

New York State Association of Fire Chaplains
Board of Directors Meeting
September 28, 2009
Montour Falls, NY

Present: Chief Foster, 1st Deputy Chief Palmer, 2nd Deputy Hanly, Secretary Hessel, Treasurer Billia, Directors Connaghan, Fellows, Huling Hummel, Knower, Meyerhoefer, Miner, McGloon, Newman, & Van Houten, Past Chief Miles, & Ex-Chief Bitsko, Michatek, and Tobin.

Absent: Ex-Chiefs Bromfield, Carvalho (ex), and Jagow (ex).

The meeting was called to order by Chief Foster at 8:04 a.m. at the Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls. First Deputy Chief Palmer led the board in prayer and Chief Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Past Chief Miles and seconded by Director Miner to appoint Rev. Kenneth Hessel and Deacon Ed Billia to the positions of Executive Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Motion passed.

A motion was made to appoint Chaplain Curt Meyerhoefer to fill the position of South Region Director. Motion passed.

Director Huling Hummel moved, and Director Miner seconded to accept the minutes of the April 29 meeting with the following correction:

The motion to produce 100 more minutes should include the phrase “and include the additional materials which will also be sent to those who have previously purchased manuals”. Motion passed.

Reports (all written reports attached to Secretary's minutes)

Chief Foster gave a verbal report summarizing her activities which included 3 funerals.

1st Deputy Chief Palmer gave a written report summarizing his activities which included meetings, memorial services, & funerals.

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

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| 1. Members | 452 |
| 2. 2008 Dues Paid | 427 |
| 3. 2009 Dues Paid | 397 |

Director Reports

1. Knower – written
2. Van Houton – FASNY & Orange County memorial services

3. Miner – written
4. Fellows – written
5. Connaghan – no report
6. Huling Hummel – led a 9/11 memorial service
7. McGlooin – lead a memorial service for county
8. Meyerhoefer – want to increase activities for region
9. Miles- now an Assistant Chaplain for City of Tonawanda
10. Newman – written

Treasurer Billia stated that there was \$ 26,537.04 in checking and 2 CD's with FASNY Credit Union worth \$ 24,000 and \$ 3,483. He also passed out forms for new signatures on the checking and savings accounts.

Past Chief Miles moved, and Director Huling Hummel seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

- Good and Welfare presented a written report.

2nd Deputy Chief Hanly moved and Past Chief Miles seconded to accept Secretary's report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Memorial: had a service last night and working on next year's service.

Training: discussion was held regarding New Chaplain Training.

Program: 2010 Conference will be April 18-21.

Publicity: The display stand was at FASNY and Fire Chiefs convention. Webpage continues to be updated.

Nominating: no report

Supplies: Copies of the Manual and DVD's were handed out.

Discussion was held regarding the manuals. A motion was made by 1st Deputy Palmer and seconded by 2nd Deputy Hanly to have additions online and in print if needed. Motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Past Chief Miles and seconded by Director Miner to add 2 LODD protocols from Walden and Dix Hill Fire Departments to the manual in future printings and to send to present purchasers these additions. Motion passed.

Motion made by Past Chief Miles and seconded by Director Miner to remove protocols from Federation of Fire Chaplains and National Fallen Firefighter Foundation. Motion withdrawn.

By-Law: No report

NYS Fire Council: A meeting was held on September 17.

Old Business

1. History discussion was held regarding the printing on the history. Director Van Houten will continue to work on completing the history.
2. 2011 Conference will be held in Montour Falls on May 1-4.

New Business

1. Past Chief Miles moved and Director Miner seconded to make a donation to the Huntington Manor Scholarship Fund for \$ 1,000 in memory of Chief Chaplain Rich Holst. Motion passed.
2. Discussion was held on Director's responsibilities and training.

Upcoming Meeting

Feb. 7-8, 2009 Albany

Director Huling Hummel moved and 1st Deputy Palmer seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. with a prayer led by 2nd Deputy Hanly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth N. Hessel,
Executive Secretary