**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Membership Meeting Agenda**

**October 9th, 2024, at Station 91**

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

**Board members present**: Dorothy Baker, Liz Gilbertson, Kris King, Audry Henniger, and Elizabeth Pollock.

**Welcome:** Dorothy Baker

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9**:

**Chief Walker**:

I appreciate all the well wishes and I am doing well. We are lucky to have the cardiac rehab facility in Leavenworth.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the fish fry for the fire fighters on Monday night.

We are at the end of the fire season, and we got lucky this year. We had a fire adapted meeting, as we did have several fires in the area. One of the things we noted was the state funding for air resources. It used to be a long process but now we can put helicopters on some fires in 25 minutes which was a huge benefit. We are making advances in how we are fighting fires.

The department is looking at expanding and we are interviewing for a Deputy Chief which will give us some additional skill sets. Our organization keeps growing!

We are getting into budget season, and we are challenged this year by the economy, the county, and the federal government. FEMA did not approve the funding for our seasonal crew or for the position of Wildfire Risk Reduction Coordinator. This is putting a challenge on us right now and we are out looking for funding.

The evacuation sirens are in the process of being installed. The towers will be audible and can signal a siren or a command for evacuation directions. The contractor is finalizing the installation and then there will be some testing done. Right now, not all the equipment is fully installed. In the future, we are looking to put one at Fish Lake and at the West end of Lake Wenatchee.

**LWFR Association:**

**Bridget Dancs:**

The fish fry was a huge success and thank you to Dennis Broughton and to the Auxiliary for helping out.

There was a dedication of a new flagpole at station 93 (on the new property) on 9/11 and it was well attended.

Thank you to those who came out to the blood drive. The goal was 26 units of blood, and with the great turnout, we got 35 units of blood.

We will do Trunk or Treat on Halloween evening and set up will begin at 5:30pm so come on out and help hand out candy to the kids.

**Call to Order:** Dorothy Baker called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**Attendance:** 41 people in attendance, 6 on Zoom, and 1 guest for a total of 48 people.

Please remember to sign in at each meeting.

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

Dale Hardisty who is a ski instructor at Steven Pass. Welcome Dale!

**Approve the August Minutes:**

Paula Robinson moved to approve the August meeting minutes, seconded by Stan Morgan and the motion passed.

**August and September Treasurer’s Report: (Liz Gilbertson)**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

**August Treasurer’s Report**

**Memorial Account**  $ 30.00  
**Technology Account** $ 45.34

**Checking Account**

July 31st, 2024 Beginning Balance $ 26,342.07

Yard Sale Starting Cash -$ 700.00

Name Badges -$ 28.56

Insurance -$ 946.00

Yard Sale Supplies -$ 84.49

Ice Cream Social -$ 117.83

Postage -$ 29.20

Golf Tournament Donations +$ 300.00

Members Life Flight & Airlift NW +$ 6,692.00

Life Flight Payment -$ 4,050.00

Airlift NW Payment -$ 2,640.00

August 31, 2024 Ending Balance $ 24,737.99

**September Treasurer’s Report**

**Memorial Account**  $ 30.00

**Technology Account** $ 45.34

**Checking Account**

September 1, 2024 Beginning Balance $ 24,737.99

Fred Meyer Donation +$ 27.96

Donations +$ 1,300.00

Golf Tournament Donations +$ 5,448.34

Plain Cellars After Party +$ 5,952.00

\*Yard Sale Donations +$46,865.02

\*Yard Sale Expenses (Sept only) -$ 2,292.65

Auxiliary LWFR Picture Board -$ 107.49

September 30, 2024 Ending Balance $81,931.17

\*Yard Sale Proceeds $43,787.88 which includes $784.49 August Yard Sale Expenses.

Becky Payne moved to approve the August and September Treasurer’s report, seconded by Chris King, and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Kahler Mountain Club Women’s Golf Tournament: Elizabeth Pollock**

The women’s golf tournament in July was a huge success and a ceremonial check for $16,848.34 was presented to LWFR. Thank you to all the Auxiliary members who helped.

**Yard Sale: Velda Millard**

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Yard Sale, which was a huge success.

**Plain Cellars Benevolent: Dorothy Baker and Jimi Wilson**

The event on 9/1 brought in $5,952.00.

However, it was suggested by Bob and Roxanne Sage to move the event date next year to the Saturday of Memorial weekend so that more Auxiliary members would be able to attend. This will be the same day as Safety Day.

Jimi Wilson will be the lead and Mike Colwell the co-lead for this event next year. A big thank you to Bob and Roxanne for all they do for this event.

**Flagpole Dedication Sept. 11th: Dorothy Baker**

Thank you to all who came out to the flagpole’s dedication, and it was a very nice ceremony.

**Blood Drive: Dorothy**

Bridget has already given an update so thanks for making it a successful event.

**Multi Agency LWFR Fish Fry: Dorothy**

Thank you to all who help out with this, and it was a big success and the fish was delicious.

**Berkshire/Hathaway Donation: Dorothy**

Berkshire/Hathaway is close to matching the $2,000 and we are waiting to hear the final amount**.**

**New Business:**

**Fuel Mitigation within our District: Kris King**

Some exciting things are happening in Chelan County as they received a grant for $9.2 million dollars, and we will see some of that money in our area. The main focus will be on an evacuation route on Camp 12 road and then some fire suppression work done by station 95. All the details aren’t available yet, but we are very pleased to have the money come into the district.

**September - National Preparedness Month: Marci Scott**

September is National preparedness month. It is so important to be prepared, and water, food, and shelter are key elements. Marci showed the items in her preparedness kit and she got many of the items at SOS Survival Products. A good resource for emergency preparedness is Ready.gov.

**Clothing Store: Chris King**

The GO USA store will be open through October 20th so we will have the items in time for the Pancake Breakfast. This season, we are adding a men’s and women’s polo shirt (embroidered logo) and a new winter jacket. Elizabeth to send out the link tomorrow.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Pancake Breakfast: Chris King**

The Pancake Breakfast is on December 7th from 8:00am to 11:30am with raffle basket drawings immediately following. This year, we will be having a silent auction on a few of the baskets.

As food has gotten more expensive, the breakfast pricing will be $5.00 for 2–10-year-olds and $7.00 for 11 years and older.

Dave Salmon will be the lead for the kitchen; Marilyn Mylius and Tracy Stavang the leads for the raffle baskets; and Scott Baker and Stan Morgan are out getting donations from local businesses.

The Santa house will be set up on Friday and candy canes will be given out to each child. John Tobias will be Santa, Marci Scott will be Mrs. Santa, and Jenni Bunkelman and Kandi Trenary will be elves.

Key Dates:

* Monday, December 2nd will be basket wrapping at the Rec Club beginning at 6:00pm.
* Friday, December 6th is set up beginning at 9:00am.
* Friday, December 6th is cookie drop off at 11:00am with cookie plating beginning at 12:00pm.

A sign-up sheet to bake cookies is being passed around. We hope to have 75 1.5lb plates to sell at the breakfast.

**Basket Wrap and ticket sales: Marilyn Mylius**

Basket wrapping is on Monday, December 2nd beginning at 6:00pm at the Rec Club and raffle tickets will be available for sale at the November meeting.

**Squirrel Tree Benevolent: Chris King**

Tuesday, November 12th is the next Benevolent Day from 8:00am to 9:00pm at Squirrel Tree.

**Sunshine Report: Sharyl Nelson**

Sharyl was not in attendance but if you know of someone who could use a card, please let her know.

**Good of the Order:**

Chris King showed how important it is to clean out your dryer ducts on a regular basis in order to prevent fires. Lint removal kits are available online.

**Social Committee:**

The winner of the apple/raspberry pie drawing was Pam Nicklas. Congratulations Pam!

Next month is our annual pie contest. Please have the pies at station 91by 5:00pm and we’ll start tasting. This will also be communicated in an email.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Auxiliary meeting is on Wednesday, November 13th, at Station 91. The Social Committee will be doing a pie contest. Bring your best pie to win a prize. The pie contest begins at 5:00, with the meeting beginning promptly at 6:00pm.

The meeting concluded at 7:02 p.m.

Jimi Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Scott Baker, 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.