

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, January 6, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present: Cliff Kellogg, Michael Pique, Glenn Borland, Keith Ronchetti. Robert Carlyle was absent. Also present were Cal Fire Captain Dean Kowalski, CERT Coordinator Bill Leininger, PMVFD past-president Suzann Leininger, and Fire Safe Council President Yvonne Vaucher.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None offered.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti presented his written report (The report has been included as part of these minutes.). Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$109,131.64. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 11/11/2017 board meeting were approved. No formal meeting was held in December.

Station 79 Report: Captain Kowalski presented an oral report. All equipment is in working order except for both water tenders, which are in the repair shop. WT79 may be gone for good; WT52 was damaged in the Lilac fire but should return. We are suffering major staffing issues: although our station is fully staffed by two Cal Fire firefighters every day, there are usually zero reserves. We are now in the training season so many potential crew members are off-duty for training. The station responded to 4 or 5 calls in December. Captain Kowalski got help to do some brush removal so he can now get engine E79 down every easement road on the south side of Crestline west of the lodge. Some work was also done on the Birch Hill easements 30 and 32J, east and northeast of the lodge. The sandy patch on the side of the station house facing the equipment barn has been improved with pavers and a stone patio.

CERT - Coordinator Bill Leininger reported the next few CERT meetings will be devoted to training, leading unto a county-wide emergency exercise in the spring. New documents for the CERT vehicle have arrived; James Ewen will make sure it's driven weekly.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Yvonne Vaucher says the FSC is solvent and has received \$12,500 from grants. They spent \$10,000 for Barricade fire protection gel kits and two pressure washers to remove the gel from houses after fire danger has passed. Their main 2018 action will be revising evacuation plans and updating the 2008 "Emergencies on Palomar Mountain" brochure.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): No report.

New Business:

Site Preparation for New Bunkhouse - Cliff is working with Doc Sowards to remove more unneeded equipment from the site. Moving the cargo containers will probably have to wait until the Palomar Christian Conference Center has removed the administrative office trailers. If the big Live Oak tree isn't removed by February 1, a biological inspection will be required to make sure the tree isn't a nesting site for certain migrating birds.

Tax Accountant - Keith is hoping to find a tax preparer who can do the job for less than the \$1000 we have been paying.

Adjournment: 9:59 A.M. 01/06/2018. The next board meeting is Saturday 02/03/2018 at 9:00 AM.

- Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 02/03/2018.