

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

Saturday, April 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by President Leininger.

Board members present: Glenn Borland, David Robarts, Michael Pique, Keith Ronchetti and Suzann Leininger.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments: none given.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and reviewed. (There was no March meeting.) Suzann made the motion to accept with corrections noted. Keith seconded and the motion was approved.

Financial Report: Keith reviewed his written report. (This has been included as part of these minutes.) Mike made the motion to accept, Suzann seconded and the motion was approved.

Chief's Report: Battalion Chief, Cristina Williamson reviewed the previous month's report, (no PMVFD meeting). Captain Rick Johnson reviewed his written report for March, (submitted as part of these minutes). He commented of the new snow blower's effectiveness after the 3/7 snowfall. He said that using both the County owned and the smaller Board owned blower made quick work of clearing the station. Some of the projects completed this month were; an up to date site map of the stations' emergency shutoffs, evacuation routes and emergency pre-plan. This was done to orient cover crews who are not as familiar with the station. There was a new fire cabinet installed for flammable materials, painting and trim work was completed in the crew's quarters. Planning is ongoing for the automatic operation of the roll up doors in the apparatus bay. Capt. Johnson reported on the USFS pile burning in the Fry Creek area. A station crew was sent over to familiarize themselves with the area. He said that further connections were being made in joint projects with USFS station #32 at the Lake Henshaw Station. He said his goal was to foster closer working relationships with both nearby USFS crews at Henshaw and Observatory Stations.

Battalion Chief Cristina Williamson has accepted a promotion to Assistant Chief in the Administrative Office at the main CALFIRE office at their HQ in El Cajon. The Battalion Chief position for our local region will be vacant for at least 6-8 weeks before being filled.

San Diego County Fire continues to cover the station with CAL FIRE career staffing and County Reserves. CAL FIRE career staffing will end on 4/17/16.

Latest word from County Fire is that they are moving forward on temporary living quarters for the crews until a new Fire Station is built in three years.

Keith made the motion to accept the Chiefs' report. Suzann seconded and the report was approved by the Board.

CERT report: CERT Team Leader, James Ewen reported on that last team meeting. He put out the idea of establishing a food pantry in order to have short term supply for the community in case of emergencies. Funding for this proposal was discussed; options may be submissions for Neighborhood Investment or SDG&E grants. He stated that his goals were to get back to basics in CERT team preparedness. He is planning to have a meeting to discuss preparedness on a community wide basis soon.

Community Center: Board President, John Lesac talked about some of the events the Community Center has planned. On July 16, there will be a community picnic at the Fire Station. On Sept 3, there will be a music night and more recently there was community meet and greet hosted by the Observatory.

John commented there was no internet connection for the public at the station. Capt. Johnson said that he would look into it.

Old Business:

1. CAL FIRE career staffing to end 4/17.
2. Suzann will be meeting with S, D. County Staff in Bill Horns office 4/14 to discuss the PMVFD proposal to fund a full time career position.
3. By law review.
4. SRA Grant extension to be followed through on by Capt. Johnson. A meeting hosted by the Yuima Water District was attended by Capt. Johnson and Chief Williamson. They expressed their appreciation of the local efforts on the Palomar Divide Fuel reduction project.
5. Mike Pique gave an update on the upcoming community chipping days, 17 requests so far.

New Business:

1. Upcoming meeting at County Supervisor Bill Horns' office.
2. Chief Williamsons' promotion and recognition by the Board in recognition of her efforts on behalf of the PMVFD. and the Palomar community.
3. San Diego Fire Foundation visit and presentation by Foundation representatives, Joan Jones and Frank Ault.

New Business continued:

4. The next PMVFD Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.