

Union Center Fire Company
Monthly Business Meeting
October 5th, 2009

Treasurer's Report:

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Activity Checking	\$13,784.41	2% Money	\$6,736.20
General Checking	\$42,907.42	Activity	\$7,048.21
Total	\$56,691.83		

Report accepted by: C. Haight and Belensky

Bills and Communications:

- None

Board Communications:

- \$14,000 new quote received for the sign. We are asking the company for more specs so we know if that is the exact amount or if we would have to spend more money.
- Approval given for the purchase of a bookcase for the Chief's office.
- The new Chief's vehicle is complete. But they are waiting on invoices from GM before releasing it.
- Proposal received to implement an incentive program beginning in January 2010. We are to receive the final proposal in December 2009.
- There was an officers meeting held and this is what was brought to us from it:
 - * The membership committee will be given a packet to hand out to the new members
 - * The training hour requirement is going to be revamped as of January 2010. It will be made permanent in the BOG book. The consequences have not yet been determined and will be done at another officers meeting in the future.
 - * They are working on a mayday policy for us.
 - * Our application is going to be updated to have the social security number removed from the front.
 - * Beginning immediately, any new member will have a criminal background check performed.

Officer Report's

Chief:

- A BOG has been written for the response of the rehab trailer, it will be posted as well as in the book
- There was a proposal made at the Fire Chief's meeting in August regarding minimum staffing of apparatus. This was to be voted on at the last meeting but nothing has been heard yet. This really will not affect us because our requirements are higher than the proposed.

1st Assistant Chief:

- Regarding the fire on O'Day Drive, the owner uses Dura-Logs in the fireplace. Per their warning label, they should not be burned in an inserted fireplace. Use caution if burning them in your own home.
- Howell/Genesis training course was fantastic. Thank you to the Board for allowing that many people to go.

2nd Assistant Chief:

- Thank you to those who attended the crash course, and thank you to the Board for not restricting people.
- Thank you to those who responded to the O'Day Drive fire last night.

Day Captain:

- No Report

Night Captain:

- Good job to those who attended the crash course
- Thank you to those who have responded to the last few calls.

1st Lieutenant:

- No Report

2nd Lieutenant:

- Vacant

Fire Police Captain:

- No Report

Maintenance:

- Transmission leak was repaired on the Rescue from the Endicott fire.
- MARS light was repaired on the Engine.
- Deck gun was repaired on the Squad. Upgrades to it were done courtesy of TFT.
- Headlight issue cannot be duplicated on the Engine to fix it.
- Winter time is coming and the salt is going to fly. Please make sure to wash the rigs.

Air/Cascade:

- Booster was checked by SafeAir. They found no problems. It seems to have worked itself out.
- We are looking for 2 or 3 people interested in taking the SCBA maintenance class. 53B is going to check for dates.

EMS:

- Thank you to those who responded to the airport drill. I am sorry to the Tanker crew who had to sit in staging. The drill was very poorly planned.
- On Friday, October 16th, I am teaching CPR/AED training to 17 staff members of the Boswell Hill Christian Church. They are going to possibly make a donation to us for this.
- The Vital Signs conference is coming up in two weeks. It's going to be held in Rochester.
- There are low cost/free trainings available out there for EMS providers. You just have to look for them.
- The rehab trailer is equipped and ready to go. There are policies in place for its response.
- We are going to have a Saturday CPR class at the station. It will either be held in mid-November or December.

Training:

- On Wednesday 11/4 at 7 PM, there is going to be a class held at Endwell Station 1. It's called Leadership in the Fire Service. It's approximately 3 hours long. Please let 53B know if you would like to attend, we need to RSVP by 10/30.
- The New York State Association of Fire Chief's will be holding a training seminar on December 15th at 7 PM. It's called big city strategies and tactics for small town fire departments.
- The City of Binghamton will be holding a Respiratory protection program course on November 10th from 9 AM to 6 PM.

Safety:

- It's getting cold out. Please dress for the weather.

Fire Marshal:

- No Report

Committee Report's

Audit:

- No Report

Parade:

- No Report

Social:

- The Christmas party will be held on December 12th at Sons of Italy like last year.

By-Law:

- We are looking to rework the By-Laws. If anyone would like to help, please let N. Haight know.

Membership:

- No Report

Election of New Members:

- No Report

B.C. Fire Fighters Association:

- On Friday October 9th, there is going to be a memorial service held for those firemen who have died in the past year. It's going to be held in Aquaga.

Website:

- All is good

Retention/Recruiting:

- No Report

Business

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Dieffenbacher needs to be voted off probation
12 yes 0 no 0 abstain
- Hill looking to put his name up for the vacant Lieutenant spot for the remainder of the term.
12 yes 0 no 0 abstain
- M. Mason has requested a continuation of active membership. He has moved from the district.
12 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Attended: 14

Voting: 12

Minutes accepted by:

- Silvestri and K. Serowik

12 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Minutes by: Sulger

Meeting adjourned at 20:55