

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, January 4, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present: Cliff Kellogg, Robert Carlyle, Glenn Borland, Keith Ronchetti. Also present were CalFire Battalion Chief Robert Reynolds, CalFire Captain Dean Kowalski, and Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC) President Yvonne Vaucher.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None offered.

Minutes: The minutes from the 12/07/2019 board meeting were approved with no corrections.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (included as part of these minutes) showing a balance of \$104,558.70 (with \$11,444.67 held for CERT) was approved.

Captain Kowalski introduced Robert Reynolds, the new CalFire Battalion Chief for this area. He stated that they were working on a new four-wheel drive fire engine for station 79, working to get burn permits extended from 8 AM to sunset, and trying to move the start of building of the new fire building up to early spring because next year's winter cold would stop construction.

Station 79 Report: Captain Kowalski stated that the snow from the roof took the flue for the water heater off - working on replacing it, and that the cabin leaks when it rains. The blocking of the road for emergency vehicles from people coming up for the snow was especially bad this last week. Some days had good CHP coverage, but other days had very little due to them unable to find troopers willing to take overtime days. The Snow Team meeting is going to be held on Thursday, January 9th - Cliff will attend.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger was unable to attend, but sent a report: a), Working on CAL Office of Emergency Services (OES) grant details. b), Discussed winter preparedness at the last CERT meeting on the 21st.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Yvonne Vaucher reported that she submitted the CCI - CalFire grant for roadside brush clearing, removal of dead and obstructing trees to facilitate evacuation, and protection of critical infrastructure (power/water supply) in Crestline/Birch Hill area. Similar roadside brush clearing grant proposal turned down by SDG&E Co. this year anticipating CalFire funding for project. Our Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is being rewritten in a new format.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): They heard that the County has a grant writer available they might use to try to get grants for work on building. It was suggested they apply as needed to County Supervisors for Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP) grant.

Old Business:

Donation of 2500-gallon water storage tanks: Cliff wrote letter (enclosed), to Robert Sanders - who owns the Lodge - about the two 2500 gallon water tanks we propose installing on his property.

Web site: Keith will post the calendar for next year on the web site.

Adjournment: 10:07 AM 01/04/2020. The next board meeting is Saturday 02/01/2020, at 9:00 AM.

- Robert Carlyle

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 02/01/2020