**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**March 13, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. at Station 91**

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

**Welcome:**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9**:

**Chief Walker**:

The SAR truck that the Auxiliary helped purchase is currently being outfitted and badged.

We received notification from Congresswoman Kim Schrier, that $893,250 in federal funds was approved to place large water storage tanks around some of Chelan County’s most wildfire-prone areas. This will provide water for station 95 for shuttle operations.

The seasonal crew is starting to get the chipper ready and will be up and running shortly. The DNR weather forecast is for a wet, green first part of the season.

This year, we are going to have a summer fire program for teenagers 15-17 years old in our area.

**LWFR Association:**

**Dave Millard:**

I’m stepping in for Deb Wadkins and am the Treasurer for the Association. There is no new business.

The Association voted and approved $5,000 towards Mike Stanford’s financial situation as he will have ongoing needs and it seemed appropriate. We will hand the check to the family.

I want to go over some items the Association has purchased over the past 2 years and want to thank the Auxiliary for helping make this happen: A water tender truck which will be here in about 2 months; a snowmobile; wildfire detection cameras; dual compliant boots; swift water and equipment; and a new station flagpole. Thank you so much. The Association also approved $5,000 to be donated to Plain Pantry; and scholarships to those who want to go into EMS, firefighting, nursing etc.

**Call to Order:** Jim MacMillan called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

**Attendance:**  33 members attended in person and 20 via Zoom for a total of 53.

**New Member Introductions:**

No new members in attendance.

**Approve February Minutes:**

Fred Guimond moved to approve the February meeting minutes, seconded by John Tobias, and the motion passed.

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

Memorial Account $230.00

General Account

 Beginning Balance January 1, 2024 $89,311.00

 Lawyer for Bylaws -$ 125.00

 Sec of State Charity Renewal -$ 40.00

 Sec of State Annual Report -$ 20.00

 Pancake Brkft – Hall Rental 2024 -$ 400.00

 Admin/Office Supplies -$ 46.75

 Square Donation + $ .67 Square Donation – Squirrel Tree Fundraiser +$ 97.30

 Benevity Donation - King +$ 958.50

 Ending Balance February 29, 2024 $ 89,735.72

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

**Old Business:**

**Benevolent Events: Scott Baker**

**Squirrel Tree Benevolent Event:**

Thank you for the huge turn out to the Squirrel Tree and the proceeds were $1,593.00.

**Blewett Brewing Benevolent Event:**

Scott has secured a date for another benevolent event at Blewett Brewing in Leavenworth for May 15th and details will be sent out as we get closer to the event. Dorothy will update the Events Calendar and we will get it sent out.

**Committee Reports:**

**Audit Committee: Barbara Harris**

Each year, the Auxiliary books need to be audited. If you would like to help on this committee, please let me know and we will be meeting on May 6th or 7th. Chris King volunteered to be on the committee.

**Budget Committee: Barbara Harris**

Barbara asked the main event leads to provide their 2024 budgets by April 1st. The committee will meet online to finalize the budgets so they can be voted on at the April meeting.

**Nominating Committee: Liz Gilbertson**

There are 5 people running for the Board of Directors: Dorothy Baker, Franklin French, ChrisKing, Kris King, and Elizabeth Pollock. Bios and jpeg pictures are due to Elizabeth by March 17th. Bios and pictures will be sent to the membership on March 18th and the new Board will be announced at the April meeting.

**50th Anniversary Planning Committee: Audry Henniger**

We had the first meeting and everything is in the planning stage. The Committee is being run by the Association and the Auxiliary is there to help. There will be a flagpole dedication in September on the land for the new station 93. There will also be a community BBQ and the public will be invited. If anyone has historical photos or facts, please let me (Audry Henniger) know so we can put them on social media. I will keep everyone informed as we continue the process. The meetings are open to everyone if you would like to participate.

**New Business:**

**Final Dollar Amount donation to LWFR Association: Dorothy Baker**

This year, we are recommending that we donate $81,700 to the Association would still leave us with over $9K in our bank account. Would someone please make a motion.

Chris King made a motion to donate $81,700 to the Association, seconded by Kathleen Colvard. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Easter Egg Hunt: Liz Gilbertson**

The Rec Club is sponsoring an Easter Egg hunt on March 30th at 11:00 a.m. and the Auxiliary is partnering with them. A second egg stuffing is on March 20th at 5:00 p.m. They are looking at having games inside the Rec Club and are looking for 20 dozen cookies to be made. Cookies can be dropped off on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning before the event. Liz will send out a reminder to those who signed up to bake cookies. The Rec Club is looking for more volunteers for the day of the event to set up and tear down and a sign-up sheet is out on the table.

**Tour De Bloom: Marci Scott**

The Tour de Bloom is on Sunday, May 5th and there are sign-up sheets out on the table. We are looking for a total of 110 volunteers.

**Sunshine Report: Sharyl Nelson**

Sharyl was not in attendance.

**Good of the Order:**

**Auxiliary Clothing: Chris King**

The clothing store will be opened after the April meeting. We are also offering aprons with the LWFR Auxiliary logo on them, and they will be $12.00 each. A sign-up sheet is out on the table.

**Firefighter Treats: Chris King**

Looking for people to make firefighter treats for the Association/meeting days in 2024. It could be cookies, bars, etc. for about 30-35 people and there is a sign-up sheet out on the table.

**SAR Truck Event: Dorothy Baker**

For the new SAR truck the Auxiliary helped purchase, Chief Walker is looking at putting a banner on the vehicle that says “Purchased, in Partnership with LWFR Auxiliary” as he would like the Auxiliary to be acknowledged. We will then do a ribbon cutting and take photos to place on social media.

**Plain Pantry Benevolent Day:**

The Association is having a Benevolent Day for Plain Pantry at the Squirrel Tree on Tuesday, March 20th.

**Bill Miller:** Wanted everyone to know that when Mike Stanford is ready for rehabilitation, Kahler Glen athletic club has offered their facility to him. We will need to have male volunteers to help him in the locker room etc.

**Social Committee: Shawna Presley**

We want to honor St. Patrick’s Day and there is a shamrock under someone’s chair. John Tobias won the prize. Congratulations John!

**Next Meeting:**

The next Auxiliary meeting is on Wednesday, April 10th, at Station 91 at 6:00 p.m. and a Zoom option will be available.

The meeting concluded at 7:04 p.m.

Carol Kasper 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:

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.