

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, January 5, 2019.

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 president Yvonne Vaucher and secretary Cecelia Borland, Community Center of Palomar Mountain officers Rosie Lopresti & Jack Weisgerber, Alan Serry, and Elizabeth Zerbe.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None offered.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti presented his written report (The report has been included as part of these minutes). For the December Chief Williamson appreciation dinner, we paid \$399.17 to the El Rey Restaurant and \$42.99 for the cake. Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$103,027.01. The report was approved.

Minutes: The 12/01/2018 board meeting minutes were approved as drafted.

Station 79 Report: Captain Kowalski said the past month has been a slow time, with a few bicyclist injuries and other medical aid calls. We will not be getting the temporary paramedic we were promised – the available medic is being sent to Ranchita instead. In the spring, we might get a second paramedic. The equipment bay door, damaged last year, works some times and not others, but the county will not replace it now. The compressor in the Kilgore air bottle fill room is broken and awaiting repair. The county and Chief Howe were up here with engineers discussing the new building. It will have a 5000 gallon water tank for interior sprinklers. We are hoping to have an additional 5000 gallon tank, with on-demand booster pump, to refill the engine quickly after training sessions. Our existing 10,000 gallon tank would stay.

Snow Emergency Planning: Alan Serry believes that the New Year's Day snow was poorly handled: the sheriffs would not come up at all, the US Forest Service was furloughed, and just one CHP officer came up (and only for four hours). The snow was thin but icy and slippery. The county did plow the main roads but the East Grade was slippery all the way down to Lake Henshaw. Cliff said that residents should be encouraged to call the sheriff and CHP: we will publicize their numbers. Alan said the Valley Center Amateur Radio (Ham) club is using the repeater installed at Jim Walls' house, soon to be equipped with a backup generator. They have a regular Tuesday night HamNet practice drill.

CERT: Bill Leininger said the earthquake preparedness meeting last month went well. All CERT members now have current ID cards. Late May will be a state-wide

CERT conference with good training opportunities and in late June the annual county exercise. The county is putting in new requirements for background checks as it reorganizes the mutual aid program this year. He noted that state-wide CERT volunteers did animal reunification for the Paradise fire.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Yvonne Vaucher says the FSC bought 72 Barricade Fire Gel home protection kits, now in the large storage container for distribution to residents, at a cost of \$35,000. We are still trying to get addresses to use for applying for grants from local tribal councils. Rosie Lopresti will see if the information is in the old PMVFD Barbecue planning notebook. Yvonne is submitting a \$409,000 grant application to Cal Fire for improving and clearing alongside the Crestline 32J/Conifer Road emergency route.

Siren Alert Proposal: Elizabeth Zerbe suggests we investigate and install a public alert siren system that would not depend upon electrical power and cell phone service. The goal is to cover Crestline, Birch Hill, Baileys, and the Canfield Road campgrounds. She says a vendor, Sentry Sirens, will design and price out a suitable system for free. Cliff will look at their web site and find out what information they need and get a general sense of what products they offer. Elizabeth suggests approaching the county supervisors for funding once we have a proposal.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Rosie Lopresti says no one responded to the email sent out asking for return of the missing metal chairs.

Pine Valley Fire Station Opening: Cliff attended the December 18 grand opening. The station is indeed grand, almost 14,000 square feet: two stories (with elevator), nine bunk rooms. It was said to cost about six million dollars.

Old Business

The insurance bill has been sent to the county for payment.

Adjournment: 10:11 AM 01/05/2019. The next board meeting is Saturday 02/02/2019 at 9:00 AM.

- Michael Pique, Secretary
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