

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors Saturday, March 4, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 8:58 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present: Cliff Kellogg, Michael Pique, Keith Ronchetti, Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle. Also present were CAL FIRE Captain Mike Good, CAL FIRE North Zone Battalion Chief Cal Hendrie, Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council vice-president Cecelia Borland, Community Center of Palomar Mountain president Terri Sproul, and John Mandel.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: John Mandel presented the station with a plaque bearing an inspirational message attributed to Albert Einstein.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti reported. (The report has been included as part of these minutes.) Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$111,488.82. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 02/04/2017 board meeting were approved as written by Michael Pique.

Station 79 Report: Captain Good presented his written report. We saw 3 calls in February, one each medical, public assist, and road hazard (downed tree over power lines). Five new reserve firefighters are in the program. All five power door openers for the apparatus bay are operational. We have a new Fire Captain & Paramedic coming to Palomar: Dean Kowalski. He is assigned to Training/EMS for several months to help facilitate Medic hiring and ALS Program expansion. Captain Good presented quotes from Home Depot for the bunk room personal lockers requested last month. The report was approved.

Battalion Report: Chief Hendrie said we still expect to be upgraded with paramedic service by the summer, probably a Paramedic Engineer and a Paramedic Firefighter II. It looks like Deer Springs and Ramona may be ahead of us in the new-station queue, but we might be eventually getting a "real building" instead of a modular one. No action yet by the county on getting the new electrical generator up here.

CERT: Cliff Kellogg says the CERT Suburban maintenance work is almost done.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Cecelia Borland said crews are now clearing the brush on the slope south of the station, between the East Grade Road and the US Forest Service property below. The community chipping grant work is underway and the FSC plans to send out another flyer or a door-hanger in June along with the USFS defensible space inspections. They are pursuing donations from casinos and from SDG&E. No solid action yet on contingency routes from Birch Hill and Crestline: the 32J easement road improvements need permission from adjoining landowners. The

Walls route from Crestline has been graded. They hope to conduct another Urban-Wildland Interface fire workshop this year, and perhaps workshops on chainsaw safety and on the gold-spotted oak borer. Next FSC meeting March 25 at the fire station.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Terri Sproul announced the 2017 event schedule:

April 29 - Observatory Star Gazing

May 4 - Mother's Day Tea Party

July 1 - Movie Night (at the fire station bandstand)

August 12 - Movie Night (at the fire station bandstand)

September 2 - Fund Raiser Barbecue (at the fire station grounds)

December 2 - Holiday Party

The CCPM will need help doing the Barbecue, the only event there will be a charge for. Because of the four (or more) public events on the fire station grounds between the PMPO Pancake Breakfast in late May and the Barbecue in September, she has received permission from Captain Good to install a portable toilet & hand washing station for that period. The PMPO has offered to fund a share up to \$600. The Fire Board agreed to fund a share up to \$600 as well. Terri will get quotes for delivery, rental, and servicing.

New Business:

Keith Ronchetti will get tax data to our CPA to prepare our 2016 return.

Cliff Kellogg says we will have a public sale of our surplus equipment on April 8, from 9 AM to noon.

The Board will meet in committee to work on the by-laws after adjournment today.

Adjournment: 10:13 A.M. 03/04/2017

The next board meeting is Saturday 4/01/2017 at 9:00 AM, By-law revision emphasis.

- Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 4/01/2017.