

New York State Association of Fire Chaplains
Board of Directors Meeting
February 10-11
Montour Falls, NY

Present: Chief Miles, 1st Deputy Chief Holst, 2nd Deputy Foster, Secretary Hessel, Directors Connaghan, Hanly, Knowler, McGloon, & Palmer, & Ex-Chief Michatek.

Absent: Treasurer Billia (ex), Past Chief Bitsko (ex), Directors Chapman, Huling Hummel (ex), Newman (ex), VanHouten (ex), Ex-Chiefs Bromfield, Carvalho (ex), Jagow (ex), Steger & Tobin.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Miles at 7:30 p.m. at the Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls. 2nd Deputy Chief Foster led the Board in prayer and Chief Miles lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Hanly moved, and 1st Deputy Holst seconded to accept the minutes of the September 16-17 meeting. Motion passed.

A motion was made by 1st Deputy Holst and seconded by Director Palmer to allow the two wives to stay for the meeting. Motion passed.

Reports

Chief Miles informed the board that he was present at the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial in MD and also at the Dedication of the Training Center in Montour Falls.

1st Deputy Chief Holst announced that the dates for the next conference are April 20-23, 2008 and presented the program and prices. A few details are yet to be finalized, but the mailing should go out by end of February. He also state he was at Chaplain Becker's wake.

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

1. Members 473
2. Life Members 276
3. 2007 Paid 266

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

1st Deputy Holst moved, and Director Hanly 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.
- 14 members were granted Life Member certificates.

- A motion was made by Director Palmer and seconded by Director Knower to recommend to the association Honorary Membership status to Rev. Cecil McFarland due to health concerns. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Memorial: Memorial Service will be at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Huntington on April 21st.

Training: no report.

Publicity: 2nd Deputy Foster reported that the parts needed to be replaced on the display stand are no longer available. She presented some options to replace the display stand with the purchase of a new one. The board will look at the options overnight.

Nominating: Past Chief Bitsko presented a written report with the following names for office:

Chief Chaplain-Mr. Richard Holst
 1st Deputy Chief-Rev. Barrie Lyn Foster
 2nd Deputy Chief-Deacon James Hanly

Directors: Term Expires 2011
 Region 4 Central: Rev. Bryan Chapman
 Region 5 West Central Mr. Don McGloon
 At-Large: Rev. James VanHouten

The Directors positions will be in the following cycle:

2009	2010	2011
At Large	At Large	At Large
Region 1-South	Region 2-East	Region 4-Central
Region 3-North	Region 6-West	Region 5-West Central

The meeting was adjourned for the evening at 8:35 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Miles at 8:50 a.m. Director Palmer led the Board in prayer and Chief Miles lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by 1st Deputy Holst to accept the report of the nominating committee and seconded by Director Palmer. Motion passed.

Supplies: A written inventory was presented by Director Newman. (Copy attached to Secretary’s minutes). Chief Miles will establish with Director Newman a tracking form for Supply deposits to better track deposits.

A motion was made by Director Palmer to accept the report Supply Committee and seconded by 1st Deputy Holst. Motion passed.

By-Law: No report

NYS Fire Council: The next meeting of the council will take place in March and will have a by-law revision discussed.

Old Business

1. Discussion was held regarding the proposed handbook revision. It was decided to send it back to committee to finish edits. It was suggested to do 3 things:
 - a. Format materials to same font and layout.
 - b. Include a Table of Contents and a tabbed format
 - c. Format to have both loose leaf version and CD version

A motion was made by Director Knower and seconded by 1st Deputy Holst to print 25 copies of current handbook to have available and to sell rest of covers and hardbound version economically so as to remove from inventory.

2. Discussion was held regarding regional meetings. It is urged to have every region to have a meeting by the end of March.
3. Training Tapes – Word was received from Past Chief Tobin that the training tapes will be finalized and available in DVD format for the conference.
4. Charter Members – It was discovered that in 1983, the association gave out Charter Member Certificates to 15 individuals. There was one name that was not included in the September 19, 2005 revision. A motion was made by 2nd Deputy Foster and seconded by Director Palmer to amend the list to include Rev. Harold F. Langley as a charter member. Motion passed.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the booths being set up at Chiefs, Fire Police, and FASNY. Publicity is working out the details.

Display Stand – A motion was made by Director Hanly and seconded by Knower to purchase a new display stand for \$ 975.00 plus shipping and handling to purchase a new one. If after seeing the display stand and it is not up to the standards of the committee, they have the option to upgrade to the next model for \$ 1,295 plus shipping and handling. Motion passed.

Upcoming Meeting

April 22-23

Huntington Station

Director Hanly moved and 1st Deputy Holst seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned with a prayer lead by Chief Miles.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth N. Hessel,
Executive Secretary