

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

October 5, 2015

PRESENT: M. Henry, B. Dieffenbacher, D. Dieffenbacher, F. Trzcinski, A. Silvestri, K. Battaglini, S. Bealo, A. Greenlee, J. Mann, J. Brown, D. Hoeflein, C. Hoyt, W. Miga, K. Greenlee, G. Greenlee, K. Miga, K. Hoyt, B. Polhamus, I. Espada

CALLED TO ORDER: 19:36

MINUTES FROM: 09/14 /2015 **ACCEPTED:** W. Miga, seconded by F. Trzcinski

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: \$14,762.96
General checking: \$3701.82

Activity: \$3181.30
2% Money: \$11,581.66

Thank you to K. Greenlee for notifying us that the Town of Union did not have our budget numbers. We have since straightened everything out.

Motion to accept: F. Trzcinski, seconded by G. Greenlee

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The family of Gwen Ellis sent us a thank you note for the sympathy floral arrangement.

We have a request from Lorrie Flannery who is the director at Wide Horizons Preschool in Maine. On 10/24/2015 they are doing a fundraiser event called "Nature Gone Wild." The theme is camping and they want to do a program on preventing forest fires, using Smokey. We are trying to get answers as to what she is looking for. If it is within the guidelines for what Smokey can do, we will need two people to do this; one to be Smokey and one to accompany Smokey as he can't go alone. We do not have a time yet; we are awaiting a response to our questions.

Three people have turned in training hardship letters for the third quarter, which require a membership vote for approval: M Belensky due to personal issues; M. Henry due to medical issues; K. Battaglini due to work.

M. Henry:

YES: 15

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 1

M. Belensky:

YES: 13

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 1

K. Battaglini:

YES: 16

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

We talked about the budget. We are moving money from Outlook to pay for the work on the parking lot that was done at Station 2 (covered by what we already approved). The maintenance estimates need to be carefully reviewed.

We appointed F. Trzcinski to meet with the training people to straighten out our roster so that we get the updated status of members for quarterly training hours (whether in good standing or not) so that we do not lose track of this. The status of the members will be reported at the monthly meeting each month.

You have to fill out training sheets for CentreLearn hours and turn them in to get credit for the time that you spend on CentreLearn training. A board member or a designated company member will need to print out the computer report for each member and place it in the personnel training folder at the end of the year. You will not get credit for the course if you do not pass the test.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- Bulbs for the Squad scene lights were delivered and they are in my truck. (Discussion regarding how the bulbs were already replaced with others that we already had, so now we have spares).
- Has someone fixed the door at Station 2 yet? It has been open for at least a couple of weeks and a maintenance request form was sent (Discussion regarding how the door has not been fixed yet).

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF: No report.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Ladders will be tested on 10/13/2015. There was a question about the 14-foot roof ladder with the bent rungs. Dick does not do repairs for that. We may need to send it out to be fixed. He will let me know what we need to do. F. Trzcinski will be helping me and we would welcome help from anyone else; let me know if you want to help. We just need the rigs moved from Station 1 to Station 2 and back again.
 - Question from C. Hoyt regarding hose testing: Did something change? Don't the hoses need to be put under pressure and then allowed to sit for a period

- of time? Because according to the people who were at hose testing, they did not sit under pressure according to the NFPA standards.
- J. Brown: They just sat as long as it took them to walk the length of the hose lines.
 - A. Silvestri: I was not there; I will call and ask as they have always done things correctly before.
 - C. Hoyt: If they just charged them, they need to come back and redo everything.
 - A. Silvestri: I will tell them that people were there and saw this happen.
 - C. Hoyt: This could be a new crew that was doing the work.
 - B. Dieffenbacher: What should people watch for?
 - A. Silvestri: Test under 250 pounds of pressure for 5 minutes.
 - B. Dieffenbacher: Should we put a list together of what to watch for during hose testing?
 - C. Hoyt: Look up NFPA hose testing protocol and that will tell you.
 - J. Brown: I am sure that it had something to do with them needing to be 1-1/2 hours away by 1:30.
 - W. Miga: How long do you think it took to walk the length of the hoses? Just so A. Silvestri has something to go by when he talks to them.
 - J. Brown: 1 minute to 90 seconds.
- The fall festival at the school will take place on 10/16/2015 from 6 to 8 p.m. Meet at Station 2 at 5:30. I have the trailer reserved. I would like to take a least one truck and get someone to be Smokey. Keep in mind that the children's parents live in our district. I am passing around a signup sheet. I would like to get at least 9 to 10 people. We could bring two trucks if we have the manpower. The more people, the better.

DAY CAPTAIN:

- I apologize for not having a report for the September meeting; I was not near a computer in order to send one.

NIGHT CAPTAIN: No report.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: No report.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: No report.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: No report.

EMS:

- There is a BLS protocol update that EMTs must complete by 10/31/2015. It is in the form of a webinar and will take about 1-1/2 hours to 2 hours to do. Contact me if you want to go over this or have any questions.
- Vital Signs, the New York State EMS Conference, will take place in Syracuse at the Oncenter on 10/21/2015 to 10/25/2015. Thursday and Friday are preconference programs and the main program will take place on Saturday and

Sunday. We are paying our own conference fees; the company is not covering this.

FIRE MARSHAL: No report.

SAFETY OFFICER: No report.

MAINTENANCE: No report.

AIR/CASCADE:

- There are 43 SCBA bottles up for hydro this month. The first set of 12 bottles was dropped off today. There are just enough spares in service to have 1 spare per pack. If anyone uses a bottle on a call or for training, it must be filled when done as there are no "extra" spares. The three spare packs at Station 2 are out of service as their bottles were put into rotation during testing. The Cascade was filled on Saturday, so it is ready to refill bottles.

TRAINING:

- I want to thank A. Silvestri and J. Brown for doing the last couple of Saturday trainings. I heard good reports. We will be doing another training schedule with Maine soon. Saturday training has been going great and people are learning a lot. If you want to do something special, talk to the training staff so we can plan for it. Thank you and be safe all.

HEALTH/SAFETY: No report.

AUDIT: No report.

PARADE:

- Johnson City and Endicott Christmas parades are coming up next month. I am not aware of any Halloween parades as of yet.

AUXILIARY:

- Trunk or Treat will take place on 10/25/2015 from 2 to 5 p.m. Please be there 15 to 20 minutes prior to the start of the event and park in the same spot as last year.

BYLAW: No report.

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

- Annual Memorial Service meeting will take place on 10/09/2015 at 19:00 at Port Crane.

WEBSITE: No report.

RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP:

- We will vote on A. Drake coming off probation tonight.
- Last month we got an application for Seth Knapp. We checked two references and are having difficulty connecting with the third, so his application is still being processed.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: None.

MEMBERS COMING OFF PROBATION:

- Adam Drake: Should A. Drake be released from probationary membership? All officer recommendations are favorable.

YES: 16

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

(**One member left the room prior to this and was not present for the vote.)

SUNSHINE:

- We sent a sympathy arrangement to the family of James Davis.
- We will send a sympathy card to Adrian Green, as his mother passed away.

OLD BUSINESS

We have not yet talked to our accountant about whether or not we can make donations to people or other organizations as per W. Miga's question last month.

Garage door at Station 2 was repaired.

NEW BUSINESS

W. Miga: We had a call at Maine Memorial a little over a week ago. The display on the alarm panel near the door was not working correctly. Letters were missing and you could not read the location. They are going to get that replaced. Meanwhile, in the boiler room there is another display with a good panel. Be aware that the one by the door probably will not give good information; go to the boiler room and look at that one. They have infrared sensors in the gym and the auditorium, so be aware of those. Because of construction they ended up redoing the locks on the doors. There is now a master key and a key fob in the Knox-Box. You need to grab both as some doors have a key fob and no lock or vice versa.

W. Miga: We made a couple of requests for bottled water for the Rescue and still do not have any. Who is taking care of that now? (K. Hoyt volunteered to get the water.)

W. Miga: Is there anything that we can do to for the EMS team to make things easier or help or encourage the members as there are a lot of scratched calls?

- S. Bealo: There are not a lot of us left to cover calls, especially during the day. We cleared N. Merianos to go on calls but I do not know if we cleared J. Jimenez

yet. Maybe we need to look at the type of calls and make arrangements or decisions regarding how we can handle them. I will have to think about this.

Thank you to K. Hoyt for preparing the delicious meal for us tonight.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: B. Polhamus

NUMBER ATTENDING: 19

VOTING: 17 (except for the probationary member vote when one member was not present; 16 members voted at that time).

TIME ADJORNED: 20:52

NEXT MEETING: 11/02/2015

Respectfully submitted by Assistant to the Secretary, *Karen S. Miga*