

**JACKSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4**  
**VOLUNTEER SUPPORT GROUP**

**MEETING**

MONDAY, February 12, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

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

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**I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Paige Winfrey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**Board Members in Attendance:** Paige Winfrey, Sue Krupa, Larry Hansen, Sally Wall

**Members at Large:** Jim Ayers, Patricia Van Evera

**Support Group Members:** Cynthia Oliver, Dick McGregor, Gracie Montgomery, Sandra Barber, Doug Barber, Laura Huntington, Kathleen Collins, and Richard Wall

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Paige Winfrey led the Pledge of Allegiance, and all joined in.

**III. CHIEF'S REPORT**

Please see Chief's Report attached.

Paige explained that the Fire Dept got a new locking shed on the premises for equipment they wish to store. Our group will keep one of the old ones, move it back next to our locking shed and store our large signs, poles, and other necessary equipment for putting the signs together. This will free up the wall space inside the hanger so we can add more shelves.

**IV. APPROVE SUPPORT GROUP MINUTES OF: January 8, 2024**

**Motion to Approve:** Cynthia Oliver

**Seconded:** Paulette Kovac

**All in Favor:** Unanimous

**Opposed:** None

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Not available at this time.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

## VII. UNFINISHED / ONGOING BUSINESS

### A. Italian Dinner

We chose to postpone this dinner for a few reasons. The firefighters will be away at a conference, it's Super Bowl weekend and many other of our supporters will be out of town. We were unable to secure a date in March at the URCC due to conflict and the next available date is April 13<sup>th</sup>, for which we are penciled in. Paige, Sue, Mary Pulcini have tried to find another place and have not come up with anywhere feasible. We all feel we'd like to do it anywhere but the URCC. After much discussion amongst all of us, it was decided we would use Trail Christian Fellowship Fireside Room and give a donation to the church for the use. Their kitchen is much better and over-all it is a much better decision. Alcohol is not allowed at the church, so we decided it would be fun to have a "Mocktail Bar" at the Italian Dinner. We have secured April 13<sup>th</sup> for the dinner.

### B. 2024 Events Calendar

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| Italian Dinner                       | April 13    |
| Chili Cook-off & Dessert Auction (1) | June 29     |
| Food Booth at City Festival (2)      | July 27     |
| Open House (3)                       | October 5   |
| Pancake Breakfast                    | October 19  |
| Children's Christmas Party           | December 14 |
| Smoke Detector Install (4)           | ???         |

1) Chili Cook-off will be more of an US vs. THEM. In other words, can you beat the fire depts chili? We could engage the community that way, community groups against us i.e.: Sheriff's Dept, Mercy Flights, SC Restaurants, School District, Library, City Hall, etc. Best would be to have 12 entrants total and the winner gets a trophy - - - with "I beat the fire dept" engraved on it. This will be held at Trail Christian Fellowship outdoor pavilion, and we can use their kitchen, as necessary. We can charge \$5.00 for coming to the event and then we can have a dessert auction after.

(2) Discussed doing Paige's smoked pulled pork tacos for the food booth. 

(3) Chief Travis will again head up the Open House and we will support him in any way he needs our help, most likely with the food. We will also sell some merchandise.

(4) Sally will contact the Red Cross to find out their availability to help in this again. Also, she will investigate which programs they can run for our community classes.

Other events we plan to do: Chief will offer a class on How to Properly Use a Fire Extinguisher, Chief will offer a class on Defensible Space, hopefully the Red Cross will provide a class on CPR and First Aid Class, Raffle for a Fire Engine Ride to School\*. Maybe a "Christmas in July" to sell the Sherwood Christmas items he donated to us. Regarding the sale of fire blankets and kitchen-size fire extinguishers, the Chief will do some research to find out about any liability problems.

\* Raffle for a Fire Engine ride to school: We plan to sale raffle tickets throughout the year at our various events and possibly online at the website. Raffle tickets can be

purchased by anyone (parents, grandparents, friends) for any child attending Shady Cove school. The ride will include picking the winning child up at home, room for a parent and a couple friends to go along, flashing lights and siren, a fire dept baseball cap, pictures, escorting him or her into their classroom. The proceeds will go to the Children's Christmas Party with little or no cost to us. A win-win situation!

**NOTE:** Paige will not be available from May 1 through Mid-June

**C. 2024 Board and Support Group Meetings / Calendar**

The months we will be having both our Board Meetings and Support Group Meetings are January, February, April, June, July, September, October, November, and December. There will be no meetings in March, May, or August. A calendar of these meeting dates is attached for your reference.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Donation from My Stuff Bags ([mystuffbags.org](http://mystuffbags.org))**

Sally Wall explained to the group about her sister's foundation "My Stuff Bags" and how they fill duffel type bags with new items for children that suddenly find themselves in the foster system. Usually, these children are quickly taken out of an abusive situation and don't have time to gather anything of their own, not even a favorite blankie or stuffed animal. Sally's sister recently contacted her saying they have multiple items they would like to donate to our Children's Christmas Party. These are items they get throughout the year that are too large to fit into the duffel bags, mostly brand-new toys, ranging in price from \$30 to \$40. All we need to arrange is for the shipping costs to be paid. For this first shipment of toys, Paige will pick them up while they are in Los Angeles in June. They have plenty of room in their 5<sup>th</sup> wheel to carry them back here. The foundation has other items that are donated as well, i.e.: coats, hats and other items that are too large to fit in the duffel bags. We will discuss those items in the future. They have offered to send some of the filled duffel bags to the fire department to have on hand when a family loses their home and everything in it.

If you are interested in knowing more about the My Stuff Bags foundation, their website is: [mystuffbags.org](http://mystuffbags.org). There is also a well-done video describing why the foundation exists at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R\\_w4paHqduo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_w4paHqduo) that I would encourage you to watch. One of the most important items in these bags is a homemade blanket. If anyone would be interested in "paying it back" by making simple blankets (no sewing required), please talk to Sally Wall.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS / COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Sandra Barber asked about "CERT" (Community Emergency Response Team) training and if the Fire Dept might do that. CERT Basic Training prepares community members to help themselves and help others in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Because emergency services personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately, these CERT trained community members can be effective by using their CERT training to save lives and protect property. Paige said that is a question for Chief Crume and she will check on this with him.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Paige Winfrey adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

**NEXT VOLUNTEER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING IS APRIL 8, 2024**