

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, July 7, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present: Cliff Kellogg, Keith Ronchetti, Michael Pique, Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle. Also present were CERT Coordinator Bill Leininger, Fire Safe Council president Yvonne Vaucher, Community Center of Palomar Mountain officers Rosie Lopresti & Jack Weisgerber, Sharon Dahl, and Kathy Lande.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Kathy Lande said she has brochures on Pet Disaster Planning, which she will leave at the Palomar Mountain store.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti presented his written report (The report has been included as part of these minutes). No notable deposits or expenses. Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$108,626.89. Keith took inventory of our Palomar Mountain Views books. We have 117 copies of Volume 1, and 24 of Volume 2; perhaps Susan Humason has an idea who has the originals for printing more. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 06/02/2018 board meeting were approved as drafted.

Station 79 Report: Captain Kowalski is on vacation and Battalion Chief Hendrie is away at a fire in Klamath, as is our quick-attack patrol engine. Both our water tenders are here. Cliff Kellogg has no more information about the AutoPulse CPR stretcher. In response to a question by Rosie Lopresti, Cliff said our CalFire coverage today is one paramedic and one driver.

CERT: Bill Leininger said training in June was on applying Barricade fire-retardant gel. The next training, on July 21, will be how to use power washers to remove the gel after it is no longer needed.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Yvonne Vaucher met with Captain Kowalski and USFS Chief Tim Gray. The FSC needs advice on the PACE evacuation plan; specifically, what locations to show as TRA (temporary refuge areas). The helipad? The lot across from the Lodge? The observatory parking lot? The Wildland-Urban Interface fire workshop is scheduled for August 18; Captain Kowalski has approved holding it at the station. The chipping grant funds have been exhausted. Yvonne is submitting a CalFire 32J/Conifer Road route clearing proposal. More grant applications are due in August but many need matching funds that may not be available. The road clearing resolution has been mailed, but what's next? Perhaps to contact the owners of property with hazards: for example, the field of thick ferns across from the Fortneys' on Birch Hill. Cliff Kellogg suggests we figure out who the owners are and have CalFire send notices. Cliff says that the County & CalFire are responsible

for fuel reduction below (south off) the station. The FSC has again placed a community dumpster on the fire station grounds. The PMVFD will give the FSC \$620 to cover the cost of renting the dumpster this second time.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): The summer picnic/potluck/fair will be held at the county park on Saturday, September 1, from noon to 3 PM. The Palomar Observatory community star party will be Saturday, September 15.

Old Business

The Letter of Support for fire service has been written and sent.

Administration Trailers Removal: Cliff reported that Lane Yule from the Christian Conference Center says they're still on schedule to move the trailers next week.

Adjournment: 9:54 A.M. 07/07/2018. The next board meeting is Saturday 08/04/2018 at 9:00 AM. The Annual General Meeting will be noon on Sunday 09/02/2018.

- Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board on 8/04/2018.