

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, March 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. Also present were Cal Fire Engineer Gerad Bullard, CERT Coordinator Bill Leininger, Community Center of Palomar Mountain officer Rosie Lopresti, and Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council secretary Cecelia Borland.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Rosie Lopresti remarked that it's been raining for every meeting so far this year.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti presented his written report (The report has been included as part of these minutes). No changes from February. Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$107,072.13. The report was approved.

Minutes: The draft minutes from the 02/02/2019 board meeting were approved.

Station 79 Report: Engineer Gerad Bullard reported 22 calls in February, mostly PSA (Public Service Assists; such as cars stuck in the snow). There was one vehicle fire (a Ford Explorer on the South Grade), and a few medical aids. Some leaks were seen in the house roof over the bathrooms and an ice slide removed the heater chimney, disabling the heater. The February 23 snow weekend was busy. Apparently, TV news reported Julian officials said "don't come up here" so instead people came to Palomar. The PMFD had to call the CHP for some towing, there were some trespassers, and one sledding injury (a broken leg) near Mother's Kitchen. County Roads came and plowed out the station and gave other help. The storms knocked big rocks and trees into the South Grade retaining net and it needs upkeep. We probably need more netting. Defensible space inspections will begin next month - the county has hired nine more inspectors. The USFS burning south of Crestline will resume when the wood is dry enough. The blueprints for the driveway entry have arrived; Captain Kowalski wants to see a bigger retaining wall.

Cliff Kellogg is talking with David Beck about the water pit and the supply for the sprinklers in the new station. We will likely need one dedicated tank for the sprinklers and a second tank for the domestic water supply. Cecelia Borland suggests Cliff come to the next Palomar Mountain Mutual Water Company board meeting and discuss the fire station's future water needs.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger said CERT trained this month on medical first aid. CERT is also scouting the mountain for possible disaster refuges. The county-wide mutual aid system will be updated and, he hopes, simplified. The Camp Fire last year revealed some snags to be cleared.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Cecelia Borland reported that the Community Wildfire Protection Plan is being revised and updated, as required. Palomar FSC president Yvonne Vaucher will be out of the country for 6 weeks. The big plans for 2019 are six dumpster days and community chipping resources. The Elsinore Civilian Conservation Corps has labor available for chipping preparation work. The FSC will probably offer community fire safety workshops this year but not scheduled yet.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Rosie Lopresti says the CCPM plans to hold an Easter Egg hunt for children. She plans to reserve the USFS Forest Service day-use campground next to the fire station for the Labor Day picnic, if possible. The CCPM treasury now has \$4919.

Old Business:

County Insurance billing reimbursement - no activity.

Station Construction Progress: Cliff said the county is reluctant to reveal or discuss the station plans before putting them out for bids.

Adjournment: 9:36 AM 03/02/2019. The next board meeting is Saturday 04/06/2019 at 9:00 AM.

- Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 04/06/2019