**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Membership Meeting Agenda**

**January 15th, 2025, at Station 91**

**6:00 p.m. Meeting**

**Board members present**: Dorothy Baker, Barbara Harris, Liz Gilbertson, Audry Henniger, Franklin French, and Elizabeth Pollock.

**Welcome:** Dorothy Baker

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9**:

**Chief Walker**:

LWFR is helping with the Nordic Team for the Washington Nordic Cup ski race and has a request for Auxiliary members to park cars on January 26th. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table and a separate email will be sent out with all the details.

We have been asked a lot of questions about the Los Angeles fires which seem like an odd time to us to have a fire. What they are facing is really devastating. The questions we are getting include “are we in that kind of danger”? Our area has a much different landscape than Los Angeles (they are urban and have Santa Ana winds) and our area is more alpine topography.

What have we done in our area to reduce fuels on our landscape? We have done many things, and I will outline them in the January Chief’s report. These include cameras, infrastructure, new trucks, work on Camp 12 road, more firefighters and we keep doing these things. Chelan sent trucks down to the LA fire and we will all learn from their fire.

We have signed an agreement with District 3 (Leavenworth) and 6 (Peshastin) to provide coverage for significant events and resource emergencies and there is now a process in place for the 3 districts to work together.

Rivercom has provided the fire service with a permanent seat on the Rivercom 911 board. We are already seeing the benefits of this seat and access to the 911 dispatch center in plans that improve fire and EMS response.

**LWFR Association:**

**Jarrett Payne:**

I am the new President for the Association and have been with the department for 4 years. Other new board members are Bridget Dancs (VP1) and Lee Miller (VP2). I want to thank you and let you know how much I appreciate the Auxiliary. You have our backs so thank you for that.

An important priority for 2025 is to raise the bond money for the new fire station 93 and we are going to put together a task force to help get set up for this. There are 3 major parts: Education for the community; 2) Fundraising and how we approach it; and 3) Supporting the department for this project. The new fire station will benefit both the department and the community. We would like to have some Auxiliary members on the subcommittee, and we will start meeting starting in the next week or two.

**Call to Order:** Dorothy Baker called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

**Attendance:** 37 people in attendance,11 people on Zoom, for a total of 48 people.

Please remember to sign in at each meeting.

**New Member Introductions:** Guests or New Members present?

Jim Chedister is a new member, and this is his first meeting. Welcome Jim!

**Approve November Minutes:**

Bill Miller moved to approve the November meeting minutes, seconded by April Adamson and the motion passed.

**November and December Treasurer’s Report: (Barbara Harris)**

**November Treasurer’s Report:**

Memorial Account                                         $30.00

Technology Account                                       $45.34

Checking Account

Oct 31, 2024 Beginning Balance                $88,478.75

Berkshire Hathaway donation                        $2,325.00

Squirrel Tree donation                                      $1,397.00

Fidelity donation                                                 $1,000.00

Square 2 donations                                                  $1.34

Pancake Breakfast starting cash                    - $600.00

Costco-printer paper & plates                       - $72.73

Nov 30, 2024 Balance                                   $92,529.36

**December Treasurer’s Report:**

Memorial Account-no activity $30.00

Technology Account-no activity $45.34

Checking Account

November 30, 2024 Balance $92,529.36

Pancake Breakfast (December income,

not including $500 donation in October) $11,808.69

Donations (not pancake breakfast donations) $4,800.67

Pancake Breakfast expenses in December (not including

$400 hall rental in February) -$1,682.60

December 31, 2024 Balance $107,456.12

Carol Kasper moved to approve the November and December Treasurer’s report, seconded by Fred Guimond, and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Pancake Breakfast: Barbara Harris**

The pancake breakfast was very successful, and we made $10,226.09 which is about $2,000 more than in 2023. Also, thank you to everyone who sent their feedback.

**Committee Reports:**

**Social Committee: Kathleen Colvard**

I would like to thank those who have been on the committee, and we are looking for 2 additional people to join the committee. If you are interested, please let me know

**Tone Out List: Kathleen Colvard**

If you are on the tone out list and would like to change any of your information, please let me know. Also, we are always looking for people to be on the list.

**Firefighter Food for Training Days: Janet Alley**

Janet Alley has taken the lead position for the food/treat support. We provide the firefighters with food before their training nights, which is the first Tuesday of the month. Janet will be speaking more about this at the February meeting.

**Nominating Committee: Dorothy Baker**

The nominating committee needs to begin to meet right away, and we are looking for two additional people to work with Kris King (the committee must have 1 Board member on it) to talk to people about running for the Board. April Adamson and Nevonne McDaniels have volunteered to join the committee. At the April meeting, we will vote on the new Board and then the new Board will officially begin on May 1st.

**Board of Director Voting Process Shadow: Dorothy Baker**

Right not Shawna Presley is the lead for the new Board member voting with Donna Tobias as a backup. Shawna would like to have a shadow this year so they can take the position over next year. Joanne Stanford volunteered to shadow Shawna.

**Budget Committee: Dorothy Baker**

Right now, Dorothy Baker and Barbara Harris are on the committee, and we need to have one additional person. Please let me know if you would like to help with this and we will talk further about it at the February meeting. This committee looks at the budgets submitted by the event leads to determine if they are complete and a good budget.

**New Business:**

**Joint LWFR Association/Auxiliary Board Meeting: Dorothy Baker**

The Auxiliary Board had a wonderful meeting with the Association Board earlier this month and the communication back and forth has been good. The Association shared their goals for 2025 and the biggest one is the fund raising for the bond the build the new fire station. As requested by Jarrett Payne, they are looking to have Auxiliary members on the subcommittee. Bill Miller and Stan Morgan volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

**2025 Benevolent Nights: Dorothy Baker**

Please let us know if you have any ideas for fundraising or Benevolent events for this year.

**Airlift and Life Flight membership cards: Elizabeth Pollock**

Everyone has already received membership cards from Life Flight. The Airlift Northwest cards will arrive shortly. You do not need to have the membership card on you to be helivac’d in an emergency.

**Upcoming Events:**

**LWFR/Auxiliary Banquet – save the date and the rsvp email procedure.**

The appreciation banquet this year will be on April 16th at Pine River Ranch. You will soon receive a “save the date” email. An email will be sent out in February by Elizabeth, and you will RSVP back directly to Kim Wiley including your food choice for the event.

**Banquet Prizes Request: Dorothy Baker**

Marcia Scott can’t help Marisha Robinson gather prizes for the banquet this year. If anyone is interested in helping Marisha, please let us know.

**Auxiliary 2025 Event Calendar: Dorothy Baker**

The 2025 event calendar has been sent out. We will update it with the Tour de Bloom date (May 4th) and the next benevolent date as soon as it is confirmed and resend it out.

**Tour de Bloom Update: Dorothy Baker**

Tour de Bloom is on Sunday, May 4th this year. Marcia Scott is the lead and is already working with the race coordinators and will provide an update at the February meeting. This year, the race coordinators will provide lunch for the volunteers.

**Sunshine Report: Sharyl Nelson**

Sharyl was not in attendance.

Please forward any news (good or bad) directly to Sharyl so she can send a card from all of us.

**Good of the Order:**

Thanks to Carol Kasper and Fred Guimond for donating prizes for the children at the Pancake Breakfast Santa House. And thank you to John Tobias for being Santa Claus.

**Social Committee: Kathleen Colvard**

The winner of the January drawing was Stan Morgan. Congratulations Stan!

**Next Meeting:**

The next Auxiliary meeting is on Wednesday, February 12th, at Station 91.

The meeting concluded at 6:50 p.m.

John Tobias moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fred Guimond, and the motion passed.

**Note:** If you want to look at past minutes, they are located online, and the path is below:

LWFR.org: About LWFR: Auxiliary; Member Login (bottom of page); Auxiliary Login; Password is **Auxmember18**; Minutes. It shows minutes since 2010 along with the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.