

MINUTES OF THE 859th CORPORATION MEETING January 8, 2018

Vice President Mike Galliher called the meeting to order at 19:33

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present: 64 Absent: 31

The 858th Corporation Meeting minutes was approved.

Correspondence – Lt. Jean Barton

- Thank You notes and donations were noted.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Kowalczyk (away) – Vice President Mike Galliher read the highlights

- Financial reports were out for the members to take and read.

Board Member Reports:

- John Ryan told the membership that he put out a survey in regard to the Annual Dinner just to ask if the members were satisfied with everything or if they feel changes or suggestions should be taken into consideration.
- There are signup sheets out in the foyer for multiple committees. Please sign up if you are interested in helping with any committee.
- Matt Polesel informed the membership that the Board is looking into working with Dollar for Scholars to have an AVFD scholarship at the high school. The committee is being formed to look into how this can be done and what the criteria and amount for the scholarship should be. If interested please see Matt after the meeting and sign up on the sheet in the foyer.
- Matt told the membership that there is a need for a Parade Drill Master. If anyone is interested in taking on this position please look in the Ops Manual in Chapter 13. Any questions please contact Matt,

Reaffirmation of the Oath of Office were taken.

Reaffirmation of the Oath of Membership were taken

AV1 Chief Michael Trick

- 5K race staff meeting will be held at Company 1 on January 16th at 7:00 pm.
- Laura Ward, Rob Shillington and Chief Trick are working on a new website that will be ready to go soon,
- Spin for Children's Cancer was held at Zoo Gym this past Saturday. We had 5 members and Matt Blum went later with his family.
- Thank you, John Ryan, for putting all the committee signup sheets together. To paraphrase Dennis Bianchi's remarks from a few month ago, "Get off your butts to help get things done."
- New physical program March 2018. Finalizing the move to UCONN for physicals. Looking into getting Life Scan program for the department. This company does everything that NFPA requires and much more. Went to an informational presentation on what they offer fire departments.
- New contamination program will be up and running in the next few weeks.
- Engine 7 and 11 have clean exhaust systems so they do not need to be connected to the exhaust system.

AV4 Assistant Chief Speich – Chief Trick presented the report

- Fire Officer 1 is underway, it is being held at Company 1.
- Next week starts the annual hazmat refresher here for all companies. We will be splitting the practical between two nights.
- Six of our officers will be attending the CT Fire Officer's Weekend at the National Fire Academy in March.

- Assistant Chief Speich will be sending out a link for a short survey. The survey will allow us (the board and officers) to see how we are doing. It is 10 questions and he hope everyone can take 10 minutes and participate. This is the first step of a multi stepped process to gather information from our members.

AV2 Assistant Chief Bruce Appell

- Truck 17 has been assigned to the Fire Police
- Truck 18 is back for the training division.
- New Truck 6 chassis is in body to be shipped around January 15th. Hoping to get the new truck by late February or early March.
- Company 4 update – work is progressing.

AV 3 Assistant Chief Tom Kline

- Farmington Woods guard shack is not manned from 11:00 pm till 7:am, if you have to respond you can use the yelp siren, but we have key cards for all apparatus. Assistant Chief Kline will give the key cards to the Captains.

AV-20: Jamie DiPace

- Peter Buonome and Jamie DiPace went to a meeting of the Connecticut Fire/EMS Caucus with some of the State Legislators. Jamie is hoping more legislators get involved with this caucus.
- The law governing LOSAP has been changed to increase funding from \$3,000 up to \$6,000. Jamie will talk to Bud about this change.
- New business is going in at 50 Tower Lane. The sprinkler system is not on at this location. The new business is a high-tech company. They are going to use storage containers and pods as their offices and research and development.
- Avon Old Farms School will be doing renovations to their ice rink and kitchen. The old kitchen is totally gutted and they have a trailer set up as their kitchen.

AV21 Captain David Bourgoin

- Nick Shillington has taken a career firefighter position in Lewiston, Maine. Good luck to him.

AV 22 Captain Ramona Mansfield

- Happy Birthday Captain Gelber.

AV-23 Captain David Theriault

- Welcome to Mike and Maggie Light. New members of Company 3 and thank you.

AV-24 Captain Aaron Gelber

- Recruitment and Retention Committee will meet after this meeting.

Medical Officer – Captain Adam Corrado

- Annual Blood Drive – March 30th. Good Friday. Katherine Matousek will be spear heading this. If you would like to help out please contact her.
- There is now a Health and Wellness tab on the department's website. Check that out.
- Lt. Gina Kline made a dashboard of her times for PPQ. If you would like one she told Captain Corrado that she would be happy to set one up for any member.
- Did a presentation on Cancer in Career and Volunteer Fire Departments so that membership has a better idea of the dangers before the Cancer Initiative Program is rolled out.

Committee Reports:

- **75th Anniversary-Captain David Theriault:**
 - Saturday, January 13, 2018 will be our first event. It will be held at the Avon Library. It will be a panel consisting of all Chiefs, Fire Marshal, President and Fire Prevention.
 - Irregular's dinner meeting and dinner will be held on January 17th at Company 1.
 - Ad book ads have to be in no later than February 2nd.
- **Parade Color Guard – Captain David Bourgoin**
 - Captain Bourgoin will be heading the color guard. If there is anyone who is interested in being a part of it please see him after the meeting.
- **SCBA- Frank Lupis:**
 - On January 18th a representative from MSA will come to the SCBA committee to present their product for the committee's consideration.
- **Clambake- Casey McDermott**
 - Considering doing lunch with kids and dinner adults only. Please let Casey know your thoughts on this,
- **Dress Uniforms – Jean Barton**
 - Anyone who has a single-breasted dress uniform please contact her.
- **Kitchen Committee- Tad Green**
 - Maggie and Mike Light are on the committee and if you sign up for the committee you will be contact when needed.

Unfinished Business:

- By-Laws Article III Revision - Chief Mike Trick made a motion to accept the changes for Article III as revised with Jack McGuire seconding. Vote was taken. 48 approved with no objections.

Good & Welfare: Please signup if you are interested in this committee.

Pot O' Gold – \$3.55 Greg Marcotte

Attendance - \$10.00 Steve McMahan

Meeting adjourned at 22:15 (GB)