



*Larkspur Volunteer Fire Auxiliary
P O Box 409
Larkspur, Colorado 80118*

Monthly Meeting Of The LVFA Held On July 23, 2010 @ Station 161

Attendees :

Robert Danti, Marie Danti, Jan Larsen, Jan Schlegel, Ellyn Gardner, Sharon Sutton, Sharon Roman, Bruce Roman, Dan Dietrich, Debbie LeFor, Dan LeFor, Dave Wojnowski, Jackie Wojnowski, Carol Vierra and Peggy Whalen – President

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM by Peggy Whalen

Reading of Minutes :

Last month's minutes were not read because Secretary, James Wayda was not in attendance.

- Treasurer's Report was read by Bob Danti.
- The LVFA owes Peggy approximately \$ 600.00 for supplies she purchased for the 4'th of July picnic.
- The LVFA earned \$ 900.00 for selling hotdogs and hamburgers at the 4'th of July picnic.
- There was a question that the LVFA consider paying the current rate for mileage to any member that does any running around.

Old Business :

- There was discussion around the amount of money that LVFA has earned over this period of time. This is not an organization setup to reap the benefits of having large balances of monies.
- Is the money currently going into our own bank account ?
- The Sam's card that is being used is from the Larkspur Fire Department.
- There were discussions around getting our own taxpayer ID number and becoming tax exempt.
- This has not happened to this point, but is being diligently worked on. Hope to have everything in place by the next meeting.
- We need to have our own taxpayer ID number in order to open our own bank accounts.
- We do have the funds needed to pay the legal fees to Kathryn Gardner who established the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.
- We will need to work with the LFD to work out the monies in the account that exist between LFD and the LVFA.
- It was established that the legal fees will need to get paid. The only item that the LFD was willing to assist with was the paying of the legal fees.

New Business :

- There was a discussion around the leftovers from the 4th of July picnic. Potentially we should have a picnic for the LFD. All attendees voted “YES” for this option.
- The attendees discussed the concept that we need to stick to the mission statement that we will provide a service to the Larkspur community. Suggestions we made on how to accomplish this were :

Offer CPR Certification Class

- The suggestions were that the LVFA sponsor the certification class.
 - This could be done through the Community Emergency Response Team.
 - 20 People can attend the class.
 - This is provided by Douglas County Emergency Services.
 - This class can teach neighbors to help neighbors.
- There was a suggestion that perhaps the LVFA should look into sponsoring a Food Pantry. This would help poorer families with the community by providing canned goods, etc. This would be a year round service. Potentially scout groups could help us with this effort. We would need to locate a storage facility. Tri-Lakes Cares distributes food on a weekly basis. They could potentially provide a wealth of knowledge. We need to create a community research group to look into this opportunity. Ellyn Gardner, Jan Schlegel and Jackie Wojnowski volunteered to begin research.
 - Another recommendation was that we support the LFD during a large incident such as a forest fire. We could service food and cold drinks, etc. A phone tree should be established to create a connection between all members of the LVFA to contact members to help out with issues and provide food during these incidents.

The discussion then went to how we can support our community during Fire Safety Month.

- The school does get a lot of support from the county.
- Fire Safety week is October 10 – 16.
- There are some DVD’s available through FEMA for school age children. There are three different versions to handle the different age levels in the Elementary School.
- Need to contact FEMA and see what the cost is for the DVD’s and how we can go about getting some. Is there any way to help defray the costs ?
- Perhaps some members from the LVFA can help with providing manpower to the classrooms during the time that the Fire Department is providing demonstrations and tours of the fire trucks, etc.
- Wondered if the Fire Chief would have buy-in for a food drive.
- We need to start up discussions with the department to get our foot in the door to start making some of these things happen.
- Also would be good to get some information out tot the PTA/PTO to see what types of assistance our organization might offer them.
- The Fall Festival is in September. Potentially we could participate in this activity. We also might be able to do some more recruiting for the LVFA.
- There could be a possibility that we could offer FirstAid/CPR classes to students at the school who are interested in participating.
- There is also a class available that teaches individuals within our organization how to teach FirstAid and CPR. This class lasts about 4-6 hours and costs approximately \$ 225.00 /person.

Anything else ?

- There was a lot accomplished during this meeting. We got a lot done and we have a lot to get done.
- We need to prioritize the items discussed so that we can start meeting our goals.
- We do need to discuss the picnic for the Fire Department. Decide When and Where, etc. Then get volunteers to help provide the food and anything else we need.
- The Town of Larkspur was interested in buying the 4th of July leftovers for their movie night. Need to figure out what was left over. Jessica Wayda took everything to her house. Need to check with her.
- We should get with the Parks and Recreation coordinator to let them know of our existence and willingness to help.
- Perhaps some individuals should go to the Parks and Recreation meetings which are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month to invite some of their members to our meetings.
- Potentially Peggy Whalen and Sharon Roman are going to attend the meeting on August 2nd.
- We should volunteer to help out with the department Christmas potluck.
- We should participate in the Town of Larkspur's Christmas Tree Lighting.

Jan Schlegel made a motion to adjourn. Jackie Wojnowski seconded.

Adjournment at 7:50 PM