

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, November 3, 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 Cal Fire Captain Dean Kowalski, CERT Coordinator Bill Leininger, Fire Safe Council secretary Cecelia Borland, Community Center of Palomar Mountain officers Rosie Lopresti & Jack Weisgerber, and Kathy Lande.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Alan Serry says he's been talking to people in the community, asking what concerns or needs they have. Alan suggests we stock some supplies (water, food) at the station for use in emergencies. Could Cal Fire purchase anything like that? Captain Kowalski said, not that he's ever seen. Cliff says it sounds more like a CERT function. He imagines we could keep some water and MRE rations in the Conex boxes. Captain Kowalski thinks that earthquake is more likely than fire to isolate us for days.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti presented his written report (The report has been included as part of these minutes). No deposits or expenses. Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$108,401.70. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 10/06/2018 board meeting were approved as drafted.

Station 79 Report: Captain Kowalski said we are using overtime to fill our Paramedic position - does not know when we will be back to normal staffing, but not until next year. Battalion Chief Hendrie is out with a injured hand from a drill press accident. Our crews are finishing the Defensible Space Inspection re-checks after property owners did clearance work. About 10 people have picked up firewood from the live oak; a lot of the wood is hard to split. Recently, a 3½-foot diameter tree fell across the East Grade Road: it took hours for the US Forest Service crews with big chain saws & Joe Corley's bulldozer to clear the road.

Station Construction Report: Cliff talked to Liz at the county about rumors that we are behind schedule. She says "yes, and no": there is some problem with details of the bid process and they are going to have to ask the county administrators for more money. They are restructuring the plan to keep the cost under \$2 million and may start this summer. One issue is assuring adequate water plumbing to the station, the house, and the new bunkhouse. We may need a new service line from Palomar Mountain Mutual Water Company and a new booster pump for the on-site tank. The current pump is complicated and slow to use, taking 2 days to refill the 10,000 gallon tank. Liz will put about \$90,000 in the budget for a new pump and an additional tank.

CERT: Bill Leininger said he is preparing copies of a standard CERT Activation manual. Content will include membership roster, standard procedures (as for CERT activation and deactivation), a set of forms, and a listing of Barricade gel depots.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Cecelia Borland said FSC again placed a community dumpster on the fire station grounds, its fourth and last for the season. It was filled in two hours. The FSC has received a Neighborhood Reinvestment grant for about \$48,000 for 6 dumpster days, 6 chipping days, and 2 pallets of Barricade gel. The intent is to get the gel distributed around the community.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Rosie Lopresti says their board will be meeting in May to plan their 2019 activities.

New Business

Snow Emergency Planning Meeting: Alan Serry says the annual preparedness meeting (sheriff, county roads, CHP) is November 15 at the Valley Center Substation.

Insurance: Cliff got a call from our insurance agent that she emailed an invoice that Keith didn't receive: \$4646 for the year. The total is a little reduced from last year because we no longer have the Suburban or responsibility for the building. The board approved payment.

Tables and Chairs: Rosie Lopresti offered to be in charge of checking our borrowed furniture in and out, as long as she's in town. She, Alan Serry, and Cecelia Borland will get sets of keys to the storage containers. Keith Ronchetti and Mike Pique did an inventory today of the two Conex boxes and the station:

17 - 6' tables

12 - 5' tables

6 - 3x3' tables

19 metal chairs

2 - 8' tables

97 padded chairs

2 - 5' tables (sandwich style)

1 - 4' table (sandwich style)

Cristina Williamson Appreciation Dinner: A dinner honoring Chief Williamson will be held at Cafe El Rey, Saturday December 1 from 6 to 9 PM. RSVP to Cliff.

Adjournment: 10:10 A.M. 11/03/2018. The next board meeting is Saturday 12/01/2018 at 9:00 AM.

- Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 12/01/2018.

