

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

CAMBRIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY  
4631 WILSON-CAMBRIA ROAD (RTE 425)  
LOCKPORT, NY 14094

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz pointed out the exits. He then noted that Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States, by Act of the United States Congress, are authorized under all circumstances to use the Military Hand Salute when the Flag of the United States is present.

President Harold Wollaber Called the Meeting to Order at 2:00 p.m.

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

Assistant Chaplain Robert Carncross offered the Invocation. A moment of silence was observed in Memory of Past Chaplain Richard Griffin.

President Wollaber welcomed everyone.

Motion by David Schmidt, Seconded by Anthony DeMarco to accept the Minutes of the previous session. Carried.

Report of Secretary Timothy Tyrrell. All dues notices have been sent out and post cards were sent to Fully Paid Life Members. To date, dues of \$692.00 have been collected from 94 members and \$1040.00 collected from 51 Fire Companies. We have a list of delinquent fire companies. If any one wants to try and contact them there is over \$8000.00 outstanding in dues. I will be working on trying to contact the fire companies and sending notices to last years delegates. We currently have 430 dues paying members and 270 fire companies in good standing. Assistant Secretary Dan Evans has been working on the Life Members list of members for whom we do not have valid addresses. There are 1330 Life Members. Motion by William Busch, Seconded by Doug Wood to accept. Carried.

Report of Treasurer Thomas McLaughlin: Account balances as of January 11, 2015.

Savings	\$ 4,426.82
Checking	5,132.73
Scholarship	1,202.65
TOTAL	\$10,762.20
Disbursements	\$ 6,863.34

Motion by Joe Montesano, Seconded by Gerald Gehrig to accept. Carried.

Communications: Secretary Tim Tyrrell listed the following: From Nova Health Services, a \$60.00 donation to the Scholarship Fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Second Vice President Bruce Mack assumed the Chair

Trustee Report: 8 Trustees were present for today's meeting.

Bowling Committee: Chairman Tom McLaughlin reported that Tournament applications have been sent out. The Tournament will be at the Allie Brandt Lanes, Lockport, NY February 21, 22, 28 and March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Budget Committee: Chairman Robert Walker. No report.

Program Book Committee: Chairman Edward Dysard reported that as of Week 19, January 11, 2015, 23.5% of the Budget goal had been reached. Gross Sales to date: \$20,052.00; Support Services of New York, Inc.: \$16,041.60; WNYVFA: \$4,010.40. Any Fire Company or Department having a fundraising in your area, please let me know and we will have our Solicitor stay out of your area. Edward Dysard: (c) 716-946-1094 or [Edwardo011781@aol.com](mailto:Edwardo011781@aol.com)

Constitution & Bylaws: Chairman William Kershner, No Report.

Convention Committee: Chairman Michael Kislack. Everything is in order and on schedule with Cambria Fire Company.

EMS Committee: Chairwoman Ronda Skelton. No report.

Explorer/Junior Firefighter Committee: Chairwoman Beth Warner. No report.

Fireman of the Year Committee: David Evans reported that letters were ready to go out. The awards would be presented on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. 10:00 a.m. at the Cambria Fire Company Banquet Hall. He requested that more nominations be submitted.

Fire Officers Committee: Chairman Tony DeMarco reported that the Niagara County Sheriff's Department Mobile Command Vehicle would be on display and Mercy Flight Ground School at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Police Committee: Chairman Donald Trzepacz reported that letters would be going out after he meets with the Local Committee. The Fire Police Seminar will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and Competition at 2:00 p.m. He requested more nominations for the Fire Police Award.

Fire Prevention Committee: Chairman Jonathan McKnight reported that he has attempted to reach out to the previous winners to let them know about the checks and plaques. The 2015 essays are almost in and will be given to the President by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Winners will be announced at the April meeting with checks and plaques to be handed out.

History Committee: Tim Tyrrell reported that Historian Frank Wilczak continues to collect Fire Company Anniversary Program Books and other material from fire companies for historical reference purposes.

Investment & Finance Committee: Chairman Thomas McLaughlin reported that both the Federal and New York State Tax forms have been completed and sent in. The Financial condition of the Association as of January 11, 2015 is:

Savings	\$ 4,426.82
Scholarship	1,202.65
Past Presidents	500.00
FASNY Certificates of Deposit	78,596.78
Checking	5,132.73
TOTAL	\$89,858.98

Legislative Committee: Chairman Robin Schott reported on the Legislative Conference held in Albany the first weekend of November. The new FASNY Legislative Agenda was adopted. The following bills were passed and signed into Law:

- Prohibits registered sex offenders from becoming volunteer firefighters
- LOSAP Tax Exemption
- VFBL/AWBL coverage for non-jurisdictional response
- Job protections for volunteers in times of declared State of Emergencies.

The following items are on the 2015-16 Legislative Agenda:

- Upholstered furniture fire safety standards
- Require long life batteries in smoke detectors
- Expanded cancer impairment
- Seat belts
- The fair play ambulance cost recovery for fire departments
- Amend penal code to add endangering the welfare of fire and emergency personnel
- Extend the volunteer firefighters' lung benefit
- Extend the volunteer firefighters' heart benefit
- reoccurring NYS budget monitoring

The April 12, 2015 meeting of WNYVFA will commence at 12:00 noon, Cambria Fire Company, for the annual Legislative Outreach Program. Regular meeting to follow at 2:00 p.m.

Memorial Scholarship Committee: Dan Evans reported that notices had been sent to all dues paying and fully paid life members regarding the Scholarship applications. The form is on the association website: [www.wnyvfa.org](http://www.wnyvfa.org) or can be obtained by calling Tim Wolfanger at (585) 335-8415 or the Secretary's office.

Nominations Committee: James Dermody requested that nominations for the various offices need to be sent to Chairman Forrester Skelton as soon as possible.

Nozzle Practice Committee: Chairman Doug Wright reported that the competition would be on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at the Cambria Fire Company.

Parade Committee: Chairman James Dermody reported that the Parade would be on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. on Cambria-Wilson Rd., to the Fire Hall.

Past President's Committee: Chairwoman Wendi Walker reported 8 Past Presidents were present today. President's Participation Award: Chairman Greg Robertson. No report.

Public Relations Committee: Chairman Stanley MacWilliams requested that all information for the next FASNY "The Volunteer Firefighter" is due to him by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Queen's Pageant Committee: The Queen and Princesses were selling split-club tickets during the meeting.

Resolutions Committee: Chairman Michael Delamere. No report.

Topics Committee: Chairman Donald Gavenda. No report.

2% Tax Committee: Chairman Carl Veltri. No report.

Website Committee: Chairman Tim Tyrrell reported that we have made a number of corrections in the Directory. Any information for the website should be directed to him promptly.

Northern Central Liaison: David Sweet: Next meeting January 18<sup>th</sup>, Barnard Exempts at 2:00 p.m.

Southwestern Liaison: Doug Wood: Next meeting January 25<sup>th</sup>, Westfield at 2:00 p.m.

Delegate to Southwestern Association: Dan Evans reported on the meeting at West Valley on November 16, 2014. Information regarding WNYVFA Convention in July was presented; information regarding restructuring of the American Red Cross; the issue of Cancer and volunteer firemen was addressed; Southwestern is currently not doing Fire Police Training at their Convention.

Steering Committee: Chairman Marc Kaxprzak reported that the committee would meet prior to the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to prepare endorsements for FASNY offices.

President Harold Wollaber resumed the Chair

Motion by Edward Tase, Seconded by Anthony DeMarco to accept Committee reports. Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee David Schmidt reported the Home census at 80 and with 5 waiting to enter. The new administrator, Art Proper, has assumed his duties. There will be a fund drive for the Service Window. The Home Mortgage will be paid off in a few months. A Volunteer Firefighter needs one year of service to be eligible for admission to the Firemen's Home.

FASNY Director: Edward Tase reported that FASNY Secretary Michael Whelan had passed away on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The Interim Secretary will be John Delassandro. The 2015 Convention will be August 19-22 at Albany, NY. The 2016 FASNY Convention will be August 10-13, 2016 in Albany. FASNY is requesting proposals from host organizations across the State for 2017 and 2018 Conventions. FASNY will handle all details. The Local Committee will have no involvement. FASNY is looking to find area's of tourist interest to increase convention attendance.

FASNY Training Schedule: "YOU...SAFETY+WELLNESS=SURVIVAL"

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at Cuba-Rushford High School – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at West Valley VFD-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 26, 2015 at Frontier VFC-7:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. Information on FASNY website: Email [training@fasny.com](mailto:training@fasny.com);  
[www.fasny.com](http://www.fasny.com) 1-800-2FFASNY2 \$20 for FASNY member or \$30 for non-FASNY member

Brian McQueen will present a Seminar on: Cancer and Volunteer Firefighters on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at Frontier Fire Company, Town of Wheatfield (Niagara County)-7:00 p.m.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Organization: None

Guest List was read by Second Vice President Bruce Mack

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz reported attendance at 67.

Excused List read by Secretary Tyrrell. Motion by Robert Carncross, Seconded by Terry Snyder to accept. Carried.

Benediction offered by Assistant Chaplain Robert Carncross.

Motion by James Dermody, Seconded by John Thomson to Adjourn at 2:40 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel K. Evans  
Assistant Secretary

Timothy A. Tyrrell  
Secretary

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Cambria Volunteer Fire Company

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12:00 noon – Legislative Outreach

2:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

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