



**Peoples Valley Fire Department
Corporation and Auxiliary**
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Monthly Auxiliary Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2024, 9:00AM

Attendees: Karen Stafford, Ray Paiz, Kelley Paiz, Angie Davis, Sue Bernard, Bethany Strickland, Pam Kellmann, Jim Kellmann, Gale Henry, Jackie Stephens, Jane Meyers, Chris McCawley, Angie Weishaar, Marcie Theokas, Lori Bomar, Shawn Bomar, Britteny Dwigings (Operations), John Ross (Operations)

1. Call to Order (Time: 9:05) and Pledge of Allegiance (led by: all)
2. Lani B will be stepping back from her position as Auxiliary Recording Secretary. We will be looking for a candidate to fill the position. In the meantime, Angie D will take notes at the meeting and send draft minutes for publication to the web page.
3. Read and Approve Minutes from the Previous Meeting with corrections:
 - a. Motion to approve: (Kelley Paiz & 2nd: Chief Bomar)
 - b. Vote: unanimous to approve with corrections. Marcie T abstained.
 - c. Members who do not have access to minutes, agendas, and reports can pick up copies at the station. Thank you, Britteny, for agreeing to print and post copies for members to pick up.
4. Review and Approve the Treasurer's Report presented by Angie W for Judy G, who was not in attendance. Report corrections were made to transfer the December donation reported as "reserved for station 81" for Operations and Website.
 - a. Motion to approve with corrections was made (Lori B & 2nd: Kelley P)
 - b. Vote: unanimous to approve with no one abstaining
5. New Business
 - a. Donations reported for the Historical School's AzAirnet Internet service (Anonymous), Operations Miscellaneous (Lumas Fire), Training Lunch meals (Anonymous), and the Weaver Mountain Regional Facility/Property (Lumas)
 - b. Expenses related to AZ Airnet, Medical Supplies/equipment, Chili Bingo expenses, and the Weaver Mountain Regional Facility/Property appraisal fee.

6. Committee Reports

Community Outreach & Membership Committee (Judy, Jane, Lori, Kelley, Ray, Bethany)

- a. March Women's Heart Health Program idea: Karen thought it might be fun and educational to host a community/membership recruiting event on Women's Heart Health. Maybe offer a continental breakfast or light lunch with speakers and participation stations. Bethany took the action item to follow up and report.

- b. Membership Flyer Update: Jane has this drafted, but we would like a new Auxiliary photo scheduled for the April meeting.
- c. Member Application: Jane drafted an update of this for us. Lori will add it to the website.
- d. Update to Our Commemorative History Book: Jane is working on updates and feels she is about 80% complete. Updates will include Wildland Fire and Firewise. This book will consist of updates from 2019 to the present. This book is intended as a fundraiser. Details regarding whether to publish as an updated complete version or as volume II will be discussed at the April meeting once publishing costs are available for each solution.
- e. PV Serve Day, April 6: Details and sign-up opportunities are available at www.pvserveday.com. The Auxiliary is listed as a sponsor.

Events Committee (Lani, Jane, Dick, Chris, Sue, Bethany, Marcie, Pam, Gale)

- a. March training lunch: 3/16 Chis will coordinate. Grilled hot dogs, chili, salad with ranch dressing (Pam), and brownies (Marcie)
- b. Hoe Down Event – Discussion and agreement regarding delaying the event until later in the year due to calendar conflicts and facility availability.
- c. Weaver Mountain Festival—Discuss combining this event with a Back to School connection in mid-to-late August, with possible dates of 8/17 or 8/24. A motion to delay a decision on the August event was made, seconded, and passed. Further details are to be discussed at the April meeting.
- d. Lori shared the Weaver Mountains Living webpage on the newly updated www.peoplesvalleyfire.com website as a place to keep updated on the latest happenings around the region.
- e. Jane updated the Silent Auction Bidder sheet for upcoming events as well.

Grants & Funding Committee (Ray, Kelley, Angie D, Angie W, Chief Bomar, Lori, Karen, and Brittney (Ops))

- a. The Auxiliary Mission Statement was agreed upon to be used in pursuit of grants & funding opportunities. *The Peoples Valley Fire Auxiliary's mission is to support the Fire District and the Weaver Mountains Communities it serves. The Auxiliary is committed to assisting with District functions, creating and participating in fundraising efforts, community service projects, and outreach events. Our overarching goal is to enhance the safety and well-being of our rural community.*

This Mission Statement will be posted on the Auxiliary page of the new District website.

- b. The Grants Committee also proposed updating our Bylaws Objectives (Article 2) to update the reference to the Fire District in A. and broaden our scope by simplifying C.:
 - i. To help raise money for the Fire District.
 - ii. To promote membership in the Auxiliary.
 - iii. To assist the Fire District with activities serving the Weaver Mountains Communities.
 We will vote on the update at the April meeting.
- c. Overview to the Auxiliary of how the Grants Committee will work:
 - i. Ray will create a format to be used for anyone wanting to submit a grant application idea to the Committee.
 - ii. All grants will be considered based on the needs of the Weaver Mountains Communities in consultation with Fire District leadership.
 - iii. A full Auxiliary member vote will only be needed in cases where a financial match is required/desirable in the grant application process.

7. Weaver Mountains Regional Facility & Property Special Committee Status Update: Chief Bomar
 - a. The Land Survey is complete. The parcel surveys at 16.51 acres.
 - b. The permit has been submitted for property split.
 - c. The Appraisal is in the works and will be used for the legal description and property split.
 - d. Bids for cattle guard installation and fencing are being sought.
 - e. \$1300 to the surveyor will be due upon completion. Ray made a motion to make funds available. Marcie seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

8. Additional Items

- a. Auxiliary Bank Card Discussion—This has been deferred until the April meeting, when Judy, our treasurer, will be present.
- b. Auxiliary Communications – How best to stay informed if a member chooses not to be on the text chain? Members of the Auxiliary volunteered to keep those without access informed of discussions via phone.
- c. Firewise Update—Ray and Chief. Exciting News! Three communities—Buckhorn Legacy, Ruger Ranch, and Peoples Valley (except Model Creek)—are now nationally recognized as Firewise Communities. Great effort by Chief Bomar, Ray Paiz, Lou Theokas, and Grey Stafford for getting this accomplished!
- d. Fingerprints: A list of the status of current members' Fingerprint cards was collected. Further discussion on this will be deferred to our April meeting.

11. Officer Reports

- a. President: Thank you to all members for their efforts during this busy and dynamic time
- b. VP: no report
- c. Recording Secretary: not in attendance/no report
- d. Corresponding Secretary: no report
- e. Treasurer: not in attendance/no report

12. Announcements

Marcie suggested we could connect with a member of her church who has videoed events for them if we want to establish a YouTube channel at some point. Ray also had suggestions to consider. We will continue the discussion at a future meeting.

13. Next Meeting Date/Time

****Saturday, April 13, 2024**, 9 AM at the Historical School location. Please note the date change to accommodate PV Serve Day on April 6, 2024.**

14. Adjournment – 11:30