

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, February 2, 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, Community Center of Palomar Mountain officers Rosie Lopresti & Jack Weisgerber, Alan Serry, and Kathy Lande.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Alan Serry pointed out that the PMVFD on-line calendar does not list PMPO and FSC meetings that are scheduled at the Fire Station. Keith Ronchetti says he will add them as he receives them. Alan also said that the county needs to make the new speed limit signs for South Grade (S6) and East Grade (S7).

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti presented his written report (The report has been included as part of these minutes). We reimbursed the Fire Safe Council \$610 for the October dumpster rental. We are waiting for the county to reimburse us for insurance payment. Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$107,068.01. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 01/05/2019 board meeting were approved with corrections from Alan Serry.

Station 79 Report: Captain Kowalski reported the crews are busier this year than last winter. They have responded to some bicyclist injuries; he wishes we had a sign for bicyclists to watch for sand and rocks on corners. Chief Hendrie is still out on medical leave; we have a new interim Battalion Chief Robert Reynolds. The Patrol truck is back from three weeks of maintenance work. No leaks seen in house roof recently. The fire-fighter medic we're expecting here is still in the Academy for at least another month. Governor Newsom announced new air tankers for CalFire, C-130 types with about 3 times the capacity of current aircraft, and some new Blackhawk-type helicopters that are "much bigger" than CalFire's current helicopters. The damaged station door sometimes leaves the fire truck stuck inside or outside until the door can be operated manually.

CERT: Bill Leininger said CERT is focusing on indoor training: medical first aid. The last weekend in May will be a statewide CERT conference in San Diego. We expect to hear a lot about CERT operations during the fall 2018 fires. We have some funds to get our people to the conference and also to get background checks to allow mutual aid participation. We are still considering keeping a stock of emergency supplies like blankets but need reliable local storage.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Glenn Borland reported that the \$2500 grant from San Diego Gas & Electric has arrived. Robert Carlyle says he has talked to Lee of Stumpmasters and Lee can offer us a discount rate on Saturday chipping work. Captain Kowalski says we need to let residents know that they need to get a USFS permit before burning brush piles. Keith says he will put a notice on the web site.

The FSC Secretary, Cecelia Borland, sent the PMVFD a letter:

Dear Cliff and members of the Palomar Mountain Volunteer Fire Board:
Please accept again our sincere appreciation of your continued financial and moral support of the Fire Safe Council. There's no question that the dumpsters have been a huge hit in encouraging folks to improve their defensible space, thereby benefiting both themselves and their neighbors. There's still a lot to do. Thanks for your votes of confidence.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Rosie Lopresti & Jack Weisgerber said they've gone dormant for the winter.

Old Business

County Fire Authority Updates: Cliff said he and Suzanne Leininger have been put on the CSA 135 Fire Advisory Board. Ranchita and De Luz are to become paid CalFire stations now.

Station Construction Progress: Cliff reported the design is being prepared to go out for construction bids, with "late summer" still the target for breaking ground.

Adjournment: 9:50 A.M. 02/02/2019. The next board meeting is Saturday 03/02/2019 at 9:00 AM.

- Michael Pique, Secretary
Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 03/02/2019.