

New York State Association of Fire Chaplains
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 2005
Montour Falls, NY

Present: Chief Billia, 1st Deputy Chief Miles, 2nd Deputy Holst, Treasurer Hunt, Secretary Hessel, Directors Chamberlin, Chapman, Connaghan, Gardner, Knower, McGloon, Palmer, Van Houten, Ex-Chiefs Carvalho, Mitchatek, & Tobin, Guests Newman.

Excused: Past Chief Bistko; Director Whitney.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Billia at 7:30 p.m. A moment of silence was observed for Ex-Chief Jack Nunn. 2nd Deputy Chief Holst led the Board in prayer and Ex-Chief Carvalho lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

1st Deputy Chief Miles moved, and 2nd Deputy Chief Holst seconded to accept the minutes of Feb 6-7 meeting. Motion passed.

Reports

Chief Billia stated that it was a good year with the Photo ID Membership Cards, Conference, and Display Board as examples of the work accomplished in the last year. He also thanked the secretary for all the hard work during the year.

1st Deputy Chief Miles reported that he was present at the funerals for Chaplain Frank Gerace & Ex-Chief Jack Nunn.

2nd Deputy Chief Holst reported for the Membership Committee that presently there are 475 members with 295 having paid their dues.

Treasurer Hunt presented a written report of expenses. (Copy attached to Secretary's minutes.) Income for the year was \$ 3,241.93 less than expenses. Discussion was held regarding the cost of the new training tapes. Motion was made by Director Chapman and seconded by Director Palmer to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Finance Committee: Discussion was held about raising the dues for 2006. A motion was made by 1st Deputy Miles and seconded by Director Palmer to raise the dues to \$ 15.00 a year. Motion passed.

Preliminary costs indicated that a profit of approximately \$ 5,000 was raised by the conference.

Secretary's Report: Good and Welfare presented a written report which is attached to the Secretary's minutes. Art Gardner thanked the board for the flowers at his recent hospital stay.

Committee Reports

Memorial: The service went well last night.

Training: A training session will be taking place in Mohawk on May 21

Program: A discussion was held regarding tips for the kitchen staff for the banquet. The tips were built into the cost of the conference.

Publicity: A display board was created by the committee. A motion was made by 1st Deputy Chief Miles and seconded by Director Palmer to purchase the board. Motion passed. Updated brochures were presented. The web page will be undergoing some updates and an email notification system was created with the Chaplains Committee of the State Chiefs.

Nominating Committee: A written report was given.

Supplies: A discussion was held about updating price list.

By-Laws: No report

Old Business

1. 40th Anniversary – No report
2. LODD Crisis Teams
 - a. Director Van Houten has worked with two LODDs in the last few months.
 - b. National Fallen Fighters website is developing Fast Teams.
3. Fire Chief Bears: A motion was made by Director Knowler and seconded by Director Van Houten to accept offer of Fire Chiefs to resell and return 50% of selling price to Fire Chiefs. The price will be determined by Supply Committee. Motion passed

New Business

1. Director Van Houten moved, and Director McGlooin seconded to grant “Life Membership” to the 5 candidates who qualified. Motion passed.
2. Ex-Chief Michatek will be our delegate for the FASNY Convention and Director Connaghan will be the alternate.
3. BOD Meetings
 - a. September 18-19 @ Albany
 - b. February 12-13 @ Montour Falls
4. Upcoming Conferences: A motion was made by 1st Deputy Chief Miles and seconded by Director Palmer to have the 2007 Conference at Montour Falls.
5. NYS Fire Service Council: A motion was made by Director Knowler and seconded by 1st Deputy Miles to offer a letter to the council indicating the desire of the association to join the council. The purpose of the council is to

coordinate activities across the state. The three chiefs, Secretary, and Director Knower will be the delegates. Motion passed.

General Information

1. A regional planning committee will be held in Western NY on Monday May 9th.
2. Questions arose about uniform consistency, i.e. patches on sleeves. Each department is responsible for decisions about uniforms.

1st Deputy Chief Miles moved and Director Knower seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. with a prayer lead by Director Knower.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth N. Hessel,
Executive Secretary

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Present: 1st Deputy Chief Miles, Secretary Hessel, Treasurer Hunt, Directors Chamberlin, Connaghan, Knower, McGloon, Palmer, Van Houten, Ex-Chief Carvalho, Mitchatek, Tobin.

Excused: Chief Billia, 2nd Deputy Chief Holst, Directors Bitsko, Chapman, Gardner, & Whitney.

1st Deputy Chief Miles called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

The Executive Board appointed Chaplain Hessel to be the Executive Secretary and Chaplain Hunt to be the Treasurer.

A motion was made by Director Knower and seconded by Director Van Houten to have tables at the Western NY and Hudson Valley Conventions. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Director Chamberlin and seconded by Director Palmer to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

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