

# Onondaga County Volunteer Firemen's Association

Monthly Meeting - **February 17, 2021**

## **Present:**

Mike Block, Mike Caron, Tom Czajak, Warren Darby, Rick Nemier, Ben Page, Jennifer Riddle, John Roder, Judy Strazzere, April Thomas, Marty Thomas, Steve Yaciuk, Luna.

**Excused:** Jeff Barzee, Floyd Duger, Bill Harris, Marissa Wick.

The meeting was called to order by President Marty Pine at 7:30 at the Nedrow Fire House.

The Pledge was led by Sgt of Arms Marty Thomas

The Prayer was led by PP Gordy Kotars.

Quorum: no 20

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Ben Page and second by Tom Czajak and carried.

State Chiefs: Email was received that the conference in June has postponed till July 14-17 at the Oncenter in Syracuse.

CNYFA: Gordy Kotars reported the 147th Convention at Owego is July 8-11, 2021. Go to [cnyfa.com](http://cnyfa.com) for the schedule. Everything is free except the Golf Tournament and 1 dinner. [owegohoseteam.com](http://owegohoseteam.com)

Next meeting is at Bridgeport April 17 for both organizations and there will be a zoom backup. There will be a new slate of officers. President is to step down and Marty Pine will stay as Asst Treasurer.

Northern Central: next meeting is this Sunday (2/28/21) at 1pm by zoom. Let Gordy Kotars if you would like to attend so he can send you the link

The convention is June 4-5 at Rushford. Gordy Kotars is on the Executive Board. They are trying to get younger people to join.

Award committee is also thinking of a Civilian award of the Year. A Phoenix FD Fireman is on the list.

NYSFair is still in limbo. A letter is going out to see if the Departments are coming back. Need to be filled Thank You for your help.

FASNY: Convention is in West Chester. No meetings, no contracts for hotels as they are under construction.

## **Training & Education:**

- Conference 7:30-8, March 10 House Firefacts,
- April 24 Propane at Sylvan Beach, May 22 at Aurelius for propane, Flashover simulator at convention, Back to Basics at Fairmount 11/6-11/7. Register online.  
Road show at Clay, use webinar series.
- National VFA: Sharon Barrett of Cicero is doing zoom training, etc. Money goes in the Scholarship fund.

**Home:** Marty Thomas reported there are 57 at the Home, 1 in the hospital, 2 to be admitted, 59 members, 82 staff and all are covid vaccinated.

**Lots of activities.** Barb Pienkowski does a zoom with Dick Weslowski every couple weeks. If you would like to join please contact Barb.

## Treasurer's report: January 2021

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Checking \$17759.27	Savings \$2003.27	\$19762.54
Vehicles 4 CD's	\$50000.00	\$69762.54
Scholarships ck \$1736.88	Savings \$55.95	\$1792.83
" CD'S	\$20000.00	\$91555.83

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mike Andrews and Seconded by Warren Darby and carried.

Audit at Nedrow: Dues accountability

Audit for Taxes: In March an appointment will be made.

County check: \$15000.00 received and to be put in the savings account. Working on 2020 and monies for 2021 in counties budget.

### Committee Reports:

- Benefits: Nothing
- Awards: working on it
- Sports: Nothing
- Fundraising: ahead of last year
- Golf Tournament: June 6 at Pompey Golf Club. Hole Sponsorship is \$50.00 Information on Website.
- Membership: 47 departments, \$5052.00
- Memorial Service: May16 at Nedrow
- Pub Ed: Update hopefully in March, Firehouse Foundation for trailer, Gifford Foundation turned us down. Federal Grant-FEMA education due next Friday (3/5/21)
- Scholarships due May 15 to Mike Caron
- Steering Committee endorsed Mike Caron for 5 year Directorship. Letter also for Marty Pine for Asst Treasurer.
- Training in March.
- Truck: If you know of a dealership, let either Rick Nemier, Tom Czajak, or Marty Pine know please.

### Old Business:

March for Budget reading.

Youth has no one yet, June 1 Youth of the year Deadline. Jennifer Riddle to check with Moyers Corners if they have old plaque. Update Website for meeting.

FASNY doing a letter to registration.

### New Business:

Marty Pine to go to Owego to represent OCVFA. Board of Directors. Also Donation for their Golf Tournament.

### Good and welfare:

Thank you from Gordy Kotars, Dave VanSlyke, and Ron Forss.

Warren Darby said Kimmy Darby was to receive her shot on Saturday (2/27/21)

A motion by Mike Andrews and seconded by Steve Kay to have the April Meeting in Tully with 25 people or less. Motion was carried.

A motion by Ben Page and seconded by Dave VanSlyke to adjourn at 8:28pm. Motion carried.

Judy Strazzere  
OCVFA Secretary