

JACKSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
VOLUNTEER SUPPORT GROUP

MINUTES

MONDAY, October 9, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

(Location: Edgewater Conference Room, 7800 Rogue River Dr, Shady Cove, OR)

I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Krupa called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Chairman Paige Winfrey absent.

Board Members: Sue Krupa, Sally Wall, Larry Hansen

Members at Large: Patricia Van Evera, Paulette Kovac

Support Group Members: Kathy Nuckles, Barbara Hatch, Cynthia Oliver, Jerry Carlson, Doug Barber, Laura Huntington, Steve Mitchell, Marilee Mitchell, Wanda Montgomery, Dick McGregor, Judy Oberlander

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sue Krupa led the pledge of allegiance and all present joined in

III. CHIEF'S REPORT

Sally Wall read Chief Crume's August Report to the group, a copy of which is attached. We also let the Group know that Chief Crume has ordered the Electronic Reader Board for the Fire Dept and expects delivery in about 3 months.

IV. APPROVE SUPPORT GROUP MINUTES OF: August 14, 2023

Motion to Approve: Cynthia Oliver

Seconded: Laura Huntington

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Sue Krupa presented the Treasurer's report as of October 10, 2023

General Fund:	14,645.97
Fire Dept Fund:	20,009.57
Children's Christmas Fund:	1,484.30
Citizen Relief Fund:	362.50

Grand Total	<u>36,502.34</u>
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Expenditures were \$557.96 from the General Fund and \$110.00 from the Children's Christmas fund. Additions were \$411.00 to the General Fund for merchandise sales.

Motion to Approve: Judy Oberlander
Seconded: Cynthia Oliver
All in Favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Open House Recap

The Open House turned out exceptionally well, lots and lots of kids, which was great. Altogether, there were approximately 250 people that came through. The kids had a great time putting out the fire in the windows of the burning house. Jim Ayers built the burning house and did a fantastic job. We had a lot more going on this year than in previous years, Chief Crume did a great job putting everything together. We had a “house” trailer where kids were taught how to crawl under the smoke and escape by a window, kids were allowed to put on a firefighter’s uniform and see how heavy it was, Mercy Flights participated, there was a bicycle safety training course, hot dogs and all the fixings. Chief Crume believes “word of mouth” will bring a lot more people next year. All in all, it was a great success.

Chief Crume had a suggestion for next year, which would be to add a mannequin dressed in the firefighter’s suit and gear with price tags on each piece so the public will understand the costs involved. Also to put the total weight of the suit and gear that a firefighter must deal with.

B. Classes Sign Ups

At the Open House, we had a sheet available for people to sign and tell us which classes they would like to see the FD4SG offer the community. Unfortunately, we did not have a flyer explaining the direction the Support Group is going in, it was only explained if one of us was sitting at the Support Group table. We did, however, get a few people to complete the sheet. The classes most people would like to see are the CPR/First Aid ; Defensible Space; and Spills, Trips and Falls. We will work more diligently to reach out to the community and find out if there is enough interest for the classes.

Again, we are looking for leaders for the 3 main headings: Community Outreach, Emergency Response Support Services and Fundraising.

VII. UNFINISHED / ONGOING BUSINESS

A. Smoke Detector Outreach

Sally Wall received a return call from Trevor Pereira of the Medford branch of the Red Cross. He is the Disaster Preparedness Manager. He and the Red Cross are going to supply however many smoke detectors we request along with the volunteers to install them and explain them, the equipment necessary to install them and the education to the residents. We have saved the date of November 18, 2023 to start installing. We hope to finish the Deer Park Lane and the Countryview Mobile Home Estates this time around. The last install program we did (2019), all the mobile homes in Leisure Days, Paradise 1 and 2, and Rogue Meadows were completed.

Regarding volunteers for the installation day, we are not sure what we will need, if any. Probably just a representative or two from the Support Group. Sally will update as we get closer.

Besides smoke detectors, the Red Cross provides critical lifesaving and disaster preparedness classes to individuals and businesses alike. We will investigate these as we move further along with our community outreach.

Steve Mitchell asked if the Red Cross also install carbon monoxide detectors for people with gas in their homes. Sally will check into that.

B. Pancake Breakfast, October 21st

Sue Krupa is the event leader on this. We will borrow the Smokey Bear costume again and probably have one of the firefighter students wear it. We have lots of volunteers signed up to help in the kitchen, serving, coffee area, and runners. We will start at 6:00 am with set up and start serving at 8:00 am until 11:00. Clean up will start at 11:00 am. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, coffee, cocoa, milk, and water. Prices are \$10 for 9 years old and up, \$5.00 for ages 3 to 8 and 2 and under are free.

All proceeds go to the Children's Christmas party.

C. Children's Christmas Party

The party will be held on Saturday, December 9th at the Shady Cove school gymnasium. Cookie baking day will be at Trail Christian Fellowship on December 5th at 10:00 am. Party setup will be Friday afternoon, December 8th. We have lots of kid's gifts and large item raffle prizes already, such as 2 light-up swing sets, a basketball hoop, a Barbie dreamhouse, a trampoline, four bicycles and we are still working on a guitar or two.

We are also being donated about 140 stuffed animals. "Friends of the Library" will be donating books. There will be crafts for the kids to do as well as cookie decorating.

We will have volunteer sign ups at the next Support Group Meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Trunk or Treat, Halloween night

The fire department will be joining in this Shady Cove event. Other Trunk or Treats are held at the Shady Cove Recreational Park parking lot with many of the community showing up to provide treats, SOWA will be participating with a Haunted House and several of the town businesses will be offering treats.

B. Board Nominations

Board nominations will be held at the November Support Group meeting. Attached is a nomination form if you would like to nominate someone for a board position. Please bring the form with you to the November meeting. The voting on the nominations will be held at the Support Group December meeting.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS / COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission is having a Gourd carving contest at the Shady Cove School Harvest Festival. They are also having a scarecrow contest for the residents and one for the businesses. They will be judged prior to the Harvest Festival and the winners will be announced then. Information and rules are on the City's website. If you want to join the scarecrow contest, you will need to let the commission know you are competing, so they know where to go to judge.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Sue Krupa adjourned the meeting at 6:37 pm.

NOVEMBER 6TH
THE NEXT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, ~~NOVEMBER 13TH~~ AT 6:00 PM.