

New York State Association of Fire Chaplains
Board of Directors Meeting
February 7-8, 2010
Albany, NY

Present: Chief Foster, 1st Deputy Chief Palmer, 2nd Deputy Hanly, Secretary Hessel, Directors Connaghan, Fellows, Huling Hummel, Knowler, Miner, & Van Houten, & Ex-Chief Tobin.

Absent: Treasurer Billia (ex), Past Chief Miles (ex), Directors Meyerhoeffer (ex), McGloon, Newman (ex), Ex-Chiefs Bitsko (ex), Bromfield (ex), Carvalho (ex), Jagow (ex), & Michatek (ex).

The meeting was called to order by Chief Foster at 7:30 p.m. at Hampton Inn Conference Room in Albany. Chief Foster led the Board in prayer and Director Miner lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

1st Deputy Chief Palmer moved, and Director Huling Hummel seconded to accept the minutes of the September 28 meeting. Motion passed.

Reports

Chief Foster informed the board that she was present at the FASNY Legislative Meeting, a few funerals, a drowning in the district, a chemical suicide and 2 Fire Council meetings.

1st Deputy Chief Palmer stated that he was at a couple of funerals, a meeting with the Chiefs Council, and installation of officers.

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

1. Members 459
2. 2009 Paid 415
3. 2010 Paid 255

He also stated that he had a LODD in his department, was present at an installation, and a couple of memorial services.

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

Director Miner moved, and Director Huling Hummel 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.
- The Secretary announced his decision to step down as Executive Secretary as of the Annual Meeting and announced his candidacy for the position of 2nd Deputy Chief.

Director Reports

Connaghan – No report

Huling Hummel – She was present for a LODD, passed out info for National Disaster Interfaith Network, and stated she has a book coming out. She also had a question about the memorial service and whether we should have a guest speaker. The consensus of the board was to have an in house person as the preacher.

Region 2 – Knower – stated he was at FASNY Legislative meeting also.

Region 3 – Miner – written report.

Region 4 – Fellows – He is making contacts in the region and the Facebook group continues to grow.

Committee Reports

Program: 14 paid registrants to date with 5 wives coming. An agenda was discussed with events including an OFPC course, a tour of Auburn, a speaker on “Delivering Cultural Competent Care in a Diversified Culture,” regional caucuses and a talk on Autism.

Publicity: 2nd Deputy Chief Hanley moved and Director Miner seconded to purchase more pens.

A motion was made by Director Miner and seconded by Director Fellows to adjourn for the night. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at the same location at 9:07 a.m. with a prayer lead by Director Huling Hummel.

Director Van Houten presented a written report.

Training: New Chaplain Training will take place on Monday of the conference.

Nominating: The nominating committee presented the following slate of candidates but was not accepted at the meeting because all candidates were not contact.

Chief Chaplain- Rev. Barrie Lyn Foster

1st Deputy Chief- Mr. Kenneth Palmer

2nd Deputy Chief-Deacon James Hanly

-Rev. Ken Hessel

Directors: Term Expires 2013

Region 2 - East: Mr. Frank Knower

Region 6 - West: Mr. Tim Newman

At-Large: Rev. Hugh Connaghan

Supplies: A written report was presented. (Copy attached to Secretary's minutes).

By-Law: No report

NYS Fire Council: The council is continuing to work of a level of standards for firefighters and much discussion has been held regarding the new Fire Police course.

Old Business

Director Van Houten presented a booklet about the history of the New York State Association of Fire Chaplain, Inc.

New Business

1. A motion was made by Director Fellows and seconded by Director Miner to have a link to Voter registration on our web page. Motion passed.
2. Motion was made by Director Miner and seconded by 2nd Deputy Hanly to present a plaque to Noreen Holst in memory of past Chief Chaplain Rich Holst.
3. 1st Deputy Chief Palmer made a motion to donate to the Huntington Town Chiefs Council \$ 1,000 for a scholarship in memory of past Chief Chaplain Holst. Motion was seconded by 2nd Deputy Chief Hanly and motion passed.
4. Director Miner moved and Director Knower seconded to recommend to the members to make Chaplain Ann Cohen an Honorary Member. Motion passed.
5. A presentation was made by Director Fellows regarding National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD).

The board went into Executive session. Upon return to general session the following motions were transacted:

6. A motion was made by Director Huling Hummel and seconded by 2nd Deputy Hanly to refer Malone situation to Membership Committee. Motion passed.
7. 2nd Deputy Chief Hanly moved and Director Miner seconded to direct By-Law Committee to develop a process for removing members for just cause. Motion passed.
8. 1st Deputy Palmer moved and Director Miner seconded to direct By-Law Committee to clarify Membership Committee's responsibility. Motion passed.
9. Motion was made by 1st Deputy Chief Palmer and seconded by Director Knower to direct By-Law Committee to review By-Laws regarding Special Meeting and Election. Motion passed.
10. Motion was made by Director Fellows and seconded by Director Huling Hummel to have any application between now and any by-law change be reviewed by Membership Committee and further that the committee review Blue Mountain application. Motion passed.

Chief Chaplain Foster read correspondence received by her.

A motion was made by Director Fellows and seconded by Director Huling Hummel to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Upcoming Meeting

April 19 Auburn

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth N. Hessel,
Executive Secretary