

REIA General Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2019 Inn at Wecoma

Board members present: Cindy Thompson, Patti Kroen, Jayne Robinson, Martin Rollins, Janet Knipe, Marie McFarland; absent: David Jamieson. Also present: invited guest speaker Captain Jim Kusz, North Lincoln Fire & Rescue. Attendance: 24 members + 1 guest speaker = 25 total.

President Cindy called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM and welcomed attendees. The Sign-In Sheet was circulated. Cindy thanked those who brought food pantry donations and Joe Hinton for always posting the REIA Meeting sign on Logan Road.

Elaine Walsh moved to **approve the minutes from the September 14, 2019 meeting**. Alethia Ward seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's World –Due to no General Meeting in August, the July financials had not yet been accepted by the membership. Patti gave a brief summary of REIA financial status at that time; Joe Hinton moved to accept, Kim Blackerby seconded, motion carried. Patti then gave a summary of current REIA finances and the following updated numbers as of the end of September: year-to-date balance in all accounts: \$25,602.68; year-to-date expenses: \$1,136.43 (11.9% of total budget); total income to date: \$626.23, which includes \$274.00 in dues and \$54.00 in donations. Dan Gauche moved to accept the report; Elaine Walsh seconded, motion carried.

Cindy introduced our Guest Speaker, Captain Jim Kusz. Captain Kusz began his presentation by announcing a **new class he will be teaching, "Disaster Preparedness for the Pacific Northwest,"** which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5 and Tuesday, November 12, 2019, Oregon Coast Community College, Lincoln City campus. This is a two-session course, running each evening from 5:30 – 8:30 PM. **To register: oregoncoastcc.org/CommunityEd or call 541-996-6222.** Free!

Members were encouraged to ask questions throughout the presentation. Information was shared about **empreg pet essentials** (eg., microchip your pets, prepare an emergency kit for each animal, ID vets outside your immediate area); **travel tips** (eg., extra food and water for each person and pet, first aid kit, medications, emergency contact information); importance of **fire-resistant plants for home landscapes** (fire resistant does not mean fireproof – well-maintained landscapes are key); and **severe event training** (make a family emergency plan, assemble or purchase an emergency supplies kit, find out about lifesaving training and other Red Cross services, volunteer in the neighborhood and the community). Captain Kusz stated that **FIRE is far more a risk than other natural disasters** and gave the following statistics: the risk of dying in a fire is actually 149 times more likely than dying in a flood, 126 times more likely than dying in an earthquake, and 39 times more likely than dying in a hurricane or tornado. He also stated that 85% of all US fire deaths happen in homes and strongly suggested the addition of **residential sprinklers** as an "investment for life." **Contact information:**

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North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1, 541-994-3100, www.nlfr.org, jkrescue8@yahoo.com, 503-407-0801. Captain Kusz announced that the Bob Everest fire station construction project should be completed by the end of January, 2020. He also shared that he will be retiring the end of February, 2020, but will keep being involved in the community. Cindy expressed the gratitude of all of us for his time today and for his service to our city.

City Government News – **City Councilor Diana Hinton** reported that the **transfer of Logan Road from the county to the city** appears to be at a standstill. County Commissioners and City Councilors have met but have not reached an agreement about cost, timing, and specific repairs. She strongly encouraged each of us to send emails to the three County Commissioners requesting timely action and resolution to this on-going issue: **Commissioner Claire Hall, Chair, cehall@co.lincoln.or.us, Commissioner Doug Hunt, dhunt@co.lincoln.or.us, Commissioner Kaety Jacobson, kjacobson@co.lincoln.or.us**. Councilor Hinton was available after the meeting to answer questions.

Announcements/Homeowner Forum - Jayne called attention to the **Holiday Happy Hour** flyers on the tables and asked everyone to save the date, Saturday, December 14, 5-7PM, here in the Breakfast Room, Inn at Wecoma. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer to share and to RSVP by December 7. REIA will furnish wine, juice and water.

Janet announced that the **Public Policy Committee** is looking for another volunteer from the membership. The committee monitors VRD compliance and enforcement and is tracking the fireworks issue, among other items important to RE. Contact her with questions.

Thanks to members Darla and Rex Livingston for sharing their home-grown tomatoes with us!

This is Cindy's last meeting as President; we thank her for her dedication and expertise. We greatly appreciate all you have done for this neighborhood and this organization, Cindy. We are so happy you will remain on the Board. **We welcome Board Member Janet Knipe as our new President** and look forward to our fine line of leadership continuing. Thanks to both of you!

Next General Membership Meeting - Saturday, November 9, 2019, 11AM, Inn at Wecoma. Our guest speaker will be Lincoln City Police Chief Jerry Palmer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/Jayne Robinson, Secretary