

The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, December 2, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by President Robert Carlyle. Board members present in person at the Community Center (Station 79 grounds): Robert Carlyle, Tom Mendenhall, Michael Pique, Keith Ronchetti, Mark Thompson. Also present in person were Yvonne Vaucher, CAL FIRE Chief Gettman, and firefighter Mark Hanki. Rosie Lopresti, Lafe Ball, and Jim Hamerly joined our Zoom teleconference.

Pledge: Robert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None offered

Minutes: The minutes from the 11/04/2023 board meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at palomar-fire.org) showed a balance of \$88,424.10, with an additional \$1220.29 held for CERT. We have \$1,300 committed for the bandstand floor. The property tax bill has been paid. The report was approved.

Station 79 Report: Firefighter Hanki reported that our interim ambulance is here: a modified sprinter van. Chief Gettman said that our permanent one will be four-wheel drive, lifted. Our mutual aid agreements with local tribes are being discussed; we have one with the La Jolla reservation but not with Rincon.

County Fire Advisory (CFA) Board, Cliff Kellogg is away: no report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Bill Leininger emailed that the next training meeting will be telling residents how to prepare for emergencies.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC), Yvonne Vaucher: Barricade fire gel distribution was held on Saturday November 11, 2023, with about one-half of our supply of gel distributed. The Resource Conservation District (RCD) grant application has been submitted; we are a small part of it. We used up our Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP) grant for chipping and dumpsters. We do have a state grant to cover chipping and dumpsters starting soon. The new US Forest Service battalion chief is Eddie Guido. Our website is palomarfiresafecouncil.org. The FSC written report will be posted at palomar-fire.org. Next meeting 9 AM December 9, followed by the PMPO Board Meeting at 10 AM.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Rosie Lopresti says their next board meeting will be in the spring. Lafe Ball says he installed an internet wi-fi signal booster a few weeks ago. We will work on mounting television monitors in January.

CCPM Bandstand: The board thanked Tom Mendenhall for organizing the work for the beautiful new bandstand floor. He acknowledged the craftsmanship of Freddie Acosta and Alex Armendariz. Next will be replacement of railings and steps.

Board Insurance: No update.

Palomar Mountain Planning Organization (PMPO): Chair Lafe Ball talked to the administrator at the La Jolla Indian Reservation (LJIR) asking for someone from the LJIR to come up to a PMPO meeting to discuss the tribe's plans for the new deep well they have drilled just off the East Grade road at mile marker 9. No response yet. The next PMPO board meetings will be at 10 AM December 9, 2023 and February 24, 2024, each of those following a Fire Safe Council meeting that begins at 9 AM. The next PMPO Annual General Meeting will be on May 25, 2024.

Adjournment: 9:20 AM 12/02/2023. The next PMCFA meeting is Saturday January 6, 2024 at 9 AM, at the Community Center. We expect to have Zoom call-ins available.

Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMCFA Board 01/06/2024