

Fire Chaplains Conference – April 26, 2009 - Day 1 - Business Meeting

Present: Chief Holst, 1st Deputy Chief Foster, 2nd Deputy Chief Palmer, Treasurer Billia, Immediate Past Chief Miles, Directors: Fellows, Huling Hummel, Knowler, McGlooin, Miner, Newman, VanHouten, Past Chiefs: Bitsko, Carvalho, Michatek.

Absent: Director Connaghan, Secretary Hessel, Past Chiefs Bromfield, Jagow, Tobin

Past Chief Miles was appointed by Chief Holst to act as recording Secretary for the conference in the absence of Secretary Hessel.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Holst at 7:00 p.m. at the New York State Academy of Fire Science, Montour Falls, New York. 1st Deputy Chief Foster led us in the opening prayer. Past Chief Michatek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Past Chief Chaplain Bill Miles, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers as follows:

Chief Chaplains - 2009-2010 - Chief Chaplain Holst, 1st Deputy Foster, 2nd Deputy Palmer. Past Chief Miles asked if there were any other candidates interested in these positions. After asking three times, Past Chief Miles entertained a motion by Past Chief Ed Billia to accept the slate for election seconded by Chaplain Ted Duesler. The motion was carried unanimously.

Directors – Expire 2012 – Region 1 – South: Vacant, Region 2, Rev. Art Miner, At large – Rev. Cynthia Huling-Hummel. Each office was voted on separately with Past Chief Ed Billia making the motions to accept each candidate seconded by Chaplain Ted Duesler. Each nomination was approved unanimously.

Chief Holst asked the floor to appoint George Voigt, 4 Ronald Court, Nesconset, NY 11467 (631) 585-6735, interim director of the South Region until a candidate can be found for the position. The request was unanimously approved.

Past Chief Father Dan Bitsko installed the new officers to their respective positions.

CONFERENCE 2008 MINUTES - A motion was made by Chaplain Ted Duesler seconded by Chaplain Floyd Knowler to accept the minutes of the 2008 Conference that were mailed out. The motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS – Chief Chaplain Holst detailed his activities since our last meeting. 1st Deputy and 2nd Deputy gave reports as well. 2nd Deputy's report is attached to the Secretary's copy of the minutes. 1st Deputy reported that the display will be at the Fire Police, Fire Chiefs, and FASNY Conventions. She is looking for volunteers to help take care of the booth at those events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Memorial – Director Rev. Huling Hummel reported that the Memorial Service will take place Monday evening in Montour Falls. Details are in the conference agenda. Some changes had to

be made as some participants could not attend the conference at the last minute.

Training – Jim VanHouten reported that the training is scheduled and ready to go for the conference. Past Chief Jagow will be here Tuesday evening for his presentation.

Program – 1st Deputy Foster outlined her plans for Conference 2010 in Auburn, New York. More information will follow soon.

Publicity – Covered under 1st Deputy's report.

Supplies – Tim Newman gave an up to date accounting of supplies including the new manual and DVD's.

By-law Committee – By-Law committee chairman Franklin Knower presented all three by law changes for acceptance. A motion was made by Past Chief Dan Bitsko seconded Past Chief Ed Billia to accept the changes as recommended. The motion was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

FASNY Delegate – Sonny Cohen will be asked, once again, to be our delegate to the FASNY Convention in Niagara Falls. If Sonny is unable, Past Chief Miles volunteered as the convention is literally in his back yard.

Ad for NYS Drill & Parade Journal – Past Chief Ed Billia made a motion seconded by Past Chief Miles, to receive and file the request as it was felt that if we purchased one ad, then everyone will be hitting us for an ad in their programs. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by 2nd Deputy Chief Chaplain Ken Palmer, seconded by Director Art Miner to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Chief Chaplain Holst at 8:30 p.m. with the closing prayer by 2nd Deputy Chief Chaplain Ken Palmer.

Respectfully submitted,

Past Chief Chaplain William Miles

Fire Chaplains Conference – April 27, 2009 - Day 2

The conference began with devotions at the NYS Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls under the direction of Director Curt Meyerhoefer.

Under the direction of The Revs. Leon Van Wie and Thomas Margrave 65 chaplains and guests were taught “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Firefighters.” This training took place in both the morning and afternoon sessions of Monday and Tuesday. We thank the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs and a SAFER grant for the development and presentation of this program.

The evening began with a banquet at the Academy followed by the Memorial Service which was held at the First Baptist Church of Montour Falls Station with 2nd Deputy Ken Palmer as the preacher. The memorial list included:

Louis A. Evers		Flanders
Rev. John J. Steger	(Past Chief & Charter Member)	Gates-Chili
Mr. Emory E. Ford		Eden
Deacon Charles V. O’Connor		Taunton.

Fire Chaplains Conference-April 28, 2009 - Day 3

The day began with devotions lead by Chaplain Elaine Utech. Training continued with “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Firefighters.” An evening training was lead by Past Chief Wayne Jagow entitled “Devotion to Duty vs. Devotion in Duty.”

Fire Chaplains Conference-April 29, 2009 - Day 4

The conference concluded with Director Jim VanHouten leading morning devotions and then the Board of Directors held their meeting.