

## Fire District #4 Auxiliary

### November 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Janet Mobley with the flag salute. In attendance were; Ron Ayres, Linda Byerley, Rocky Eastman, Dean Farrens, Brooks Graves, Richard Gray, Jerri Maiuri, Debbie Mobley, Janet Mobley, Paula Partlow, Candice Roediger, Carol Rodiger and Megan Waite.

- **Secretaries Report**

The minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting stand approved as emailed with no changes or corrections. Correspondence was the monthly bank statements and a Thank you letter from Special Olympics Washington thanking the Auxiliary for our donation to Walla Walla Fire and Cop on Top event. Megan read the letter to the group.

- **Treasurers Report**

Linda gave the treasurers report for **October** as follows: Beginning balance in checking account was \$965.71, expense for water and gatorade; \$151.85. End balance; \$813.66. Savings beginning balance was \$19,980.58. Quarterly interest income; \$10.13. Ending balance; \$19,990.71. Total both accounts; \$20,804.57.

**November** as follows: Beginning balance in checking account was \$813.66. No activity in November. Savings account beginning balance; \$19,990.71 with no activity for the month. Ending balance both accounts \$20,804.57

- **Old Business**

Halloween down town trick or treating was discussed. The on duty crew did a great job handing out candy and had a great time doing so. Chief Eastman presented an invoice in the amount of \$279.76, for the purchase of the candy, for reimbursement. Funding for this was approved at a previous meeting.

The \$1,000.00 Grant from the Association of Washington Business has been awarded and the check will be disbursed at a later date. Plans for getting things started for our annual shopping for families was discussed.

Rocky will put the word out again to all members for families they may know in need of this. After we find out if there is any or not, Brooks will make contact and get a list for up to six families. Ron will contact Grocery Outlet for a shopping date of Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00am. Delivery to families will be on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Those offering to shop this year as follows: Ron, Janice, Brooks, Paula, Dean, Carol, Roy and possibly Brian Jones and Larry Hector. Ron suggested the possibility of including some frozen foods in the shopping list for the families. After a brief discussion it was decided this would not work as there is no space

in the District freezer to store until delivery as well as not knowing what the freezer space is for each family.

After no response or interest from any of our Auxiliary members, it was decided not to do the Applebee's Flap Jack fund raiser.

- **New Business**

The annual District #4 Family Christmas dinner is planned for December 2, 2023 at 3:00. The truck decorating will be taken care of by the on duty staff and crew. Rocky would like the theme this year to be Santa's workshop elves. All are invited to participate with kids and or grand kids acting the part of the elves for the down town parade. Candice will make a couple of signs for the truck. The Auxiliary will provide the food and drink which will include: chicken, beans, rolls and Linda suggested macaroni and cheese instead of two pans of beans. Everyone agreed this would be good for the kids especially. Debbie will order from Southgate Market. Linda and Scott will pick it up on the day of the event. Richard will be Santa with Tara being his Elf helper. Ray (Hobby Lobby) has offered again this year to donate the small gift bags for the goodie bags for Santa to hand out. Debbie will get those from him. Thank you Ray and Hobby Lobby! Linda and Debbie will go shop for candy and other things for the goodie bags. Debbie will check the supplies and purchase anything as needed. If anyone is willing to help set up and clean up afterwards, it is much appreciated.

- **Chiefs Report**

Dates to remember: March 2, 2024 is the date set for the annual Awards Banquet. Captain Bill Box has announced his retirement. March 31, 2024 will be his last day on duty. Planning for a retirement party will be in the works soon.

Chief Eastman would like to see the members returning for a Walla Walla Sweets baseball game again next season. After a brief discussion, Ron made a motion to fund the "Sweet Spot" again next season. Seconded by Dean and unanimously approved.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Art Columbe who passed away at age 91 His funeral will be on November 20, 2023 at 11am at Amazing Grace. Also to the family of Kay Meliah, Larry's wife, who passed away on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

- The next meeting will be on December 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM.
- Submitted by Debbie Mobley, Auxiliary Secretary