

## **The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association**

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, March 1, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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 Cecelia Borland and Cliff Kellogg. Elizabeth Getzoff joined our Zoom teleconference. The Zoom connection, now made over the "CCPM" network installed by Fred White, was stable throughout the meeting.

Pledge: Robert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Cliff Kellogg has met Matt Waters, our newest Station 79 Captain, who lives in Temecula. He and Captain Kowalski will alternate being on duty. Cecelia Borland reports we may have caught the arsonist who started fires a week ago on the East and South Grade Roads.

Minutes: The minutes from the February 1, 2025, meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at [palomar-fire.org](http://palomar-fire.org)) showed a balance of \$91,494.35, with an additional \$1220.29 held for CERT. No noteworthy deposits or expenses in February. The report was approved.

County Fire Advisory (CFA) Board. Cliff Kellogg says the next meeting is March 3.

Station 79 Report: Captain Kowalski away; no report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger away; no report.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Robert Carlyle, Chair. The February 9 Super Bowl party was a success, with about 12 in attendance.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (PMFSC): Cecelia Borland: We have \$35,731 of which about \$20,000 is unrestricted. Our CAL FIRE CCI road improvement project's CEQA review has at last been returned from Sacramento to our local CAL FIRE staff. The grant submission package is now on its way back to Sacramento. Once approved, we will be able to extend our work to Pedley Valley Road and private roads west of the Summit. We need to submit a 2025 revision of our Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP). Yvonne, Elizabeth Getzoff, Mariam Munoz, and Michael Pique have had two meetings on this and Miriam has gone to an in-person training session. Elizabeth attended the San Diego Fire Safe Council general meeting where the 2025 San Diego County Regional Fire Foundation "SAFE" grant application process was described. The next FSC meeting will be 9 AM April 26, in person at the CCPM and by Zoom; we will skip March because Yvonne and other Board members are unable to attend.

Palomar Mountain Planning Organization (PMPO): The next PMPO meeting will be the Annual General Meeting with election of board members, Saturday May 24, at 10 AM immediately following the Pancake Breakfast (which starts at 8 AM).

Old Business: CCPM Building locks: The county has changed the keypad code for the rear/side door lock, but do not want us to change that lock right now. Cliff Kellogg emailed the new code to about 12 people last Tuesday. The county has given us permission to put a new lock on the *front* door. The front door cannot be unlocked from the outside now; Keith Ronchetti suggests just leaving it that way. Elizabeth Getzoff notes that we are already having problems with people coming in and throwing things away, as well as leaving the bathrooms unclean. Robert says he has been doing the cleaning and will keep doing so. Michael Pique still urges we install door locks that have individually issued access codes and that will log the entries. He agrees that is pointless right now with so many people having been given the rear lock code. Tom Mendenhall proposes installing cameras, since we have no way to stop the new rear code from becoming widely known. The Board authorized him to install a camera, exact budget to be approved. The PMPO might be able to help pay for cameras.

Adjournment: 9:34 AM 03/01/2025. The next PMCFA meeting will be at 9 AM, April 5, 2025, at the Community Center. We expect to have Zoom call-ins available.

Michael Pique, Secretary

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