

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2013

J.W. JONES HALL

354 LEICESTER ST.

CALEDONIA, N.Y. 14423

President Anthony DeMarco Called the Meeting to Order at 2:00 pm. Seageant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz pointed out the exits and Assistant Chaplain Robert Carncross asked for a moment of silence In Memory of Past President Edward Kasprzak and the West Webster Volunteer Firefighters Michael Chiapperini and Thomasz Kaczowka who died in the Line-of-Duty and Joseph Hofstetter and Theodore Scardino who were critically injured on December 24, 2012. The Invocation followed.

Sergeant-at-Arms Trzepacz led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President DeMarco welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association for 2013.

A Motion to accept the Minutes of the previous session was made by William Kershner, Seconded by Leon Randall. Carried.

Report by Secretary Tim Tyrrell: We sent out over 1500 post cards to the fully paid life members. 100 have been returned as "underliverable as addressed." Several others were returned with address corrections and those have been corrected and remailed. A few were returned marked "deceased." Those names have been removed from the Active roll.

Fire company dues have been sent out and we are working on fire companies who owe back dues. There are about 60 owing over \$9100. I have been looking for contacts for company secretary's and have sent several faxes to them.

The individual member dues are being mailed out now.

Report of Assistant Secretary Daniel Evans: Placed on display for today's meeting was a group photograph of the 37th annual convention of the WNYVFA held in Rochester, NY in July 1936 with Oren Steele, Jr. of Holley, NY serving as President. The photograph was on loan from the Firemen's Memorial Exhibit Center of Western New York, courtesy of James Kavanaugh, curator.

Report of Treasurer Thomas McLaughlin: Account balances as of January 13, 2013:

Savings	\$ 676.92
Checking	\$3,144.20
Scholarship	\$1,417.33
Total	\$5,238.45

Motion by David Parker, Seconded by Jerry Dunst to accept. Carried.

Communications: Secretary Tyrrell listed the following: NAEIR, Galesburg, IL; Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen re: Firefighter of the Year Awards; Albion Fire Department re: Company Officer Prep School February 23-24, 2013; Alliance of Nonprofits For Insurance, Santa Cruz, CA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice President Wendi Walker assumed the Chair

Trustees: Leon Randall reported 7 trustees present and that the financial books were all in order.

Bowling: Chairman Thomas McLaughlin reported that the tournament applications had been mailed out and that the tournament would be held at Bowl-O-Roll Lanes, 1560 Jefferson Rd., Rochester, NY February 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th. Applications would be accepted up to the day of the start of the tournament.

Budget: Chairman Robert Walker-No report.

Program Book: Chairman Edward Dysard reported week 20, ending January 7, 2013, that we are at 41.89% of the Budget goal. Gross sales-\$31,223.95; Support Services of New York, Inc.-\$24,939.16; WNYVFA-\$6,284.79. To date, there have been no complaints about our Solicitor. Any Fire Department having any fund raising in your area, let me know and the Solicitor will stay out of your area. (716) 946-1094 (Edwardo011781@aol.com)

By-Laws: Chairman William Kershner reported that the committee has not received any suggestions/recommendations for Constitution and By-Law modifications or corrections.

Convention: Chairman William D'Angelo reported that the Local committee has a good handle on everything.

Local: Chairman Ross Corser reported that everything was going well and all activities would be held on the grounds of the Convention site.

EMS: Chairman Crystal Fisher-No report.

Explorer/Junior Firefighter: Chairwoman Beth Bennett-No report.

Fireman of the Year: Chairwoman Barbara Barber reported that the committee was awaiting the return of nominations for the various award categories.

Fire Officers: Chairman Bruce Mack reported that the Local committee has set up one speaker and that a second program was being worked on.

Fire Police: Chairwoman Jeni Corser-No report.

Fire Prevention: Chairman Jonathan McKnight reported that essays had been received and were being sent to the judge for evaluation and scoring.

History: Chairman Frank Wilczak reported that he continues to collect fire company anniversary, program and memorial service books and information.

Investment & Finance: Chairman Thomas McLaughlin reported for the time period 11/11/12 to 1/13/13:

Scholarship account	\$ 1,417.33
Savings account	\$ 676.92
Past President's account	\$ 295.57
FASNY Credit Union CD's (7)	\$ 87,003.10
Checking account	\$ 3,144.20
Total	\$ 92,537.12

Also, the Steering committee CD was coming due in February and those funds will be transferred to the General Fund.

Legislative: Chairman Robin Schott reported on:

- Issues of United Concern-"Consolidation" was added to the list with the other items on the FASNY list.
- Outreach Program-First Outreach is today at Northern New York VFA. Western New York's program will be at Noon on April 14th at Caledonia. Southwestern's Will be on April 7th at Highland Hose in Erie County. There are 11 programs Currently scheduled. Letters will be sent to State Legislators.
- Lobby Day-FASNY is looking for an Albany Lobby Day sometime in late April or early May.
- FASNY website-check website for Legislative updates on State and National issues and write letters. www.fasny.com
- Mark's Law-Assembly sponsor withdrew.
- Brittany's Law-violent offender registry similar to the current sex offender law.

Memorial Scholarship: Chairman Tim Wolfanger reported that applications and information was mailed to fire companies the week of January 6th, the post marked deadline for application submission is April 1st with judging to be done on May 15th. Information is also being placed on the website: www.wnyvfa.org Donations totaling \$150 have been received and checks to the 1st and 2nd place winners from 2012 have been sent.

Second Vice President Harold Wollaber assumed the Chair

Nominations: James Dermody-No report.

Nozzle Practice: Chairman Douglas Wright reported that everything was all set for the Friday events to be held adjacent to the convention meeting Hall.

Parade: Chairman Jack Hurlburt reported that he has met with the Local committee and everything is all set for Friday nights parade.

Past President's: Chairman Gerald Gehrig reported 7 Past Presidents in attendance.

President's Participation: Donald Trzepacz-No report.

Public Relations: Chairman Stanley MacWilliams reported that he had received the "FASNY Style Guide" which outlines important information regarding articles in "The Volunteer Firefighter" magazine-what is and isn't allowed, style preference, etc. Items to be submitted in digital format. He listed the deadline dates in which he has to submit information to the publisher: February 5th for March/April; April 5th for May/June; June 5th for July/August; August 5th for September/October; October 7th for November/December.

Queen's Pageant: Chairwoman Sarah Bobo. The Queen and Princess were selling tickets during the meeting today.

Resolutions: Dan Evans-No report.

Topics: Donald Gavenda-No report.

2% Tax: Chairman Carl Veltri-No report.

Website: Chairman Tim Tyrrell reported that information had been updated on the website and included the posting of the November meeting Minutes and photographs of the Convention Queen and Princess.

Northern Central Liaison: David Sweet reported that their next meeting would be on Sunday, January 20th, 2:00pm at the Barnard Exempts.

Southwestern Liaison: Doug Wood reported their next meeting would be on April 7th at Highland Hose Co., Wellington Dr., Derby, NY.

Steering: Chairman William Nichols-No report.

President DeMarco resumed the Chair

Motion by William Kershner, Seconded by Leon Randall to accept the Committee reports. Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee David Wolf reported on the passing of Home Trustee Ted Rosko, Jr., Vice President of the Board of Trustees, on January 9th. Memorials to: FASNY Firemen's Home, 125 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY 12534. Motion by Wayne Butts, Seconded by Robin Schott to send a \$100 donation to the Firemen's Home in Memory of Ted Rosko, Jr. Carried.

FASNY: Director David Sweet reported on the following:

Help for the West Webster Fire Department Firefighters.

-RecruitNY: How Do You Spell Success? Open House idea's for the Statewide event on April 27th and 28th.

- FASNY takes a Stand Against Novelty Lighters.

-Legislative Outreach Meeting on April 14, 2013, 12:00 noon at J.W. Jones Hall, 354 Leicester St., Caledonia, NY.

-FASNY \$50,000 grant to Help Volunteer Impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

-NVFC Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund to aid volunteer firefighters in Presidentially-declared disaster areas.

-February 1st Deadline for submitting applications for tuition reimbursement for Spring semester (HELP).

-FASNY Award Nominations are due by March 15th.

Firefighter Winter Games at Cortland, February 8th-10th.

www.fasny.com

Unfinished Business: Past President John O'Neil thanked the Past President's for the donation to FASNY in Memory of his wife.

New Business: None.

Good of the Order: 1st Vice President Wendi Walker introduced members of her 2014 Convention Committee that were present.

Guest List: Read by 2nd Vice President Harold Wollaber.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Donald Trzepacz reported 76 delegates, members & guests present.

Excused List: Read by Secretary Tim Tyrrell

Benediction was offered by: Assistant Chaplain Robert Carncross.

Motion to Adjourn IN MEMORY of Past President Edward Kasprzak. Seconded by All present. Carried.

Next Meeting:

Sunday, April 14, 2013

J.W. Jones Hall

354 Leicester St.

Caledonia, NY

(585) 538-4626

Legislative Outreach Program: 12:00 noon

Regular Meeting: 2:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel K. Evans
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Timothy Tyrrell
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