

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, April 7, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present: Cliff Kellogg, Keith Ronchetti, Michael Pique, Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle. Also present were Cal Fire Captain Dean Kowalski, CERT Coordinator Bill Leininger, PMVFD past-president Suzann Leininger, Fire Safe Council vice-president Cecelia Borland, and Palomar Christian Conference Center maintenance manager Lane Yule.

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 \$108,625.49. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 03/03/2018 board meeting were approved as submitted.

Station 79 Report: Captain Dean Kowalski presented an oral report. March calls included a paraglider emergency landing on the Mendenhalls' East Grade ranch. A new water tender is being outfitted for us, to be delivered in a few weeks. The county is circulating reserve firefighters through here; today we are staffed with two reserves and two CalFire crew. A new paramedic to replace Matt Chibaldi will be arriving soon.

CERT - Coordinator Bill Leininger reported delivery of 43 new reflective house number signs. The county-wide spring preparedness drill is coming up: we will be covering a medical station. Yesterday, Bill went to Warner Springs for a community SDG&E fire prevention and Lilac fire report, with presentations also by the Red Cross and other CERT units. A talk about the SDG&E weather sensors was good – perhaps invite them to the May PMPO pancake breakfast to present it to Palomar residents.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Cecelia Borland says the FSC is working on three projects. One, evaluating possible areas of safe refuge along with evacuation routes. Two, sending out copies of the November 2017 road clearance joint resolution to property owners (about 250 sent so far). Three, organizing community workshops/classes this summer, including chainsaw safety and wildland-urban interface fire preparation. Captain Kowalski is agreeable to our placing a community dumpster on the grounds and to using the station kitchen during the May PMPO breakfast and annual general meeting.

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

Old Business

Administration Trailers Removal - Lane Yule from the Christian Conference Center said they are making slow progress on moving out the two trailers. He's asked a dozen movers and found one who will do the job, but needs special skids. The mover was supposed to be here last Friday but didn't show.

Amendment to County Ground Lease - Cliff Kellogg received it; says county agrees to take down the big tree, construct a 2000-square-foot building, and upgrade the existing house to meet current handicapped access rules. Keith notes we need to file certain business property tax forms. As the property is improved, we will need to get information from the county to complete these.

Letter of Support - Cal Hendrie, CalFire Battalion Chief, has asked us to write the county a letter of support for San Diego County Fire services this past year. Cliff will write and send.

Adjournment: 9:45 A.M. 04/07/2018. The next board meeting is Saturday 05/05/2018 at 9:00 AM; Cliff will be away.

- Michael Pique, Secretary
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