**CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #9 AUXILIARY**

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Minutes

March 5, 2014

**Good of the Order:** Firefighters were toned out so we started the meeting. 7:08 – Took a break from the meeting because Chief Lamar was back. Mick thanked the Auxiliary for the generous donation at the Banquet and noted that there were 90 people in attendance. He also thanked the Auxiliary for the flowers presented to the firefighter’s wives. They are starting to mount I-pads in the fire trucks. Sixteen people are attending EMT classes of which 6 or 7 are our firefighters and Auxiliary members. Chief Lamar noted that the training is infectious; people are coming even from Wenatchee. Mick and George Hiteshew both attended an evaluator’s workshop on certifying firefighters and noted that there is a new program with new rules that they needed to learn. There have also been a lot of CPR calls lately. AEDs have been deployed twice and are available thanks to the Auxiliary. He again reiterated that rapid compressions are much better at saving people. Annual maintenance is being started on equipment and takes about 6-8 weeks. Active 911 on mobile devices is still being worked out. There is a Commissioners meeting next Wednesday. Firefighters now have a door prop to practice breaking down a door (which happens to be one of their favorite things to do ☺). There will be an avalanche workshop on the 19th. They will be working on better ways to respond between the different organizations by working together. Beacons, probes and shovels have been purchased with Auxiliary money. There is also a course in Chelan on how not to have accidents. They are working toward being trauma certified by the State which involves training records, equipment, and level of skill. The State issues a $1,450 check to buy MCI (Mass Casualty Incident) equipment. This equipment can be used to mark patients by color in order of injury severity. There is also a DNR 50/50 grant available whereby they will pay 50% of needed Wildland Firefighting equipment. Sadly, the department had another cardiac call tonight.

**Call to Order:** President Jimi Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She then reiterated Chief Lamar’s theme for the year which is Gratitude and Grace and noted that this is exactly what they showed to us at the Banquet. Jimi lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, which all members agreed was a wonderful way to start the meeting.

**Minutes:** Joanne moved to approve the minutes. Marlene seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**: January’s beginning balance was $1,367.03. Total income was $269.50. Total expenses were $222.11. Ending balance $1,414.42. The firefighters fund has $1,577.53. No new bills.

Judi made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Lisa seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Old Business:** Jimi presented pins and certificates. Joanne and Barb are 20-year members. Barb and JoAnn told about the origination of the Auxiliary which was a small group at someone’s house. Once the District was established, the Auxiliary took off. She also noted that at the first garage sale they hand priced every item. Over 20 years the Auxiliary has donated $192, 951.00. Jimi thanked Haley and Rick for a great job on the Banquet. Jimi passed out the Bios reminding everyone to fill one out for Mick. She also mentioned the Strategy Planning Committee which is comprised of four Auxiliary members. Dennis explained in more detail what was needed with Blue House Numbers, Smoke Detector/Batteries, and Firewise Evaluations. Marlene mentioned having people at the April Rec Club meeting with this information. Training may be needed for the Firewise program.

Jimi then passed out a Committee Chairmen list asking members to sign up.

IRS Update: New message says that it will be updated on the first Thursday of each month. Maybe getting closer?

**New Business:** Marlene has been contacted by the Lake Chelan Fire Department in regards to starting their own Auxiliary. Marlene suggested lunch to help mentor the new Auxiliary and asked for other volunteers to help out.

Jimi talked about making goodies for the Firefighter’s meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Marlene made a motion to provide goodies for the firefighter’s meeting. Judi seconded and the motion carried. Judi suggested that Jimi send out a sign-up sheet. There are approximately 25 -30 firefighters.

Jimi mentioned another opportunity for the Auxiliary. There is an accelerated EMT class that started on February 19 and goes to a Saturday in May. 16-18 people are attending from different departments. She noted that Chuck, Phil, Terri Woods, Evan Woods, Mick, Rick, Steve Foley, Susan Hastings, Donnie, and Meagan were all attending and it is a really tough schedule. They attend from 6-10 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and will be EMS certified at the end of the course. Liz made a motion that we provide snacks for the EMT training session, Marlene seconded and the motion carried. Jimi passed around a food sign-up sheet. Dennis asked if there was any recognition once the course was complete and if so, how we could help. Marlene suggested a BBQ to celebrate.

Sunshine Committee – Bill Gibbs, Jimi Wilson, Marion Britton and Barb Weeks all have had health issues.

Jimi asked for any officer nominations from the floor – there were none.

Audit Committee will be meeting before May 6.

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 2 and will be a potluck and election. We will meet in May, with no meeting in June.**

Paula made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45. Joann seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Broughton – filling in for Kathy Kelly, secretary