

New York State Association of Fire Chaplains
Board of Directors Meeting
September 17-18, 2006
Albany, NY

Present: Chief Miles, 1st Deputy Chief Holst, 2nd Deputy Foster, Secretary Hessel, Treasurer Hunt, Past Chief Billia, Directors Connaghan, Hanly, Huling Hummel, Knower, Palmer, Van Houten, Ex-Chiefs Bitsko, Jagow, & Michatek,

Absent: Directors Chapman, McGloon, & Newman.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Miles at 7:35 p.m. at the Hampton Inn. Director Palmer led the Board in prayer and Director Knower lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

1st Deputy Chief Holst moved, and Past Chief Billia seconded to accept the minutes of the April 25 & April 26 meetings. Motion passed.

Reports

Chief Miles brought two items up for discussion.

- Pictures from the conference marriage renewal ceremony are being mailed.
- He was present at the following events:
 - Milltown celebration
 - 50 year celebration of Chaplain Fuerst
 - Funerals of Chaplains Milliman and Veach
 - FASNY
 - 9/11 Memorial Service.

1st Deputy Chief Holst was present for the following events:

- He was present at Area 7 Fire Police meeting and other local meetings
- Funeral of Chaplain Rodenburg.

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

1. Members 484
2. 2005 Paid 421
3. 2006 Paid 420
4. ID Cards 377
5. 24 Members in danger of being dropped.

Treasurer Hunt presented a written report of expenses. (Copy attached to Secretary's minutes.) Discussion was held about the expense and the conference. Lessons learned were:

- Donated money should be in hand before purchase of gifts
- Extra day should have extra cost.

Discussion was held regarding being fiscally responsible. Present expense requests first to the treasurer who will then discuss them with the finance committee.

Director Palmer moved, and Past Chief Billia seconded to accept the treasurers report. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

- Good and Welfare presented a written report which is attached to the Secretary's minutes.
- An update was given on the NYS Fire Council
- Discussion was held regarding the bulk mailing of the Conference Mailings and the desire to continue to send it out by that method.
- An updated Executive Board roster was handed out.
- The "Resolution for a Fellow Chaplain" booklet that is sent to the surviving family member of a deceased chaplain was passed around for review.

A motion to recess the meeting until the next morning was made by 1st Deputy Holst and seconded by Director Connaghan. Motion passed.

The meeting was resumed on Monday September 18 at FASNY headquarters at 9:15 a.m.

A prayer was given by Director Huling Hummel and the pledge was lead by Director Connaghan.

Committee Reports

Memorial: Past Chief Billia stated that he is seeking out a church in Montour Falls for the service.

Training: A proposed training agenda for the conference was presented. Negotiations with FASNY continue for LODD seminars. The committee is continuing toward arranging regional training on "New Chaplain Training" and "What is the Role of the Chaplain."

Program: Progress

Publicity: The display board has been repaired and will be at the Women Firefighters Conference in Montour Falls next weekend. Discussion was held regarding buying booth space at Fire Chiefs Conference next year. It was agreed to wait to the next meeting to discuss this idea.

Nominating Committee: Progress

Supplies: A written report was given by Director Newman, (Attached to Secretary's copy)

Discussion was held regarding the handbook and revising it. The following people were appointed as the Revision Committee:

Past Chief Billia, Chair
Director Hanly
1st Deputy Chief Holst
Past Chief Brennan
Secretary Hessel

A motion was made by Director Palmer and seconded by 1st Deputy Chief Holst to suspend any further printing of the hardbound manual. Motion passed.

By-Laws: 2 By-laws changes were presented to the committee for review. One concerned regional directors and the second was an addition to the order of business for meetings. The committee will make recommendations at the next meeting.

Old Business

1. A written report of expenses from the last conference was presented by Chief Miles (attached to Secretary's copy).
2. Training Tapes-A motion was made by Past Chief Billia and seconded by 1st Deputy Holst to give Past Chief Tobin until October 31 to make revisions to the third tape. If not accomplished, Past Chief Jagow will complete the project and present the final project at the next meeting. Motion passed.
3. Discussion was held regarding the NIMS Complaint proposal. It will be finalized by next meeting.
4. Bounce Check-A bounced dues check was discussed and Secretary Hessel will work on next step to collect the money.

New Business

1. A motion was made by Director Palmer and seconded by Past Chief Billia to accept the report of the Blue Ribbon Committee of the NYS Fire Council. This report will be presented to the gubernatorial candidates of both parties.
2. Chaplain Ballau had a request about having bodies removed faster at MVA's. The board consensus was this is a local matter and not a statewide issue.
3. An inquiry was made regarding updating the web page. The secretary confessed that he had not had time to make the updates, but will do so quickly.

4. A question was raised about spouses at the meeting. No real policy is printed, but generally meetings are for the Board only.
5. Upcoming BOD Meetings
 - i. February 11-12 @ Montour Falls
 - ii. April 24 @ Montour Falls Conference

Past Chief Billia moved and Director Huling Hummel seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. with a prayer lead by Past Chief Jagow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth N. Hessel,
Executive Secretary