

New York State Association of Fire Chaplains
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2006
Niagara Falls, NY

Present: Chief Billia, 1st Deputy Chief Miles, 2nd Deputy Holst, Secretary Hessel, Past Chief Bitsko, Directors Connaghan, Foster, Gardner, Knower, McGloon, Palmer, Van Houten, Ex-Chiefs Carvelho, Mitchatek, & Tobin, Guests: Tim Newman, Sharon Palmer, Mabel Gardner.

Absent: Director Chapman & Treasurer Hunt.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Billia at 8:05 p.m. at the Tiddlebanks Restaurant. Secretary Hessel led the Board in prayer and Director Foster lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Palmer moved, and 1st Deputy Chief Miles seconded to accept the minutes of the September 18-19 meeting. Motion passed.

Reports

Chief Billia brought two items up for discussion.

- Looking back over the last two years, Chief Billia stated that there were many that have taken place. We are being recognized more in the state as an organization of substance. He thanked everyone for their hard work during this time.
- He hopes that in the upcoming year, we work at recruitment in the upstate region.

1st Deputy Chief Miles had two items for discussion.

- Thanks to Chief Billia for two years of faithful work
- His main objective for the association for the next two years is to develop more regional training opportunities.

2nd Deputy Chief Holst reported for the Membership Committee that presently there are:

1. Members	473
2. 2005 Paid	418
3. 2006 Paid	393
4. ID Cards	364

Treasurer Hunt presented a written report of expenses. (Copy attached to Secretary's minutes.)

Secretary's Report: Good and Welfare presented a written report which is attached to the Secretary's minutes. Get well cards were being prepared for Rev. Arthur Geidel, John Milliman, Leah Fletcher, and Mrs. Jan Nunn. A resignation letter was received from

Mabel Gardner. It was accepted with regret and Sharon Palmer was appointed to replace Mabel.

Committee Reports

Memorial: Thanks to Tim & Amy Newman for their work in helping set up the Memorial Service.

Training: The committee will look toward arranging regional training on “New Chaplain Training” and “What is the Role of the Chaplain.”

Program: The next conference is scheduled for April 22-25, 2007 at Montour Falls.

Publicity: The display board is in need of some minor repairs. A motion was made by Director Foster and seconded by 1st Deputy Miles to repair the board. Motion passed. A plaque was given to the NYS Academy of Fire Science in March.

Nominating Committee: The following slate was presented:

Chief Chaplain	Mr. William Miles
1 st Deputy Chief	Mr. Richard Holst
2 nd Deputy Chief	Rev. Barrie Lyn Foster

Board of Directors (3 year terms)
Mr. Kenneth Palmer (incumbent)
Deacon James Hanly
Rev. Cynthia Huling-Hummel

Supplies: There were questions and discussion regarding the extra bags and notebooks that were presented to conference attendees. A motion was made by Director Knower and seconded by 2nd Deputy Chief Holst to give the bags away at the regional training events. Motion passed. A second motion was made by Director Knower and seconded by Past Chief Bitsko to give away the remaining notepads to the spouses at the conference and then sell the remaining notepads. Motion passed.

By-Laws: No report.

Old Business

1. Training Tapes-Parts of the third tape had to be taped again and that was accomplished at this conference.
2. 40th Anniversary-Chaplain VanHouten is continuing to update the written history.
3. LODD Crisis Teams

- a. FASNY has asked the association if they would like to take the lead in presenting LODD training throughout the state. FASNY will provide the publicity and the association will provide the training. A motion was made by Director Palmer and seconded by Past Chief Bitsko to work with FASNY in these presentations. Motion passed.
4. Resolution for a Fellow Chaplain: The resolutions have been sent to all chaplains who have passed away in the last year.

New Business

1. Life Membership was granted to 5 candidates.
2. Honorary Membership-A motion was made by 1st Deputy Miles and seconded by Director Knowler to recommend Honorary Membership to Ralph Rickmyer. Motion passed.
3. Board Vacancy- A motion was made by 1st Deputy Miles and seconded by Director Knowler to appoint Mr. Tim Newman to fill the vacancy of Bob Whitney's position on the Board of Directors. Motion passed.
4. 25 year Recognition-25 year certificates were given out, but the pins were not ordered due to price.
5. NIMS Compliant Plan of Action-A rough draft of a plan of action for possible deployment was presented. Encouragement was given to proceed forward and have a completed plan by meeting in the fall.
6. Upcoming BOD Meetings
 - i. September 17-18 @ Albany
 - ii. February 11-12 @ Montour Falls
 - iii. April 24 @ Montour Falls Conference
7. Discussion was held regarding approval of expenditures. A motion was made by 2nd Deputy Holst and seconded by Director Knowler to have all expenses over \$900.00 be approved by the board prior to purchase. Motion tabled.

Director Connaghan moved and Director VanHouten seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. with a prayer lead by Director Palmer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth N. Hessel,
Executive Secretary