Stratfield Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2017

Bring the Meeting to Order/Opening Notes

President Michael Farkas called the meeting to order at 20:10, beginning with a salute to the flag, with the following 13 members in attendance:

John Uhrynowski	Michele Brewster	Joseph Olzacki
Mike Trikonis	George Mulligan	Antonio Pontoriero
Mel Young	Jason Prevelige	Ricky Schede
Gary Oster	Elaine Cosgrove	
Brian Skelly	Billy Cosgrove	

A moment of silence was held for retired Fairfield FF Tommy Csizmadia who passed away since the last meeting.

Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Joseph Olzacki to waive the reading of last month's minutes. The motion was seconded by George Mulligan and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Elaine Cosgrove read the treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance: $17,223.24
Income Received: $5056.74
Bills Paid: $25.14
Net Balance: $22,727.84

ING $56,440.59 with $38.34 interest

Company net worth is $79,206.73

A motion was made by Jason Prevelige, to waive the Treasurer's report as read. The motion was seconded by Joseph Olzacki and passed unanimously.

Bills Payable

The Bills Payable were read by Treasurer Elaine Cosgrove:

Engine 3 House Fund $100
Jason Prevelige $119.88 for computer supplies
Billy Cosgrove $83.30 for thank you letter stamps

Total $303.18

A motion was made by Joseph Olzacki to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Michel Brewster and passed unanimously with 1 abstention by Jason Prevelige

New Members:

None in house tonight, there is one pending that is a referral from Ricky

Correspondence:

None other than some of the usual thank yous that come with plan and scope

Committee Reports

Plan & Scope Committee:

Cost $5,783.30
Deposit $19,378
Net $13,594.70

Every $50 or above thank you has been sent out, Elaine reports that she is working on how to do that for Paypal donations

Refreshment Committee:

Mike Farkas reports that our annual dinner and office installation will be the first Saturday in May, which is Saturday, May 6 at Vazzy's at Fairchild Wheeler

Dues are due, please pay them before the dinner.

Hospitality Committee:

Cards will be sent to the families of Donny Switzer and Tommy Czizmadia for their passings.

Membership Committee:

Joe Olzacki would like to having a meeting of the membership committee in the next couple of weeks at a time and date of convenience to those that will attend. Michele asked for it to not be a Tuesday. An email will go out to poll those that are interested. Brian, Tony, Ricky all expressed interest in participating.

Elaine has spoken with Steve from DoingItLLocal.com to obtain rates for social media advertising. Previously money was allocated for advertising, up to $500. It was discussed to try a month of advertising and see what comes of that.

Fundraising Committee:

Mike reports that the can and bottle drive is this Saturday. John has been organizing the cans and bottles and it should make for easy work. John reports that there is snow expected which may make for light work.

Recognition Committee:

Nothing to report

Equipment Committee:

The shop has repaired the two broken rocker switches in the center console of the truck.

Picnic Committee:

On the 16th at Station 4 at 7pm, the Picnic Committees of both Departments will meet to settle last year's numbers, and new planning will go from there.

Bylaw Committee:

Jason reports that the bylaws have been cleaned up and formatted, and made more web friendly with links within the document. He will clean up a printable version in the near future.

New Business:

Ricky is interested in attending small one day classes run by the CT Fire Academy, most are cheap and half day classes. If anyone is interested in joining him, please let him know.

Joe reports that last week there was a special meeting of the fire commission regarding a $200,000 special appropriation for a study on the firehouses and updating of existing buildings. He had previously gone to the Board of Selectman who wanted to know if the Board of Fire Commissioners had approved of it, which they had not. The end result was that the Commission approved 4-3 of the request. It then went to the Board of Selectmen the next day, they took no action. They feel that they need an opinion from the Town Fiscal Officer first, as they want to bond the study.

Jason motioned to pay up to $700 to cover up to half the cost of FF1 for Mel Young. It was seconded by Joseph Olzacki and approved unanimously.

Training

Cold Water Rescue Training tentatively scheduled for February 25th pending instructor availability.

Fire Report

Nothing to report

Chief's Report

Computer access has been created for all members, the username is .\jsmith (first initial last name) and the password is Rescue15 and you will be prompted to create a new password at that time. The old computer continues to have the same access as before. The printer is currently hooked up to the new computer but can be moved as necessary. Old files have been moved to the new computer and the

CPR Cards have arrived and are in everyone's mailbox

As a reminder the Fairfield Road Races are June 24 & 25

Closing

A motion was made to adjourn by Joseph Olzacki and was seconded by Billy Cosgrove. President Michael Farkas adjourned the meeting at 21:01.

Submitted By:
Jason Prevelige
Chief