

## PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, April 6, 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 Engineer Gerad Bullard, CERT Coordinator Bill Leininger, Community Center of Palomar Mountain officer Rosie Lopresti, Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council secretary Cecelia Borland, Bill Kaiser, and Terri Sproul.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None offered.

Minutes: The draft minutes from the 03/02/2019 board meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti presented his written report (The report has been included as part of these minutes). No changes from March. The county insurance reimbursement (\$4646) was received and deposited - it was already accounted as an asset. Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$107,080.15. The report was approved.

Station 79 Report: Engineer Gerad Bullard reported 10 calls in March with all equipment in service. The station heater and roof are repaired. The defensible space inspections (DSI) will start this week; same plan and program as last year.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger says Governor Newsom has announced a new "disaster resilience" program. One goal is to increase the number of CERT programs in California and to engage more Californians in preparedness. There will be some one-time per-member funding for safety vests, helmets, background checks, and liability coverage. Bill hopes to buy a CERT shed or trailer to store CERT response equipment. Not sure where it might be kept. CERT may begin doing preparedness talks at the Palomar Christian Conference Center and the State Park. To simplify CERT record-keeping, Bill is looking into the Sigma company's on-line member management system. Also, "recovers.org" offers local CERT on-line community forums.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Cecelia Borland reported that the Community Wildfire Protection Plan was submitted for its initial review round. The first chipping day will be soon, probably April 13, and the first dumpster day will be in early May. The FSC has been offered two 2500-gallon plastic water tanks. These could be placed as Fire Department water storage, perhaps on Crestline? Wherever they are put would require property owner permission.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Rosie Lopresti says the CCPM Easter Egg hunt is today, 10 AM at the County Park. She intends to reserve the USFS Forest Service day-use campground next to the fire station for the August 31 picnic. She needs donations for the opportunity drawings. The CCPM has filed its statement of information, registration renewal, state income tax, and federal income tax.

Old Business:

County Insurance billing reimbursement - arrived.

Station Construction Progress: Cliff reported that Liz Johnson says the station plans will go out for bids "in a few weeks". Kevin O'Leary and the sheriff came up to look at security options at the station, chiefly to guard against break-ins.

PMPO Newsletter and Pancake Breakfast/Annual Meeting (May 25): Cliff will write an article. Engineer Bullard says the PMPO may use the kitchen and station for the event.

Dead trees on the South Grade road: Different stretches of road belong to Cleveland National Forest, the La Jolla Indian Reservation, and various private landowners. While it's certainly true that a fallen tree could block the road during a fire, it seems likely the road would have been closed by then anyway. It's not sure what the PMVFD can do about this problem but suggestions are welcome.

Tomorrow's Neighborhood Watch meeting at the Lodge: The CHP and a local sheriff representative will be there, and also discussion about the new S6 and S7 speed limits.

Fire emergency notification: Cliff says Liz Zerbe's concerns might be addressed in a new set of requirements that California has issued. The document is many pages long and Cliff has not yet digested it.

Adjournment: 9:50 AM 04/06/2019. The next board meeting is Saturday 05/04/2019 at 9:00 AM.

- Michael Pique, Secretary

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