

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Avon Fire Department

74 Genesee St.

Avon, New York 14414

November 12th., 2023

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

President Billy Boyd 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.

President Boyd welcomed everyone.

A motion by Gerald Dunst, seconded by William Kershner Jr. to accept the minutes of the previous session. Motion Carried.

Report of the Recording Secretary – Michael Kislack: No report currently.

A motion by William Kershner Jr., seconded by Gerald Dunst to accept the Recording Secretary report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Financial Secretary – Anthony DeMarco III:

From August 8th., 2023 till November 12th, 2023, one member paid, and three Companies, for a total of \$85.00.

A motion by Wendi Walker, seconded by William Kershner Jr. to accept the Financial Secretary report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Treasurer – Tom McLaughlin.

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| Savings: | \$3,030.46 |
| Checking: | \$2,816.51 |
| Scholarship: | \$1,083.38 |
| Total: | \$6,930.35 |
| Disbursements: | \$8,914.53 |
| Balance: | \$6,930.53 |

Motion was made by Joe Montesano, seconded by Wendi Walker to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

Communications:

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

Motion was made by Wendi Walker, seconded by Chris Pettit to recess to break out into individual committees for the workshop. Motion Carried 1:15pm

Meeting was called back in session at 2:00pm by President Boyd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Billy Boyd assumed the Chair.

Trustees Report – Alice Biscaro

No Report – 6 Trustees Present

Bowling Committee – Tom McLaughlin:

Mailing has been done today and will be going out in the mail. The 2024 Tournament will also be at Gates.

Budget & Program Book.

Program Book: Ed Dysard

As of June 10th. 2023 we are at 65.6% of our goal. Gross sales of \$23,031.00, Michael Ryan \$18,439.80 for a WNYVFA portion of \$4,591.20.

Budget: Robert Walker

No Report

Bylaws Committee: William Kershner Jr:

The committee is going to review all Bylaws. Also going to work on getting the most current copy posted to the website.

Convention Committee, Don Fredericy:

Everything is looking good for 2024 at Jones Hall.

EMS Committee: Sandy Dysard

Going to reach out to the local chairman, also looking at different ideas to get more involved.

Explorer/ Junior Firefighter Committee: Richard Silvaroli

No Report

Fireman of the Year Committee: Christopher Curry

No Report.

Fire Police Committee: Anthony Caraco

No Report

Fire Prevention Committee: Brenda Kislack

No Report

History Committee: Primo Biscaro

No Report

Investment & Finance Committee: Tom McLaughlin:

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| Scholarship | \$1,083.38 |
| Savings | \$3,030.46 |
| Men's Bowling | \$149.90 |
| Women's Bowling | \$150.00 |
| Past Presidents | \$305.00 |
| America Bonds | \$53,464.20 |
| Balance 01/12/23 | \$58,182.94 |
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| Scholarship savings | \$4,630.54 |
| CD – 106 | \$2,731.15 |
| CD – 107 | \$5,920.38 |
| Balance 01/12/23 | \$13,282.07 |
| FASNY Checking | \$2,816.51 |
| Total Association Assets | \$74,281.52 |

Legislative Committee: David Sweet:

The 2024 FASNY Legislative Program was distributed and went over. These are the items that FASNY will be pursuing for the year.

Memorial Scholarship Committee: David Nedell:

No report.

Second Vice President Greg Horr assumed the Chair.

Nominations Committee: Wendi Walker:

I strongly, strongly, strongly encourage everyone to get their endorsement letters submitted prior to the June 2024 meeting.

Nozzle Practice: Doug Wright:

Competition will be held on Saturday of the 2024 convention. Western NY Motorized is looking to possibly get involved once again during the convention.

Parade Committee: James Dermody:

No report, there will be a parade in 2024.

Past Presidents Committee: Gerald Dunst:

10 Past President in attendance.

President Participation: Pennis Dysard:

Please make sure everyone is signing in for each activity or meeting.

Program Book:

Ed Dysard gave the report, Week ending 11/12/23 we are at 6.72% of the budget goal. Gross sales of \$7,436.00, Mike Ryan \$5,948.80, and WNYVFA \$1,487.20.

Chris Pettit has agreed to take Chairman of this committee.

Public Relations:

No Report, Diana Pfersick has agreed to take Chairman, but we need to make sure we are getting her news from our areas so she can write the article for FASNY.

Queen's Pageant: Barb Eddy:

No Report, Pictures and write up for the website have been turned over to Mike Kislack.

Resolutions: Michael Delamere:

Will be presented at the convention.

Topics: Anthony DeMarco III:

We will have a short presentation during the meeting at the convention.

2% Tax: David Schmidt:

No Report, working on getting a Power Point presentation.

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:

January 20th., 2024 will be Legislative meeting at 10:30am and regular meetings at 1:00pm at the Ontario County Training Center. 2914 County Rt. 48, Canandaigua, NY

Southwestern Liaison: Doug Wood:

Meeting Today.

Steering: Wayne Butts

No Report

President Boyd resumed the Chair.

A motion was made by Harold Wollaber II, seconded by Bonnie Sweet, to accept the committee reports. Motion Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee Anthony DeMarco III:

Currently we have 78 members in the home. First week in October we held our first Corn Hole Tournament, we had 12 teams and raised \$350.00. Currently we have 6 applications in the works, and we have two open beds in the dementia ward.

Long range planning committee is looking at many different ideas of what is needed for the future for the Home.

Also please remember the Holiday Appeal, all this money raised stays at the home and is used for the members only.

FASNY Director: Diana Pfersick:

FASNY held committee meetings of some of the committees on November 3rd.

The Legislative Conference was on November 5th at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY. The 2024 Scorecard was established and is available on the FASNY website.

Robin Schott received the Golden Trumpet Award for his outstanding service. He was instrumental in helping FASNY's Legislative committee prepare national legislation relative to the fire service, and attended the Congressional Fire Service Institute's Lobby Days in Washington, D.C. He has led many of the discussions with members of Congress and did an outstanding job representing the Association.

There will be a webinar on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 7 PM entitled "The Importance of Leadership Supporting Health & Wellness". Register on the FASNY Website.

The FASNY EMS Committee will be holding its 1-Day Conference at Selden Fire Department on January 27th for downstate folks. Their Annual Seminar will be March 2nd and 3rd at the Geneva Fire Department. Registration is available online.

The FASNY Winter Games will be held February 2-4, 2024, at Greek Peak in Cortland.

There is a Sexual Harassment Training toolkit available on the FASNY website that meets the NYS requirements for training. Other training is available on the FASNY website including Annual OSHA Refresher training, and several Past Webinars.

Recruit NY will be held the weekend of April 13 and 14, 2024. Resources for planning will be available soon. There is a plan to light the state up in red a month ahead to include the Cuomo (Tappan Zee) Bridge, Empire State Building, Volunteer Firehouses, etc.

Don't forget to get nominations in for FFOY, EMSPOY, Educator, etc. Deadline is March 15, 2015

HELP program is available to any active member taking college courses.

FASNY Scholarships for HS Senior Explorer, Jr. FF, RAMS applications also due by March 15th. Must be FASNY member or child of FASNY member.

The FASNY Website has been updated. If anyone notices something missing or incorrect, please notify the office.

Sign up for Voter Voice to support bills in the legislature.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Mike Magen from Spencerport Fire Department brought to the floor about WNY Drill team would like to pursue running B-Truck and Foot Race during the Convention, there would be no C-Trucks.

Motion was made by Mike Kislack, seconded by Harold Wollaber II to keep exploring this endeavor. Motion Carried.

William Kershner Jr. brought up the question of why the local Convention committee must pay for hotel rooms for the WNYVFA committee for Bowling. This is something that needs to be investigated.

Good of the Organization:

Gerald Dunst thanked everyone that attended the Testimonial dinner.

President Boyd announced that a Fund-Raising Committee has been formed and they are looking into having a Meat Raffle(s).

The Guest list was read by Second Vice President Horr. Ten Past Presidents in attendance, One FASNY Director, One FASNY Past Director, Two FASNY Board of Trustee.

Sergeant-at-Arms Doug Wright reported the Attendance: 40 People

The Excused List consisting of 11 members was read by Recording Secretary Michael Kislack.

Motion was made by William Kershner Jr, seconded by Wendi Walker to accept the Excused List. Motion Carried

The Benediction was offered by Chaplain Robert Ossont

A Motion was made by Anthony DeMarco III seconded by Thomas McLaughlin to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 15:00hr.

Respectfully submitted Michael Kislack, Recording Secretary.

Next Meeting will be Saturday January 7th, 2024, starting at 13:00hr.

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