

New York State Association of Fire Chaplains
Board of Directors Meeting
April 22, 2008
Huntington Station, NY

Present: Chief Miles, 1st Deputy Chief Holst, 2nd Deputy Foster, Secretary Hessel, Treasurer Billia, Past Chief Bitsko, Directors Connaghan, Hanly, Knower, Newman, Palmer, & VanHouten & Ex-Chiefs Carvalho, Michatek & Tobin.

Absent: Directors Chapman, Huling Hummel (ex), McGloon, (ex), Ex-Chiefs Bromfield, (ex), & Jagow (ex).

The meeting was called to order by Chief Miles at 4:55 p.m. at the Huntington Country Inn in Huntington Station NY. Secretary Hessel led the Board in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for Past Chief and founding father Rev. John J. Steger.

Director Palmer moved, and Past Chief Bitsko seconded to accept the minutes of the February 10-11 meeting. Motion passed.

Reports

Chief Miles thanked everyone for their support over the last two years.

1st Deputy Chief Holst hoped that everyone was enjoying the conference.

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

1. Members 475
2. Life Members 282
3. 2008 Dues 352

Treasurer Billia presented a written report of expenses. (Copy attached to Secretary's minutes.) He also stated that he is working on the computer program from Gary Hunt.

Director Hanly moved, and 1st Deputy Holst seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

- 9 members were granted Life Member certificates after Past Chief Bitsko made a motion and Director Knower seconded it. Motion passed.
- A discussion was held regarding "What is a Life Member?" The by-laws committee was directed to look into the situation and recommend any changes, if any.
- Good and Welfare presented a written report which is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

- Discussion was held regarding the resignation of the Executive Secretary due to a possible move. It was decided to continue having Secretary Hessel as Executive Secretary until such a move takes place.

Committee Reports

Memorial: The Memorial Service went very well. There were a number of families who attended the service and then were invited to the dinner afterwards. In future years, the invitation to the service for the families will also include an invitation to the dinner.

Training:

- The committee will look at future training.
- New Chaplain Training will take place this evening after dinner.

The board took a break for dinner and resumed the meeting at 8:45 p.m. at the Huntington Manor Fire Department.

Publicity: 2nd Deputy Foster reported that the display stand has a new frame. The web page will also be updated following the conference.

Nominating: No report

Supplies: The final training CD was produced as a single unit. The other two tapes will be added to produce one training CD. The CD will be sold at the conference for \$ 12.00. A written inventory was presented by Director Newman. (Copy attached to Secretary's minutes).

A motion was made by 2nd Deputy Foster to give to the members of the New Training Class at this conference the tape free and seconded by 1st Deputy Holst. Motion passed.

Conference specials are the Manual Covers for \$1.00, hardbound Manuals for \$ 5.00 and the englossed note pad for \$ 15.00.

By-Law: No report

NYS Fire Council: Homeland Security recognizes the Fire Council as the lead agency for the fire service. The next meeting of the council will take place in May.

Old Business

1. A motion was made by 2nd Deputy Foster and seconded by Director Hanly to make the final edits and have revisions of the manual at the next meeting. Motion passed.
2. Regional Meetings.

- a. **Western:** The western region requested the training committee to prepare existing training programs for the regions and develop some new ones.
- b. **East:** The east region is looking to split the region into two sections for training.
- c. **North:** The north region will have a meeting on July 22nd.

New Business

FASNY – The board will seek names from the floor of the general meeting for delegates to the FASNY convention.

NYS AFC, Inc. – Ex-Chief Carvalho gave a history lesson regarding the incorporation status and encouraged the board to make continued use of the Inc.

Upcoming Meeting

September	Albany
February	Montour Falls

2nd Deputy Foster moved and 1st Deputy Holst seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned with a prayer lead by Director Connaghan at 10:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth N. Hessel,
Executive Secretary