

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FRONTIER FIRE COMPANY HALL
2176 LIBERTY DRIVE
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK
JANUARY 08, 2017

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz pointed out the exits.

President Bruce Mack called the meeting to order at 1400hr

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

Chaplain Alan Way offered the Invocation.

President Bruce Mack welcomed everyone.

One correction to the minutes of the November Meeting, the Northern Central meeting in January is in Fairville, not Forestville

A motion by Robert Carncross, seconded by Charles Stafford to accept the minutes of the previous session as corrected. Motion Carried.

Report of the Recording Secretary – Bruce Geschwender reminded all Committee Chairpersons to submit their reports in writing, so they can be entered correctly in the minutes,.

Motion was made by Andy Pilecki and seconded by Bruce Atkins to accept the Recording Secretary's report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Financial Secretary – Penni Dysard

Reported that the total dues collected as of 12/31/16:

From 146 Fire Departments	\$3,480.00
From 290 members	\$1,510.00
For a Total dues collected for 2016:	\$4,990.00

Motion by Charles Stafford, seconded by Mike Norwood to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Treasurer – Tom McLaughlin.

Savings:	\$ 1,893.24
Checking:	\$ 5,579.01
Scholarship:	\$ 2,083.06
Total:	\$ 9,555.31
Disbursements:	\$ 7,237.27

Motion was made by Robert Carncross, seconded by Andy Pilecki to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

Communications:

Received newsletter from VFIS.

Received an Application for the New York State Volunteer Firefighter's Bowling Tournament to be held at Allie Brandts in Lockport in April.

Received information on the Pheonix Firecamp sponsored by the Fire Service Women of New York State.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice President James Miller assumed the Chair

Trustees Report - Wayne Butts reported

There are Seven Trustees present for the meeting

Bowling Committee – Tom McLaughlin

Applications are in the mail.

Tournament will be held in Niagara Falls at the Rapids Lanes the last two Weekends in February 2017.

Budget & Program Book.

Program Book: no report.

Budget: Ed Dysard reported as of January 8, 2017 we reached 36.4% of our 2017 goal and received \$5,462.64

Bylaws Committee: Andrew Pilecki

Look into amending Article IV, Section II of the Constitution pertaining to the Trustees, since there are now two Counties without a Firemen's Association.

Also look into amending Article VI, Section I of the By Laws concerning a Quorum for Meetings. Looking into reducing it from the present number of 50 members to possibly 35.

Convention Committee, Mike Kislack

Reported that everything in on track for the 2017 Convention.

Ems Committee: Wendi Walker – No Report

Explorer/ Junior Firefighter Committee: No report

Fireman of the Year Committee: Doug Hanes

The Applications are ready to go out this week. The applications need to be back by April 1, if they are to be considered for a FASNY award. The awards will be given out again on Saturday Morning of the Convention.

Fire Officers Committee: Tony Demarco

Seminar set up for Friday of Convention

Fire Police Committee: Donald Trzepacz

Applications to go out the end of February

Fire Prevention Committee: Alan Way – No Report

History Committee: Al Beltz

Send History materials in to the Committee.

Investment & Finance Committee: Tom McLaughlin reported:

Scholarship	\$ 2,083.06
Savings	\$ 1,893.24
Men's Bowling	\$ 150.00
Women's Bowling	\$ 150.00
Past Presidents	\$ 540.00
Amenica Bonds	\$20,164.35
Balance 11/13/16	\$24,980.65
Scholarship savings	\$14,558.20
CD – 102	\$20,328.36
CD – 106	\$ 2,619.50

CD – 107	\$ 5,689.84
CD – 109	\$ 9,593.14
FASNY Checking	\$ 5,579.01
Total Association Assets	\$83,348.70

Legislative Committee: Robin Schott

The issues of united concerns were approved by all associations.

The FASNY score card was gone over.

The Governor vetoed the Bingo Bill, The Raffles Bill and the Out of State acceptance of Volunteers Bill.

Robin reminded the members to visit their local representatives with a copy of the FASNY scorecard and the Issues of united concerns as there are many new Assembly and Senate members. He also reminded members to check the FASNY website for updates on the legislation.

A reminder that the Western Legislative Outreach will be at the April 2 meeting at Noon.

Memorial Scholarship Committee: Dan Evans reported the following from Chairman Tim Wolfanger:

The three (3) scholarship awardees for 2016 have submitted their first semester transcripts, each have very high grades, and payments have either been made or will be very shortly.

The Scholarship Committee continues to accept donations to the Memorial Scholarship fund. You can send donations to Tim Wolfanger, 58 Liberty St., Dansville, NY 14437.

The WNYVFA website does have the 2017 Memorial Scholarship Applications available for downloading. **Make sure you use the 2017 version.** All rules and deadlines must be strictly complied with.

First Vice President James Miller continued with the Report of Committees.

Nominations Committee: No Report

Nozzle Practice – Doug Wright reported

Going to run three events at the 2017 Convention.

Parade Committee No Report

Past Presidents Committee: Reported Seven Past Presidents present.

President Participation: No Report

Public Relations: No report

Queen's Pageant: No Report

Resolutions: No Report

Topics: No Report

2% Tax: Tony Demarco

August 10th at 1300hr at the FASNY Convention

Website: Working on getting the website up to date.

Northern Central Liaison: Dave Sweet

reported their next meeting is January 15 at Fairville

Southwestern Liaison: Next meeting February 19 at Woodlawn

Steering: Wayne Butts

Need to decide on the Hospitality Room at FASNY. Prices are \$800.00 for a Single, or \$1600.00 for a Double. This was discussed. Will leave up to Steering Committee how they want to handle this,

The Friday night Hospitality Party will not happen this year.

The Steering Committee will meet at 1100hr on April 2 to interview the two people for 2nd Vice President for FASNY

Delegates to Southwestern: Report was read.

President Bruce Mack resumed the Chair.

Motion was made by Robert Carncross, seconded by Doug Wright to accept the committee reports. Motion Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee Wayne Butts gave a report.

85 members are in the home.

Softball Tournament is back on for September.

Working on the 125th Anniversary

FASNY Director: Ed Tase Jr.

Reported the FASNY Convention will be by August 9-12 in Syracuse. Will be in Syracuse for the next three years.

The Combined Hospitality Party has been eliminated at the FASNY Convention this year.

FASNY EMS Seminar in Montour Falls March 4 & 5, 2017

The Winter Games are February 4 – 5, 2017 Hosted by the Cortland County Firemen's Association.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

The President installed the two new Trustees present.

Good of the Organization:

There will be a Fund Raiser for the 2017 Convention on February 11th at St. Johnsburg.

It was brought up that there is a lack of Public Education about the Volunteer Fire Service.

The Guest list was read by President Bruce Mack.

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz reported the Attendance: as 80 Members, Delegates and Guests

The Excused List consisting of Nine members was read by Recording Secretary Bruce Geschwender.

Motion was made by Tim Tyrell, seconded by Alan Way to accept the Excused List.
Motion Carried

The Benediction was offered by Chaplain Alan Way

Motion was made by Wayne Butts, seconded by Michael Wutz to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 1455hr.

Respectfully submitted Bruce Geschwender, Recording Secretary.

Next Meeting will be April 2nd 2017 at the Frontier Fire Hall 2176 Liberty Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 starting at 1400hr

The Meeting will be proceeded by the Legislative Outreach Meeting at 1200hr.