

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Barnard Exempts

360 Maiden Lane

Rochester, New York 14614

September 10th, 2023

Sergeant-at-Arms Doug Wright pointed out the exits.

Past President Gerald Dunst called the meeting to order at 1300hr.

Sergeant-at Arms Doug Wright led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chaplain Robert Ossont offered the Invocation.

Past President Gerald Dunst welcomed everyone. At this time the gavel and meeting were turned over to the new President Billy Boyd.

A motion by Anthony Demarco, seconded by Wayne Butts to accept the minutes of the previous session. Motion Carried.

Report from the Recording Secretary – We received Thank You cards from the Western Ladies in LAFASNY.

Report of the Financial Secretary – Penni Dysard:

As of September 10th, 2023, forty-eight members have paid, and ninety-seven Companies, for a total of \$2,560.00.

A motion by Alan Way, seconded by Wayne Butts to accept the Financial Secretary report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Treasurer – Tom McLaughlin.

Savings:	\$2,930.41
Checking:	\$9,705.71
Scholarship:	\$982.37
Total:	\$13,618.49

Disbursements: \$7,266.01
Balance: \$13,618.49

Motion was made by Doug Wood, seconded by Bonnie Sweet to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

Communications:

Received a copy of 1st Responder newspaper and copies of The Volunteer Firefighter Magazine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice President Chris Snyder assumed the Chair.

Trustees Report – Doug Wood

9 Trustees Present introduced two new trustees, Greg Nichols from Niagara County, Jason Thompson from Stueben County.

Bowling Committee – Tom McLaughlin:

The 2024 Tournament will be at Gates Bowl, March 3 & 4 and 16 & 17 2024.

Budget & Program Book.

Program Book: Ed Dysard

As of September 2nd. 2023 we are at 100.1% of our goal. Gross sales of \$34,885.99, Michael Ryan \$27,804.79 for a WNYVFA portion of \$7,081.19.

Budget: Robert Walker:

A Budget of \$27,968.00 was presented.

Bylaws Committee: Andrew Pilecki:

No Report.

Convention Committee, Don Fredericy:

2024 Local Convention Committee will be having their next meeting October 10th 2023.

EMS Committee:

No Report

Explorer/ Junior Firefighter Committee:

No Report

Fireman of the Year Committee:

No Report.

Fire Police Committee:

No Report.

Fire Prevention Committee:

No Report

History Committee:

No Report

Investment & Finance Committee: Tom McLaughlin:

Scholarship	\$982.37
Savings	\$2,930.41
Men's Bowling	\$149.90
Women's Bowling	\$150.00
Past Presidents	\$305.00
America Bonds	\$60,172.71
Balance 06/11/23	\$64,690.39
Scholarship savings	\$4,629.37
CD – 106	\$2,724.59
CD – 107	\$5,911.44
Balance 08/31/23	\$13,265.40
FASNY Checking	\$9,705.71
Total Association Assets	\$87,661.50

Legislative Committee: David Sweet:

An update meeting was held today at 12:00pm, at this point it was determined to support the current scorecard for 2024. We also will support the income tax credit and the ability to claim the tax credit and income tax credit together. FASNY Legislative Conference will be November 3-5, 2023, in Troy, NY

Memorial Scholarship Committee: Billy Boyd:

We received Thank You's from all three recipients of the 2023 Scholarship.

Second Vice President Greg Horr assumed the Chair.

Nominations Committee: Joe Montesano

Have received a letter of Nomination for Anthony Demarco III for the position of Financial Secretary.

Nozzle Practice: Doug Wright:

2024 is all set.

Parade Committee: Tom McLaughlin:

2024 parade is all set.

Past Presidents Committee: Gerald Dunst:

No Report.

President Participation: Penni Dysard

The trophy has had a new section installed so we now have room to have the name plates updated.

2023 results:

3rd place was a tie with 18 Points – Cambria and Warsaw

2nd place with 22 Points – Hammondsport

1st place with 29 Points – Dansville, 1st Vice President Snyder accepted the trophy for Dansville.

Public Relations:

Looking for a new chairman.

Queen's Pageant: Sarah Twamley

No Report

Resolutions:

No Report

Topics: Anthony Demarco

Need to know if we want a speaker during or after the meeting in 2024.

2% Tax: Anthony Demarco

No Report

Website: Mike Kislack:

All is going good with the website, if anyone has anything they would like to have listed, please let Mike Kislack know.

Northern Central Liaison: Dave Sweet:

Next meeting will be September 17th at Penfield. Legislative at 12:00pm and regular meeting at 1:00pm. The banquet will be October 21st, 2023, at the VFW in Palmira at a cost of \$30.00 per person.

Southwestern Liaison: Doug Wood:

Next meeting will be Sunday September 17th, 2023, at Portland.

Steering: Wayne Butts

No Report

President Boyd resumed the Chair.

A motion was made by Tom McLaughlin, seconded by Wayne Butts to accept the committee reports. Motion Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee Anthony Demarco:

89 members are in the home currently, with one male and one female bed open. Last storm we had a tree come down near the one Cemetery. October 7th, 2023, will be the First Corn Hole Tournament held at the Home, see Wayne Butts for more information.

FASNY Director: Diana Pfersick:

The FASNY Convention was a great event. Plan now to attend next year's Convention which will be held again in Niagara Falls in August 2024.

The Old Forge Firefighter's Drill School and Golf Tournament will be next weekend, September 14 through 17th. Information is on the FASNY website. At this point in time, registration will be on-site only.

On Saturday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m., there will be a Firefighter's Home's Cornhole Tournament. Registration information is on the FASNY website. They are offering cash prizes! All proceeds benefit the Home.

FASNY will be holding the Legislative Conference the first Weekend in November. All FASNY Committees will also be coming in for meetings ahead of the Conference.

The New York State Fire Academy will be undergoing some major renovations starting early 2024. Because of this, the Annual EMS Seminar that is put on by the EMS committee will be held at the Geneva Fire Department March 1 – 3, 2024. The Seminar will also be held in Geneva in 2025 with plans to return to the Fire Academy in 2026.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Alan way, seconded by Chris Snyder for the Recording Secretary to cast one vote for Anthony Demarco III for the position of Financial Secretary. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Michael Kislack, seconded by Anthony Demarco III to approve the proposed budget. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Tom McLaughlin, seconded by Chris Snyder to approve the Contract for the program book. This will be a 3-year contract with a guarantee of a minimum of \$10,000 per year to WNYVFA, with dates running from August 1st through July 31st each year. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Wayne Butts, seconded by Chris Snyder for Treasure to take care of the CD that is coming due. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Meetings for November 12th, 2023, at 1:00pm and 2024 will be held at 74 Genesee St. Avon, NY. They will be in the conference room behind the truck bays.

Good of the Organization:

Penni and Ed Dysard were thanked for all their work they have done as Financial Secretary and Trustee and Program Book Chairman.

The Guest list was read by Second Vice President Horr: Six Past Presidents in attendance, Two FASNY Directors, One FASNY Past Director, Three FASNY Board of Trustee, and Two Past Trustee.

Sergeant-at-Arms Doug Wright reported the Attendance: 38 People

The Excused List consisting of 5 members was read by Recording Secretary Michael Kislack.

The motion was made by Bonnie Sweet, seconded by Thomas McLaughlin to accept the Excused List. Motion Carried

The Benediction was offered by Alan Way

A Motion was made by Wayne Butts seconded by Royer Pfersick to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 13:50hr.

Respectfully submitted Michael Kislack, Recording Secretary.

Next Meeting will be Saturday November 12th, 2023, starting at 1300hr.

Village of Avon

74 Genesee St.

Avon, NY 14414