

MINUTES OF THE 826th CORPORATION MEETING, May 14, 2012

President Sedlak called the meeting to order at 1930 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to accept the March 12, 2012 minutes. APPROVED

Roll Call – Present: 74, Excused: 26, Absent: 26.

Correspondence – Secretary Jean Barton

J. Barton presented thank you notes, donations, and other correspondence.

Highlights from April and May Directors Meetings – President Sedlak

- Changes to AOG AA-5
- Lifetime Member changes to by-laws to go to vote at corporate meeting.
- Resignation – Henry Gregoire
- Changes to AOG AA-2 Appeal Process
- Monthly and corporate dinners – No one stepped up to take over to cook so as of right now the family dinners are suspended and Jean Barton is looking into having different restaurants have their chefs come in and cook. We would supply the food and they could use the kitchen.
- Capital budget - \$200K towards engine

By-Laws Lifetime Member changes

- After some discussion by the membership present on a motion from Jim Keith and seconded by George DeFranzo the membership unanimously voted to keep the by-law as is for now and the membership can submit their ideas to the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sue Jansen

- Budget reports - no questions from the membership regarding the current budget reports.

Town Representative- Dave Bourgard

Neighborhood Grant:

- Obtaining quotes for lighting at Companies 2 & 4.
- Obtaining quotes to finish some things at Company 3

Chief's Report – Chief Mike Trick

- Lawrence Ave. Kitchen Fire – All responders did an excellent job.
- Avon Day – The department will do a vehicle extraction demonstration along with letting citizens take a ride in Ladder 12's bucket and a raffle for a student to be driven to school in a fire truck.
- Avon Road Race – They need 2 fire police and 2 EMT's. May 20th 7:30 am till 12:00 noon. If you can volunteer your time please contact Jen Reeser.
- Knox Box – Trying to get all commercial buildings to have Knox boxes. Don't know how successful this will be.
- Tonight we are having pictures taken for new accountability tags. We are going to a two tag system. One will be kept at the apparatus and one will be at the door of the incident.

Assistant Chief's Report – Chief Trick for AV2

- Need volunteers to bring apparatus to a fair at Roaring Brook School to benefit a paraplegic student.
- Hose testing will be done next week. The ground ladders will also be tested.

Assistant Chief's Report – Chief Trick for AV3

- There will be a live burn in Simsbury
- If any member is interested in the June school please get your paperwork in to Assistant Chief Kunzelmann as soon as possible.
- Letter for those members needing physicals will be going out.
- Company 3 is in the lead for the training award.
- The following members received certificates for training classes they attended.
 - Matt Caron – Q Endorsement
 - Aaron Gelber – Firefighter II Q Endorsement
 - Jeremy Kaswer – Intro to the Incident Command System for Healthcare/Hospitals, Apply ICS to Healthcare Organizations, National Incident Management System (NIMS) an introduction, National Response Framework an introduction and CPR & AED.
 - Theresa Keefe – Firefighter I & II, Hazmat/WMD-Awareness/Operational.
 - Thomas Kline – Aerial Operator.
 - Thomas Longworth – Firefighter I & II, Hazmat/WDH-Awareness/Operational, Q Endorsement.
 - Steven Matters – National Incident Management System (NIMS) an introduction, Hazmat Awareness, Introduction to Incident Command System.
 - Mike Nolan – CPR & AED
 - Matt Polesel – Command and Control of Maydays for the Incident Commander, Urban Essentials, RIT Combat Drills, RIT Operations: Are we making a difference?, Training Warriors to Succeed Under Fire, Drills and Tips for Company Officers.
 - Jennifer Reeser-Welles – Q Endorsement
 - Thomas Reller – Firefighter II, Fire Instructor 1 and Q Endorsement.
 - John Ryan – IAFF/IAFC Wellness-Fitness Initiative: Implementation, Making Good Instructors Better, Reading Buildings: Street Skills for Better Size-Up, RIT Combat Drills, Urban Essentials, Drills and Tips for Company Officers, Firehouse Excellence Searching Smarter: Oriented Search.
 - Richard Shillington – Q Endorsement
 - Rick Solari – Command and Control of Maydays for the Incident Commander
 - Jesseca Wernikoff – Q Endorsement
 - Chris Wojciechowski – Firefighter I & II, Hazmat/WMD-Awareness/Operational, Q Endorsement

Fire Marshal Report – James DiPace

- Recruitment and Retention meeting will be Tuesday May 15 at 7:30 at Company 1
- Amici Fire – 6 year old girl started the fire in the ladies room. Amici had a candle burning in there and the little girl put a shredded paper towel in the candle.
- Avon Old Farms School will be doing work on the Eagle Dorm this summer there will be quite a bit of gutting and sanding.
- Magnet School on Security Dr. will be under construction. The only alarm system that will be connected is the water flow alarm. All others have been disconnected.

Company 3

- Need work party for Saturday to wash the tanker for the Collinsville parade.

Communications – Captain Kline

- There are problems with the west end repeaters. We are hoping to get this resolved.

Personnel:

The following Probationary Member was sworn in as a Regular Member:

- Katherine Matousek took the Oath of Membership

The following are new Probationary Members:

- Steve Matters – Company 1
- Jason Ronan – Company 1
- Jeremy Kaswer – Company 3
- Ethan Pardee – Company 3

Committee Reports:

- **Fundraising – Dennis Bianchi**
 - Fundraising letters are all printed and ready for labels and postage. Will be doing a work party on Wednesday May 23rd at Company 1 6:00 pm. Please let Dennis know if you can help. The names of the donors will be published in the papers. Project goal is \$30,000 after expenses which were \$2,600 for printing, about \$3,000 for postage and around \$100 for labels. Need to have publicity before the letters go out.
 - Fill A Helmet – June 6th at Colony Grill from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Colony Grill will donate 20% of total food and drinks. Need to have volunteers to be servers and maybe someone to bring a truck or Ladder 12 to park outside. Please put your name on the paper that is being passed around if you can help. Need to have publicity before the date of this event
 - Avon Day – The car extraction will be on the basketball court at Thompson Brook School. There will be plywood and a plastic tarp under the car. The trucks are not allowed on the court. Rides in the bucket of ladder 12 and a raffle for a child to get a ride to school on a fire truck.
 - MDA Collection – Looking for volunteers to help fill the boot for MDA on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend on West Avon Rd., in front of Company 3
 - Food Drive – Will be June 16th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Stop and Shop. Joe Kuzma will be sending out an email with more information.

Jean Barton told the members that if they need anything before the Collinsville Jamboree Parade to give her a call not to email her and she will try to get what they need to them.

Feasibility Study: Peter Buonome

- Peter addressed the membership to explain that he will be conducting interviews of members to get the pulse of the department so that he can help the department do a feasibility study to give to the town. This study will help the town and department to see what will be needed in the future. All members will have a chance to share concerns and ideas. Peter will meet with every company so that it will be easier to get everyone's ideas and opinions. *(Mike Farrell suggested that the Board get the Planning Committee active again).*

New Business:

- Mike Farrell made a suggestion that the department get Harvey Reeser something for all his years cooking for the department. The President said that something would be done at the Awards dinner.
- Mel Gugliotti asked to address the membership. After she addressed the membership she made the following motion: I would like to make a motion that would potentially bring back the voice to the membership. With the intention of not letting just anyone with a small complaint take up a huge amount of volunteer time, but rather when something bigger that is a concern to many like, to use myself as an example, when my having anything to do with the chief selection process was a concern... *(After some members asked her to state the motion again because they did not understand it she stated the following):* I make a motion that for lack of a better word, I will call Shenanigans. If 20 or more members (approximately 1/3 of a normal corporation meeting), by show of hands or secret ballot at a meeting, or by petition in times between meetings, feel that

something just isn't right, they can call Shenanigans which would force the issue to be discussed and voted on by the membership at the next corporation meeting or a special meeting if deemed necessary. At a minimum I would like to see a membership selected group to look into returning the voice to the members – finding a way for those who may not have the loudest voice to be heard. Jason Mickus seconded this motion. After a lengthy discussion a vote was taken with the following results: For 32, Abstentions 22. Vote was not passed. Needed 33 yeah votes to pass the motion. After more discussion and with a question asked about Robert's Rules definition of what an abstained vote means (*it was looked up and found that if any one abstains than that is considered a no vote*). Aaron Gelber made a motion to take another vote on Mel Gugliotti's motion because maybe some members that abstained would like to change their vote now that they know what abstaining means. Tom Longworth seconded. This vote showed 22 for a revote. This motion did not pass.

Chief Mike Trick presented the Chief Challenge Coin Award to Cameron Metz for his demonstration as an Explorer and his devotion to duty during storm Alfred. He did a 28 hour standby, and responded by 39 calls for a total of 21 hours.

Pot O' Gold – Mike Kachmar \$10.00

Attendance – Gail Wernikoff \$10.00

Chili Gift Card – Katherine Matousek

Meeting Adjourned at 2210 (GB)