

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES
UNION HOSE COMPANY CLUBROOM
66 ELIZABETH STREET
DANSVILLE, NEW YORK 14437
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Past President Willim Kershner Jr. called the meeting to order at 1400 hours. Turning the floor over to President Christopher Curry.

Sergeant-at-arms Doug Wright lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chaplin Alan Way offered the Invocation.

President Christopher Curry pointed out the Exit.

President Curry appointed Penni Sue Dysard as the Recording Secretary for this meeting.

Report of the Recording Secretary – Penni Sue Dysard,

Bought minutes and said that it was send out to the email address. Motioned by Allan Way, seconded by Bill Kershner to accept the Recording Secretary report. Carried

Report of the Financial Secretary – Penni Sue Dysard

Received 2 checks, have to deposit them, so dues report is the same as of July 11, 2021 is \$ 3,730.00. From 88 members and 137 Fire Companies. Will have a list of members and Fire Companies in rears of dues at the next meeting. Motioned by Bill McGuire, seconded by Andy Pilecki to accept the Financial Secretary's report, Carried

Report of the Treasurer – Tom McLaughlin

Saving: \$ 654.99

Checking: \$ 9,522.61

Scholarship: \$ 1,489.69

Total: \$ 11,667.29

Disbursement: \$ 6316.93

Motion by Bruce Mack seconded by Wayne Butts to accept the Treasurer's Report.
Carried.

Communications:

EMS Magazine and the FASNY Magazine. 2 Thank you notes from Tony Casey and Jane Tombley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice President Gerald Dunst assumed the Chair.

Trustees Report – Forgot to ask.

Bowling Committee - Tom McLaughlin

The Bowling Tournament will be held at Hornell, the First and Second weekend in March. New Secretary is Penni Dysard.

Budget & Program Report

Budget – Robert Walker – need to have a short meeting after this meeting to discuss some issues that have come up.

Program Book – Ed Dysard as of September 12th 2021, we have reached .07% of our budget goal and have received \$ 5,438.00. The new 3 year contract has been signed by both parties.

By-Laws Committee – David Sweet we will work to get the present by-law change read and voted on at convention, this is the one about taking away the 5-year life member. Also would like to have a change where we read the By-laws change in June they we will just vote in July. Also looking to change, if a position for a job is vacant who and how will we fill that job.

Convention Committee – Wendi Walker we will be working with the 2nd Vice President Bill Boyd on where he can have his convention.

Local Convention Committee - President Curry said his committee is looking forward to the convention and meeting up with the western committee.

EMS Committee –

No Report

Explorer/Junior Firefighter Committee –

No Report

Firemen of the Year Committee – David Evans

On July 14th I mailed a letter to the regional editor of the Batavia Daily News and also the weekly Livingston County News, same person, telling them about the July convention. Suggested that they come to the awards to take pictures and write an article on it. They return my call on July 26th asking for information on the Award Honorees could be sent to him. His deadline was that afternoon, so I give him some of the committee names and they numbers so he could get some information. He then asked why the Association gave awards.

My answer basically:

“Volunteer Firefighters are on duty 24/7, 52 weeks out of the year, to save lives and property in their communities.”

“Some Volunteers do exemplary things in their departments, and those departments nominate them to be recognized by the Fire Association for their distinguished service.”

Fire Police Committee –

No Report

Fire Prevention –

No Report

History Committee – Dan Evans

A little history on the 2022 Convention from Dan Evans

The 123rd Annual Convention of the W.N.Y.V.F.A. will be held in Steuben County for only the second time.

The first time was in 1914 when the convention was held in Bath, NY, with President Frank X. Harter of Rochester, NY presiding. There were 92 member companies and 200 individual members.

Our current president, Chris Curry is the second person from Steuben County to serve as President of our association. The first was Frank W. Fogarty, 1916-17 of Bath, NY. His convention was held in Dansville, NY.

Investment & Finance Committee – Tom McLaughlin

Scholarship	\$ 1,489.69
Savings	\$ 654.99
Men's Bowling	\$ 150.00
Women's Bowling	\$ 150.00
Past Presidents	\$ 410.00
America Funds	<u>\$ 72,081.06</u>
Balance 08/31/2021	\$ 74,935.74
Scholarship Savings	\$ 4,622.96
CD – 106	\$ 2,690.50
CD – 107	<u>\$ 5,840.97</u>
Total	\$ 13,154.43
FASNY Checking	\$ 9,522.61
Total Association Assets	\$ 97,618.78

Legislative Committee – David Sweet

We had the Legislative update before the meeting 5 out of the 7 bills were passed by the Senate and Assembly. Still waiting on the Assembly to pass the “Fair Act” bill. Legislative Weekend with FASNY is November 6 – 7.

Memorial Scholarship Committee –

No Report

Second Vice President Bill Boyd assumed the Chair.

Nominations Committee – Wendi Walker

Received the endorsements for Edward Dysard, Niagara County Trustee
Still looking for a trustee from Orleans County. Still looking for a Secretary.
Michael Kislack said he would fill the position until July of next year.

Nozzle Practice Committee –

No Report

Parade Committee – Bill McGuire

Asking for an extra \$ 300.00 this year to paid for judges.

Past Presidents Committee – Bill Kershner, Jr.

Reported Nine past presidents are at the meeting.

Public Relations Committee –

No Report

Queen’s Pageant Committee –

No Report

Resolutions Committee –

No Report

Topics Committee –

No Report

2% Tax Committee –

No Report

Website Committee – Mike Kislack

Will be putting on the July minutes and Tim Tryell Memorial Service

Northern Central Liaison – David Sweet

Meeting will be held on September 18th at Rush. Banquet will be on October 16th.

Southwestern Liaison – Doug Wood

Banquet will be held on October 16th.

Steering Committee – Wayne Butts

FASNY Convention cost was \$ 1,004.83. Need to get a letter drawn up supporting Ed Tase, Jr, for FASNY President.

Delegates for Southwestern – Daniel Evans

I attended and participated in the 113th annual convention of the Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen. This was a one day convention at the Beaver Club in Fredonia, NY. I brought greeting and well wishes for a successful convention from President Kershner, the Officers, Trustees, and Members of WNVFA. Also told them about member Timothy Tyrrell was a patient in Niagara Hospice and in failing health.

President Curry resumed the Chair.

Motion by Dave Wolf, seconded by Wendi Walker to accept the committee reports. Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home – Trustee Alan Way

Alan reported that the home, has of September 3rd was at 79 with 2 people in the hospital. The home is still Covid Free. The home is open on a limited basis, the activity staff is doing everything to try and get the members active. There is still

38 staff members that have to still get their covid shot before September 27th. Bob Darling, past trustee celebrated his 100th birthday at the home on August 9th.

FASNY Report – Diana Pfersick, Director

Training Weekend - September 24 -26, 2021 at the State Training Center in Oriskany. Several classes will be offered.

Running Toward the Flame Series of 5K walk/run will be Saturday October 23rd at Wendleville Fire Co, North Tonawanda.

FASNY Legislative Conference is November 5 – 7, 2021 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, NY.

Save the Date for the 150th Annual Convention on August 10 – 13, 2022 in Tarrytown.

FASNY – All FASNY Officers, Directors, Trustees, Staff, representatives and committee members must have and provide proof of vaccination for COVID – 19, as defined by applicable State and Federal Standards.

Unfinished Business

Install Officers that were not at the Testimonial dinner Saturday night:

Anthony DeMarco III – Assistant Sergeant of Arms

Wayne Butts – Allegany County Trustee

Michael Lapinski – Monroe County Trustee

Trustee

Michael Kislack – Recording Secretary

They were installed by Andy Pilecki

New Business –

Recording Secretary is to write up a letter endorsing Edward Tase, Jr. for FASNY President.

Memorial Service on October 24th for Tim Tyrrell at Frontier Fire Hall.

Motion was made by Daniel Evans as follow:

To Congratulate, compliment and commend Past Presidents William Kershner, Jr., and Michael Kislack and the officers, trustees and committees for having shown Outstanding Leadership under the most horrendous conditions over the past 18 months. You have, under these extreme conditions accomplished three things:

1. You took all of the measures necessary to make sure that the health and safety of your membership was protected.
2. You made sure, under very challenging circumstances, that the mission of this organization continued on track and moving forward.
3. You made sure that the various committees, under very difficult conditions, continued to do their work.

The Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association has stayed in business and continues to serve, We, the members, are profoundly appreciative of your leadership.

2nd by Allan Way motion carried.

Andy Pileck asked if Western would sponsor one of the trophy, \$ 100.00, for FASNY 150th anniversary. Second by Tony DeMarco motion carried.

2nd Vice President is still looking for a place to have his convention, Western convention will help him find a place.

Good of the Organization –

Monroe County – Michael Lapinski

We have challenge coins donation is 10.00. Lottery Scratch off October 27th. 10.00 donation. Essay Contest for Fire Prevention to local schools. Water ball was cancelled due Covid will try again next year. Looking into purchasing a bench for the Firemen's home. Applying for a grant to get a fire truck trailer.

Guest List read by Second Vice President Bill Boyd.

Sergeant-at-arms Doug Wright reported on attendance 37 Members were presented.

Western to give a gift to outgoing Firemen Home Trustee David Schmidt.

Excused List read by stand in recording secretary Penni Sue Dysard.

Next meeting is on November 14th at Hammondsport at 1:00pm.

Hammondsport Fire Dept.
State Route 54
Hammondsport, NY 14840

Motion by Wayne Butts, Seconded by Doug Woods to accept. Carried

Motion By Wayne Butts, seconded by Doug Woods to adjourn, Carried

Respectfully Submitted Penni Sue Dysard, acting Recording Secretary.

