

Board Members Present: Cecelia Borland, Glenn Borland, Elizabeth Getzoff, Rosemary Johnston, Katie Micheltmore, Michael Pique, Rigel Rafto, Yvonne Vaucher, Michael Walsh.

Board Members Absent:

Mike Appelman, Robert Carlyle, James Ewen, Mary Ellen Harshberger (alternate), John Lesac, Elizabeth Tainer (alternate), Linda Thorne, Jack Weisgerber.

The PMPO Board Meeting was called to order at 10:42 AM at the Palomar Mountain Fire Department, by Glenn Borland, chair. A quorum of Board members was present.

Treasurer Michael Walsh reported our current combined checking and savings account balance is \$49,292.38 Total donations for 2018 to date are \$2539 from 19 donors; our balance is up \$3000 from January 2018. We have sold 10 more large Highway to the Stars signs to Cal Tech and still have 20 for sale at \$39 each. The report was approved.

Secretary Michael Pique presented the minutes of the August 25 board meeting, approved as submitted (November 8 draft).

Old Business

Palomar Mountain Fire Department (PMFD):

Cliff Kellogg, PMVFD President and former Fire Chief, says the storage cargo containers have been moved to the southwest corner of the PMFD property. The large live oak tree has been cut down and the community is welcome to come collect firewood. Cal Fire Captain Kowalski said the mountain has been mostly quiet, but Cal Fire's San Diego unit has sent 4 strike teams north to help on the fires there. All Cal Fire crews are on an overtime staffing pattern.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (PMFSC):

PMFSC Board President Yvonne Vaucher reported that the Council has \$4375 in the bank and received some donations during the recent dumpster days. The fourth dumpster day, the last of the year, was October 14; the dumpster was full by 11:30 AM. The next event is US Forest Service captain Tim Gray's 'Chain saw maintenance, use, and safety' class November 17, 9 AM at the USFS Fire Station 36, off Canfield Road (S6) near the observatory. All welcome - bring your own chain saw if you can. The PMFSC has received a grant from the San Diego County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program for 72 more boxes of Barricade fire gel, six days of chipping work, and six dumpster days. Glenn Borland suggests we place the dumpsters at the old transfer station (AKA 'the dump') on the East Grade Road. The layout there has a ramp that would let the dumpsters be loaded safely and efficiently. Cliff Kellogg thinks the site is US Forest Service property; Cecelia Borland will ask Tim Gray how to get permission.

Neighborhood Watch:

Katie Micheltmore said the community meeting on Sunday August 26, at the Lodge, drew 60 to 70 people, with good participation by law enforcement, including Tim Gray from the US Forest Service, the CHP, and State Park ranger Jessica Murany. Coming up on November 15 is the annual meeting with county and California authorities to plan snow day preparation.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):

Cliff Kellogg, reporting for CERT program manager Bill Leininger, says CERT is continuing skills maintenance training and keeping an eye on the weather.

Palomar Mountain State Park:

Rosemary Johnston says the Apple Festival, held this year on Sunday October 21, attracted more than 1500 people in 500 vehicles. Many of them were first-time park visitors. Will Meyst is the seasonal park interpreter hired by the "Friends of the Palomar Mountain State Park". He's presented 23 campfire talks and other programs for 206 people in August alone. The Friends' next project is to renovate the amphitheater with seats and sun shades. Rosemary attended a two day meeting on how to work well with the California State Parks management staff.

PMPO Web Site:

Mike Chesney, who created our www.pmpoinfo.com site, has sent all of the account information and passwords to Katie Micheltore. Katie's web-site-managing friend will put together an upkeep-and-update proposal to the PMPO.

PMPO Note Cards:

We now have 250 cards, with envelopes, printed by Susan Humason at a cost of \$165.94, which the board voted to pay.

Cal Fire Chief Cristina Williamson Appreciation Dinner:

The dinner will be at the El Rey Restaurant on Highway 76, 6 PM on Friday December 1. Please email Cliff Kellogg if you would like to come.

Future of the PMVFD 'Little House': Once the San Diego County Fire Authority builds a new bunk house and office building on the Fire Department grounds, they will likely turn the little house back to the community under a sub-lease. Elizabeth Getzoff suggests the PMPO, PMVFD, and Community Center boards think seriously about what we will do with it and how we can pay whatever upkeep and insurance will be needed. Some activities might be meetings for book club, knitting & sewing, Christmas parties, informal teas, and Super Bowl TV watching.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 AM.

Next meeting is Saturday February 9, 2019 (10:30 AM meeting time).

Michael Pique, Secretary (email: secretary@pmpoinfo.com)

Minutes approved by PMPO Board February 9, 2019.