

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
August 9, 2013**

**PERESENT:** Pam Haunschild, Teri Thomas, Peggy Moore, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris

**ABSENT:** Alissa Lipking

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm at the Hilt Church.

**MINUTES**

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Haunschild) to approve the minutes as corrected. They will be resent.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri submitted the reports electronically but we reviewed some of the basics. We have \$8,311 in the checking account and \$53,042 in the Treasury account. Teri reminded the Board that we purchased \$8,000 in assets last year but the depreciation hasn't been done yet. Teri reported that we are on track and there are no expected "surprises" coming up in terms of the budget.

Steve reported that the FEMA grant from California was not funded so they will try again.

**FIRE HOUSE PROJECT**

Steve contacted ODOT supervisors regarding the potential of using the property immediately adjacent to Sheila Maher's that belongs to the state. He has not heard back. Cindy asked if we could develop an arrangement to park our engine, temporarily, with the ODOT trucks. Perhaps some kind of rental agreement could be created. Steve mentioned that the building might not be heated. He will check.

Pam suggested since it appears that we learned informally that to actually bring power to the Stewart's property could be between \$18 and 30, 000 (above ground), once we hear back on the other site (if it's a "no go") that we table the issue for a year. The Board concurred.

**EMERGENCY PLAN**

Peggy reported that Nancy has contacted the folks on the Ski Road to identify "pod leaders." The group will meet after Labor Day to review the "job descriptions" and set up the parameters for the pod meetings. Peggy is hoping, now that Lisa is freed from her town job, to have the pod leaders both identified (they are) and signed on to the project prior to the meeting.

**TRAINING WORKSHOP**

Teri and Steve attended the Saturday session and Peggy attended the Sunday session. Teri and Steve reported that they focused on retention, pointing out that it takes ten times more energy to

recruit than retain. The focus on retention included discussion of activities such as volunteer appreciation dinners, pins, etc. In addition, the “soft” skills, verbal appreciation, etc. goes a long way. Peggy mentioned that community information/education is important as well. They suggested that we know the actual cost to a community member for fire protection. It is far less than most people think and we need to promote that.

Teri pointed out that one aspect they stressed is that volunteers need to feel “safe” and that we do a good job of providing up to date equipment and focus on protecting the volunteers in their work.

Pam suggested we have someone speak at the picnic and it was suggested that it be a “cheerleader” approach. Cindy will talk with Alissa to see if she’ll do it since she’s been involved in all aspects of the fire district and would be a good representative.

Steve said he learned a lot at the workshop, especially about communications. He said we need to improve communications with volunteers about how to respond, the process.

Teri suggested we provide magnets for volunteers for their vehicles. Cindy will investigate. We will also investigate length of service pins. We can give the magnets out at the BBQ and the length of service pins at a volunteer appreciation party.

## **PICNIC**

Cindy reminded the Board that the Picnic is slated for Sunday, September 22 from 12 to 2. She reviewed the menu and the assigned tasks. The Marins will cook and we can expect about 80 people. We have an adequate number of t shirts. Cindy will buy a dry erase board for pricing that can be used for other things as well. Pam will provide the donation box and Teri will be in charge of the garbage detail. The Board will convene at 11:00 to set up. Cindy and Teri will come at 9 to clean up the church. Steve will take care of cleaning up the middle room for Karen’s CPR training. Cindy will get a new sign that specifically spells out who we are and who is invited to the picnic. Superior Sign does this work for us and changes the date each year, for free.

Cindy reminded the Board to each bring a cooler, a serving spoon and large bowls.

Peggy presented Karen Dwyer’s request list for the Medical Training. The Board agreed to fund the CPR kits and to approve the other requests on the list (all of which are no cost items). Catie Pratt, new RN, will assist Karen with the training. The Board expressed its appreciation to Karen for organizing this important community outreach.

## **FIRE NOTICE CARDS**

Peggy mentioned both the time and the cost involved in sending out fire cards since the information is posted on the website and people ought to be using the website. Often Betsy is given 24 hours notice to get the cards out. The Board agreed that it is unreasonable to expect a 24 hour turn around. Teri offered to take things into town to get printed since she goes every day. Cindy offered to get some help for Betsy if needed.

Peggy will talk with Betsy. The Board is very concerned that we NOT stop the cards. They think many people post them for quick and clear reference and they serve a function the website would not.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported that we had 6 calls (3 medicals, 2 car fires and 1 vegetation fire from one of the car fires). We are in Level 4 restrictions. He has been patrolling the Valley and issuing citations when appropriate.

There are 9,000 fire fighters on the ground in Oregon and California. SDAP is paying us a visit on Tues 8/13 at 7 pm to discuss risk management issues.

44-13 and 44-30 have hoses that are five years old and must be replaced. We will try to work these into a grant. Pam commented that grants love things like hoses.

Cindy reported that the generator is "on line." It has been inspected and signed off and it performs "exercises" on Friday, every week. That is, it turns itself on. The Board expressed its appreciation to Cindy for donating all her time to get this set up, inspected, and running correctly. This is a huge savings to the District.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Haunschild/Warzyn) to adjourn at 7:30

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore