

New York State Association of Fire Chaplains
Annual Membership Meeting
April 30, 2019
East Greenbush, NY

Minutes

Attendance: Chief Chaplain William Mayo, 1st Deputy Chief Leon VanWie, 2nd Deputy Chief With, Executive Secretary William Miles, Treasurer BarrieLyn Foster, Immediate Past Chief Van Houten, Directors: Flander, Little, Ruston. Past Chiefs: Billia, Carvalho, Jagow, & Palmer, Director Emeritus Lundy.

Absent: Directors: Bolster, Newman.

Excused: Directors Kennedy and Past Chiefs: Bitsko, Michatek, Tobin and Director Emeritus Don McGloon.

Guests at the meeting included spouses of members.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Chaplain Mayo at 9:30 a.m.
Chief Chaplain Mayo led the meeting with an opening prayer.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Floyd Nower.

Minutes of the Annual Conference, April 16, 2018, at Plainview FD, Plainview, NY, were distributed. A motion was made by Tom With to approve the minutes as distributed. Edward Billia seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

Reports of Officers

Chief Chaplain Mayo - Report submitted and on file.

1st Deputy Chief VanWie - Report submitted and on file

2nd Deputy With - Report submitted and on file

Treasurer Foster distributed her report which is on file with the Executive Secretary. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer Report as presented by Past Chief Billia, seconded by Steve Keller and carried unanimously.

Executive Secretary Miles reported the membership as of 4/30/2019 - 389 members in database.

Good & Welfare - Sharon Palmer submitted her report of cards that were mailed out (on file with the Secretary). She then offered her resignation and recommended that Virginia Miles take her position. Her resignation was accepted with regrets and Virginia Miles was appointed by Chief Chaplain Mayo to assume her duties.

All region Directors submitted their reports in writing to the Executive Secretary and gave a brief summary of their reports.

Committee Reports:

Conference/Memorial – 2nd Deputy Chief Chaplain reported that we had a great day at the Firemen’s Home on Monday 4/29 and that the annual memorial service was held the night before at the Firemen’s Home on the Hudson, Chapel. He thanked those who participated.

Training Committee – Chairman William Miles reported that he conducted new Chaplain training on Sunday evening 4/28/2019 (opening evening of the conference) and approximately 40 members attended the training.

Nominating Committee – Immediate Past Chief Jim Van Houten reported the nominating committee did not complete their report in time for mailing to the membership, therefore nominations would be taken from the floor for the following positions:

- a. Chief Chaplain - William Mayo (remains in position)
- b. 1st Deputy Chief – Rev. Leon VanWie (remains in position)
- c. 2nd Deputy Chief – Tom With
- d. Director - West – (currently held by Tim Newman)
- e. Director - South East – (currently held by Robert Ruston)
- f. Director - At Large – (currently held by Joe McCarthy)

The meeting was then turned over to Immediate Past Chief Jim Van Houten for the purpose of elections. Nominations were taken from the floor for:

- 1) 2nd Deputy Chief Chaplain – Ken Palmer nominated Tom With – There was no opposition
- 2) West Region Director
 - a) Steve Keller nominated Pat Vanderbeck
 - b) Ken Palmer nominated Tim Newman
- 3) South East Director
 - a) Ken Palmer nominated Robert Ruston
 - b) BarrieLyn Foster nominated Clarice Murphy
- 4) At Large Director – Pat Vanderbeck nominated Joe McCarthy. There was no opposition.

After much discussion, the election took place. The Executive Secretary then prepared ballots for the purpose of a written vote while each candidate was given 15 minutes to discuss their background and why they believed they should be the next Director from their region.

Executive Secretary Miles cast one ballot for Joe McCarthy for Director-at-Large and 2nd Deputy Chief Chaplain With as they both ran unopposed.

The written vote election results:

- a) Pat Vanderbeck was declared the winner for the West Region.

- b) The vote was declared a tie between Clarice Murphy and Robert Ruston. A second vote was then taken and Robert Ruston was declared the winner as Director of the South East Region.

A motion was made by Steve Keller, seconded by Past Chief Billia to destroy the ballots. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Secretary Miles, installed the new Officers to their respective positions.

Publicity Committee – Robert Ruston reported that the display booth would be at the Fire Districts Conference and the FASNY Convention. He is looking for people to help man the booths. We will also be at the State Fair, Firemen;s Day 8/27/2019.

Supplies – Director McCarthy reported that supplies would be for sale. Orders will be filled after the conference for items that aren't available.

Old Business – We will look into winter training opportunities for January 2020 at Montour falls.

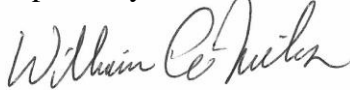
New Business – Chief Chaplain Mayo and 1st Deputy Chief VanWie were appointed FASNY delegates.

Next meeting of the Directors will be Monday, October 7, 2019, 7:00 pm, in Albany, in conjunction with the NYS Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

For the good of the organization – 1st Deputy Chief Chaplain VanWie led a discussion about Hepatitis B.

A motion made by 1st Deputy Chief Chaplain VanWie, Seconded by Director With, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am after the closing prayer by Rev. VanWie.

Respectfully submitted, October 7, 2019,



William A. Miles, Executive Secretary