.

We went to Olympia and talked about insurance with our representatives and senators and let them know what is happening in our area.

We also talked about WA bill 6120 concerning the Wildland Urban Interface Code which we don’t have good data and WA bill 1168 concerning long-term forest health and the reduction of wildfire dangers which they are supposed to fund. Currently the Governor’s budget does not totally cover it.

On the State level, some firefighter jobs are frozen but WA bill 1271 allows for early deployment of state fire service resources and this bill should go through. WA bill 1156 concerning volunteer firefighter participation in the state deferred compensation program is an incentive to keep volunteers.

There will be a speaker at the Auxiliary meeting next month to talk about the EMS levy which is a good system and will serve our area well.

We currently have an agreement with Cascade Medical; Cascade provides the Aid cars, and we staff them with our team of EMT's.

**LWFR Association:**

**Jarrett Payne:**

Not in attendance but wanted to thank those folks (firefighters and Auxiliary) who came out yesterday to help with the fire on highway 2.

**Guest Speakers: Mark and Caren Karnofski from Plain Pantry**

We are the new directors at Plain Pantry and have been part of the organization since 2009. Thank you to all as LWFR helped provide food for 60 Thanksgiving boxes and 70 Christmas boxes. We really appreciate it when you partner with us as this is a very giving community.

We serve 5 layers of people: seniors, working people, people between jobs, people who are not employable, and homeless people. We also provide transportation for some of these people, and we provide lunches to the local school for those who need one. Also, we couldn’t do it without our Plain Pantry volunteers. Again, a big thank you to LWFR and the Auxiliary.

**Call to Order:** Dorothy Baker called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

**Attendance:** 33 people in attendance, 22 people on Zoom, for a total of 55 people.

**New Member Introductions:** Guests or New Members present?

No new members in attendance.

**Approve January Minutes:**

April Adamson moved to approve the January meeting minutes, seconded by Nancy Salmon and the motion passed.

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

**January Treasurer’s Report:**

Technology Account (no activity) $45.34

Memorial Account (no activity) $30.00

Checking Account

 Beginning Balance January 1, 2025 $107,407.41

 Donations +$ 1,164.90

 Postage -$ 14.60

 Name Badges -$ 29.21

 Ending Balance January 31, 2025 $108,528.50

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

**Old Business:**

Thank you to all who volunteered on Sunday, January 26th to assist with parking for the Washington Nordic Cup Race in Plain.

**Committee Reports:**

**LWFR Association Firefighter Food for Training**: **Janet Alley**

Janet is the new leader person. We are going to be doing an entrée instead of just cookies. The training sessions are on the first Tuesday of every month. The entrée will be something handheld or in a paper towel and should be in disposable containers. The entrée/treats (plan on 40 firefighters) should be delivered to station 91 by 5:30 and Danny Bacheldor will deliver them to the training site. A total of $60.00 per month can be reimbursed and a sign-up sheet is out on the table. Elizabeth will also send out an email with the details.

**Nominating Committee: April Adamson**

Nevonne McDaniel’s, Kris King, and I (April Adamson) are the committee, and we have been making phone calls. There are two Board positions that are open – Treasurer and an at large person. Please consider running for the Board.

**Budget Committee: Dorothy Baker**

Barbara Harris and I (Dorothy Baker) are on the committee, and we are looking for one additional person to help us review the budgets. We will be meeting in the first part of March. Kathleen Colvard volunteered to be on the committee. Thanks Kathleen!

**LWFR Station 93 Sub-Committee: Dorothy Baker**

Bill Miller, Chris King, Stan Morgan, fand Bob Adamson are on the committee. Each membership meeting, one of them will update the group on the progress of the subcommittee.

Bill Miller – the subcommittee hasn’t finalized all the details yet, but we are working on it. We will develop a plan where people can go out and talk to their neighbors about the bond.

**New Business:**

**Blood Drive: Elizabeth Pollock**

LWFR is having a blook drive at the Ponderosa Club House on Friday, April 4th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Here is the link for the blood drive to sign up. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=lakewenatchee>.

If you would like to volunteer at the blood drive, please reach out to Bridget Dancs at (bdancs@lwfr.org).

**Wildfire Preparedness: Kris King**

I am working with the Cascadia Conservation District and their Home Hardening incentive program. The program will reimburse you up to $600 to better prepare your home for wildfires. Home hardening reduces the risk of homes and structures igniting in the event of wildfire. They also have a small crew who can help people who can’t do this themselves. If you are interested or know of someone who needs help, please let me know at kking@lwfr.org.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Auxiliary 2025 Event Calendar: Dorothy Baker**

The updated 2025 calendar has been sent out.

**Wildflour Benevolent Night: Franklin French**

The Wildflour Benevolent night is Wednesday, February 26th from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. Reservations can be made online through Open Table and the full menu will be offered. The restaurant will donate 20% of the food sales to the Auxiliary.

**LWFR/Auxiliary Banquet: Dorothy Baker**

The Appreciation Banquet will be on Wednesday, April 16th at Pine River Ranch. The invitation and RSVP will be sent out soon.

**Tour de Bloom Update: Marci Scott**

This year, the Tour de Bloom will be on Sunday, May 4th.

I met with Tour de Bloom group and we have added more certified flaggers, updated the maps, procured 50 more radios, and the race organizers will provide our lunches. New, this year, will be a get together the day before the race. It will be on May 3rd at Plain Brewing from 12:00pm to 5:00pm and I will have vests, radios, maps etc. and you can ask questions about the day of the race and your role. The Pro’s will race in the afternoon this year and we will need about 50 volunteers in the morning. A week prior to the race, Elizabeth will be sending out electronic instructions and maps and I will have sign-up sheets available at the March meeting.

**Sunshine Report: Sharyl Nelson**

Not in attendance but please forward any news (good or bad) directly to Sharyl so she can send a card from all of us.

**Good of the Order:**

Leavenworth passed all 3 of the school levies.

**Social Committee:**

The Social committee wants to wish everyone Happy Valentine’s Day.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Auxiliary meeting is on Wednesday, March 12th, at Station 91.

The meeting concluded at 7:13 p.m.

April Adamson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Randy Pollock, and the motion passed.

**Note:** If you want to look at past minutes, they are located online, and the path is below:

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