

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Avon Fire Department

74 Genesee St.

Avon, New York 14414

April 14th, 2024

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

Asst. Chaplain Robert Gene Gregg offered the Invocation.

President Boyd welcomed everyone.

A motion by Andrew Pilecki, seconded by Gerald Dunst to accept the minutes of the previous session. Motion Carried.

Report of the Recording Secretary – Michael Kislack:

A correction was to be made to the January meeting attendance; it should have been 46.

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

Report of the Financial Secretary – Anthony DeMarco III:

As of April 14th, 2024, we have 45 members paid \$335.00, and \$1,885.00 in Company dues.

A motion by Harold Wollaber II, seconded by Forest Skelton to accept the Financial Secretary report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Treasurer – Tom McLaughlin.

Savings:	\$7,446.20
Checking:	\$1,624.02
Scholarship:	\$398.42
Total:	\$9,468.64
Disbursements:	\$4,674.12
Balance:	\$9,468.64

Motion was made by Gerald Dunst, seconded by Alan Way to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

Communications:

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

Also received a letter from Southwestern Convention Information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice President Chris Snyder assumed the Chair.

Trustees Report –

No Report –

Bowling Committee – Tom McLaughlin:

Checks are being mailed on Monday April 15th., 2024. The tournament will be held at Gates Bowl, March 8 and 9th, and March 15 and 16th, 2025.

Budget: Robert Walker

Anyone who has any budget requests please turn them in by the June meeting.

Bylaws Committee: William Kershner Jr:

Attached is a copy of the proposals.

Convention Committee, Don Fredericy:

Everything is looking good for 2024 at Jones Hall, camping will be at the Fairgrounds.

EMS Committee: Sandy Dysard

No Report

Explorer/ Junior Firefighter Committee: Richard Silvaroli

No Report

Fireman of the Year Committee: Christopher Curry

Received from 14 departments and 6 counties.

Fire Police Committee: Anthony Caraco

No letters as of today.

Fire Prevention Committee: Brenda Kislack

No Report

History Committee: Primo Biscaro

No Report

Investment & Finance Committee: Tom McLaughlin:

Scholarship	\$398.42
Savings	\$7,446.20
Men's Bowling	\$150.00
Women's Bowling	\$150.00

Past Presidents	\$305.00
America Bonds	\$62,730.46
Balance 04/14/24	\$71,180.08
Scholarship savings	\$4,632.86
CD – 106	\$2,765.49
CD – 107	\$5,938.20
Balance 04/14/24	\$13,336.55
FASNY Checking	\$1,624.02
Total Association Assets	\$86,140.65

Legislative Committee: David Sweet:

Today at noon we have a conference call with ASA and Southwestern.

Memorial Scholarship Committee: David Nedell:

We have received 4 applications.

Second Vice President Greg Horr assumed the Chair.

Nominations Committee: Wendi Walker:

Only one letter has been received as of today.

Nozzle Practice: Doug Wright:

Everything is all set for Caledonia.

Parade Committee: James Dermody:

No Report

Past Presidents Committee: Gerald Dunst:

Dinner will be held at the Yard of Ale.

President Participation: Pennis Dysard:

No Report

Program Book: Chris Pettit

No Report.

Public Relations: Diana Pfersick

Chairperson Diana Pfersick Spoke on the need for people send events and news from their aera.

Queen's Pageant: Barb Eddy:

No Report.

Resolutions: Michael Delamere:

Will be presented at the convention.

Topics: Anthony DeMarco III:

Chairman Anthony DeMarco spoke we are working with local committee on a short program during the meeting.

2% Tax: David Schmidt:

No Report.

Website: Mike Kislack:

No Report

Northern Central Liaison: Dave Sweet:

Dave Sweet spoke, meetings are on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The April meeting is at the Main Station in Penfield at 1:00pm. The convention will be May 30th-June 1st at Delago.

Southwestern Liaison: Doug Wood:

No Report – Meeting is today.

Steering: David Sweet

Steering Committee is recommending Wayne Butts for FASNY 2nd VP this year, also would like to give \$200.00 toward campaign.

Also, Andrew Pilecki will be running for 2nd VP in 2026.

Fund Raising: Wendi Walker

Meat Raffle will be held on May 4th., 2024 at St. Johnsbury Fire Co.

President Boyd resumed the Chair.

A motion was made by William Kershner Jr, seconded by Dave Nedell, to accept the committee's reports. Motion Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee Anthony DeMarco III:

Current census 87, We currently have 3 applications in process. Members Memorial service is May 10th. We are currently looking to put green into a putting, and an ice cream machine. Anyone or company that wants to support it can send a donation to The Home.

Members enjoy sitting on the new chairs from the Auxiliary.

Summer is around the corner so anyone or company wants to take a trip to see the home. Please go online if it is a group or you can let one of us trustees know, and we can help get something done.

We still have 5 windows so if anyone wants to dedicate one to someone or a group, please let one of us know and we can help with an estimate.

FASNY Director: Diana Pfersick:

FASNY Convention packets have been sent out. Please return as soon as possible as the early bird pricing ends on May 31st.

A new maintenance building will be constructed at the Firefighter's Home. It will be financed through a loan.

Upcoming webinars:

- Wednesday, April 17, 2024 | Webinar: Whoa! I am in Charge!
- Monday, May 6, 2024 | Webinar: Volunteer Firefighter Training Stipend

Register on the FASNY website. If you missed a webinar, they are available on the FASNY website.

Training available:

- Training: Professionalism, Passion & Pride in our Volunteer Fire Service
 - Wednesday, April 24 at the Floyd Fire Department in Rome
 - Thursday, May 9 at Cooperstown Fire Department
- Mission CIT Training: The Retention and Recruitment Officer's (RRO) Role in Organizational Success
 - Saturday – Sunday, April 27 – April 28, 2024 at the Westmoreland Fire Department Training Facility
- Tactical Response to Modern House Fires
 - Tuesday, May 7, Gerry Rodeo Grounds
 - Wednesday, May 8 at Clarence Center Fire Company
 - Thursday, May 9 at Terry Taylor School, in Spencerport
 - Monday, October 7th | Willowvale Fire Department, 3459 Oneida Street, Chadwicks

Per President Tase:

There has been a concern raised about FASNY's action on the proposed 1910 OSHA Regulations. Some of the comments are why wasn't anything in the last issue of The Volunteer Firefighter. The answer to that question is that the deadline for the latest issue was February 1st. At that time, we had no official statement from the other associations. Your FASNY Leadership has been on meeting lasting almost 2 hours every Thursday at 12 noon with more than 25 members of many organizations working on a plan. FASNY at this time is focusing our attention to the Issues of United Concerns related to the New York State Budget. Our association has sent many letters and social media messages out on this topic.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

President Boyd asked to change the price for the kickoff dinner from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per person.

A motion was made by Alan Way seconded by Andrew Pilecki, to accept the change in price. Motion Carried.

Endorsement of Wayne Butts for 2nd. VP.

A motion was made by David Sweet, seconded by Greg Horr, to accept the committee's recommendation. Motion Denied.

Anthony Demarco III question why we would support one candidate when we have two members running. We have not made any recommendations in the past when this has happened.

A motion was made by Michael Kislack, seconded by Harold Wollaber II, to not support either candidate. Motion Carried.

CD 107 will be coming due; would we like to let it roll over or cash it out and put it into checking?

A motion was made by William Kershner Jr, seconded by Michael Kislack, to cash out and put into checking. Motion Carried.

Challenge Coin for the 125th Anniversary.

A motion was made by Anthony Caraco, seconded by Alice Biscaro, to purchase 300 coins and sell to the members for \$5.00 each for one coin. A second coin if purchased will be \$10.00 each and for non-members. Motion Carried.

Good of the Organization:

The Guest list was read by Second Vice President Horr

Past Presidents – 12

FASNY Directors – 2

FASNY Past Director – 1

FASNY Trustees – 2

FASNY Past Trustee - 2

Sergeant-at-Arms Doug Wright reported the Attendance: 44 People

The Excused List was read by Michael Kislack, of 11 people.

Motion was made by Alan Way seconded by Michael Delamere to accept the Excused List. Motion Carried

The Benediction was offered by Asst. Chaplain Gene Gregg

A Motion was made by William Kershner Jr. seconded by Greg Nichols to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 14:24hr.

Respectfully submitted Michael Kislack, Recording Secretary.

Next Meeting will be Saturday June 9th, 2024, starting at 13:00hr.

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