**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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Minutes

October 5, 2016

Prior to the start of the meeting, Bill Moffat had an Engine and Fire Truck outside for members to “check out” so we could better see the equipment that is purchased with donated Auxiliary funds. We also celebrated our *awesome* Yard Sale with a yummy “make-your-own” sundae bar ☺.

President Dennis led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Good of the Order:** Chief Lamar noted that eight recruits are currently in the academy which includes two cadets. Next week is Fire Prevention week and our firefighters will be visiting different schools in our area to promote fire safety. The Association is purchasing a sign for Station 93 for the benefit of our entire community to promote events, etc. Beaver Valley School is selling a 6 ½ acre piece of property adjacent and behind Station 93 that the Fire Dept. may be interested in purchasing. Chief Lamar told the group that our Auxiliary is being recognized throughout the state and he was contacted about speaking about the collaboration between our Fire Dept. and the Auxiliary at an upcoming Firefighter conference in Yakima. Dennis and Bill Moffat have been invited to speak at this conference. Mick also talked about the recent Strategic Planning session attended by Dennis and Bob Jennings. The group worked on a 5-year plan which includes a rewrite of the mission statement, values and goals, and the camaraderie between our two groups. The new mission statement for the Fire Dept. is One Team, One Plan. The number one focus for the Dept. is PEOPLE (what we can do for people in our community) and the seconded focus is EMS.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**: This coming year’s banquet will be held on January 18, 2017, once again at Pine River Ranch with the same wonderful caterer from last year.

**Call to Order:** President Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. Forty-one (41) members were present.

**Minutes:**  Pete made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Pam gave the Treasurer’s report: August beginning balance: $11,027.31. Total expenses: $2,654.30. Total income: $637.00. Ending balance: $9,010.01. September beginning balance: $9,010.01. Total expenses: $217.14. Total income: $45,705.57. Ending balance: $54,498.44. Tom made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Pete seconded and the motion carried. Pam presented various bills for the dumpster delivery, sani-cans, ice cream, and a nametag. Lisa made a motion to approve the bills. April seconded and the motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS*:***

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Dennis and Bob Jennings went through a complete strategic planning process for LWFR for two days. Great initiatives and ideas came out of the planning including a new mission for LWFR: One Team, One Plan, Striving for Excellence which would start to integrate the Fire Dept. and the Auxiliary. Our Auxiliary will be updating our individual bios in the near future to better ascertain what skills our members have that would be useful in the strategic planning. Some immediate needs for LWFR include: No back-up power for Fire Stations and two new fire trucks will be needed in the near future were examples of a couple of initiatives from the strategy session. Bill Moffat explained that LWFR Association had purchased the machine to make the blue address signs. These signs will be promoted even more heavily throughout our community and is again one of the “operational” activities that the department would like the Auxiliary to help with. More to come on this as the plan is brought forward to the team.

**YARD SALE:** Jimi thanked all of the committee heads for their Yard Sale help, noting how hard *everyone* had worked!! She also thanked the crews who did all of the pick-ups before the Yard Sale. A general estimate of money made in specific areas includes: Bake Sale - $1,900; Food - $1,800; Specialty Area - $4,715; and Art - $5,000. There will be an “After Yard Sale Review” in the next few weeks for members to come and share what worked and offer any suggestions for changes (with solutions) for next year.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Mary reiterated that the Pancake Breakfast is a Plain Community event before a fundraiser. Stan introduced each committee chairperson. If you want to help on a committee please contact the chairperson or sign-up in person at the November meeting. This year’s Pancake Breakfast will be on Saturday, December 3. Stan made a motion that we set aside $100 to sponsor people from The Pantry, Frank seconded and the motion carried.

**SUNSHINE:** Sharyl read a note from Jim and Margaret Berk letting the group know that they are moving and really appreciated their time as members of the Auxiliary.

**The next meeting will on Wednesday, November 2 at Ponderosa Clubhouse.**

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11. Damaris seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Broughton, Secretary