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February 21, 2024 Lake Grove Fire District Monthly General Board Meeting Minutes

Board President Grant Howell called the General Board meeting to order at 5:30 pm via Google Meet and held in person at 5 Centerpointe, 1st Floor Conference Room.

In Attendance:

Grant Howell, Allen Patterson, Sherry Patterson, Assistant Fire Chief Kris Artman, Portland Metro Fire Camp (PMFC) volunteers: Terra, Julie, Tina, Andrea Lexie, Michelle Cushing

Business:

1. The Board reviewed the agenda for tonight's meeting.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the General Board meeting on January 10, 2024.
 - a. Allen moved to approve the minutes; Sherry seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously**
3. Fire Chief's Report – Assistant Fire Chief Kris Artman joined the meeting tonight.
 - a. The Spring 2024 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class is starting Tuesday April 2. The class will be every Tuesday evening from 6:30-9:30 through May 14, 2024. There will also be a Saturday morning session on May 11, 2024. The weekly classes are taught by the Lake Oswego Fire Department and attendees will learn about disaster preparedness, fire suppression, medical operations, search and rescue, disaster psychology, terrorism, and team organization.
 - b. The Lake Oswego Fire Department (LOFD) is going to be hiring 2 to 4 Firefighters EMT/Paramedics. LOFD received more than 100 applications. They narrowed those down to 37 individuals and plan to conduct panel interviews in March. LOFD would hope to start the 10-week fire academy in early April and then the newly hired team would be ready to be assigned to their shifts by summer.
 - c. As part of "February is American Heart Month" campaign, Chief Artman is going to participate in a Hands Only CPR training video with Nat Borchers. Nat retired from the Portland Timbers and lives in Lake Oswego with his family. Learn CPR, Save a Life.
4. The Portland Metro Fire Camp (PMFC) volunteers joined the meeting tonight. Terra, Julie, Tina, Andrea and Lexie spoke and shared a video with the Board. PMFC held their first camp in 2009 with 14 girls in attendance. In 2024, they hope to have 100 girls participate. The camp started as a way to engage and reach out to young women. Each day of the three-day camp, attendees participate in vehicle extrication, hose handling skills, search & rescue operations, chainsaw operation, and many other firefighting activities all while being supported and encouraged by professional female firefighters. PMFC caters to young women ages 16 -22 and focuses on building confidence, encouraging teamwork, collaboration, and ensuring that firefighting and other male dominated careers are seen as the wonderful career options they are for young women. The Board thanked the PMFC volunteers and wanted to help with their cause.

- a. Sherry moved to purchase 100 water tumbler bottles for the Portland Metro Fire Camp attendees for a total not to exceed price of \$ 2,500.00; Allen seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Board goals for fiscal year 2023-2024 were not discussed due to the Portland Metro Fire Camp (PMFC) discussion. Board goals will be discussed next month.
6. Financial Report
 - a. The Board reviewed the monthly financial report.
 1. Sherry moved to pay the bills as presented; Allen seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Both bank reconciliations were completed for January 31, 2024 and for December 31, 2023 which had not yet been received by the last Board meeting. Grant reviewed and approved these 4 bank reconciliations.
7. Safety Update
 - a. Grant asked the Board members present if they were aware of any safety issues and the response was no.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.