

March 15, 2023 Monthly Meeting Warners Memphis Fire Department

Present: Jeff Barzee, Mike Block, Mike Caron, Tom Czajak, Warren Darby, Floyd Duger, Joe Nemier, Rick Nemier, Ben Page, Marty Pine, John Roder, Judy Strazzere, April Thomas, Marty Thomas.

Excused: Ron Forss, Dave Steinberg, Marissa Wick.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Marty Pine.

The Pledge was led by Sgt at Arms Marty Thomas.

The prayer was led by Chaplain Floyd Duger.

The Welcome was done by Chief Mike Knowlton.

The Response was done by PP Mike Caron. He thanked the Department for a great meal and Hospitality.

Quorum: Yes

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Rick Nemier and second by John Roder. Gordy Kotars opposed them.

Speaker: No

County Chiefs: Jon Barrett reported that Round table and meetings are on site March 29 at Howlett Hill at 6:30 & 7:00pm. 30 minutes will be set aside for the Jr. Firefighters.

State Chiefs: Rick Nemier reported that everything is ready to go for the Pub Ed Conference. Speakers and classes are already. Same Department will be able to use the same room unless you are alone and then it will be a separate room. The Conference is scheduled for June 16-17, 2023 at the OnCenter. Training will be done at the Syracuse Training Center. The Meeting for the Chair and Vice Chair will be March 25 at Albany.

Fire Advisory Board: Rick Nemier reported the Mutual Aid Plan was 12-15 pages for Onondaga County and Monroe County was 70 pages and we are now at 61 pages. Fighting between Departments and Box Alarms should go to Jerry Payne and he will take it from there. Equipment names are all going to be different county wide. Accountability tags will be a 2 tag system and be put in the Mutual Aid Plan. Some departments follow it and some not at all.

Central: Gordy Kotars reported the next meeting is April 22, 2023. It will be a joint Auxiliary and Central at 11:00am at Homer Fire Department. There will be a lot of discussion about the Convention which is July 21-23, 2023.

Northern Central: Marty Thomas reported it will be April 16th at Nedrow Fire Department.

NY State Fair: The committee sent out letters to see if departments are coming back to work the booth. If you are please get back to Marty Pine ASAP. Gordy Kotars said Jerry Payne needs to get out of county. The next meeting is April 26 at 1:00pm at Nedrow Fire House. Dee Spraker to send letters to the State Coordinators.

FASNY: Emails from FASNY about the Awards were sent out. The last day for the scholarships and awards was today (3/15). Recruit New York is April 22-23, 2023. They are doing something with a race car and going to a race. The Cadet program at OCS High School is for 13-18 year olds. There will be different operations and hands on in different areas. They are doing the moving of a Downed Firefighter at Virgin Fire Department in Genesee County. Different classes are found on the website including an active shooter. The convention is August 10-11 at Niagara Falls, Old Forge is in September. Jon Barrett to go to Troy March 26 for the chili cook off.

Youth: Steve Kay reported that the committee will try to get youth (1-2 from each section) to lead the Junior group. Anyone in our county who wants do it let Steve Kay Know. Any applications to Jeff Geer or Steve Kay by June 1.

Homes for Heros Website: Benefits are on the Website. To buy a house and get a discount you have to be contacted by a realator. They can reach out to any 1st responders.

Marty Thomas reported the Home has 80 members with 9 beds available and 5 applications waiting to be evaluated. 1 positive case of Covid but they are Health Department compliant. Activities are continuing.

Treasurers Report: Ben Page

Checking:	\$9605.65	Savings:	\$5000.69	Total:	\$14606.34
Income:	\$1046.00	Expences:	\$ 205.00		
Vehicle:	7 CD"s	\$91575.23			\$106181.57
Scholarships:	6 CD's	\$35598.95	Checking:	\$2327.29	\$ 37926.24
Total:					\$144107.81

A motion was made by Mike Caron and seconded by Joe Nemier to accept the Treasurers report. It was carried.

Budget for 2023-2024 was read for the second time by Warren Darby.

Communications were read by Secretary Judy Strazzere.

Committees:

County Awards: Nothing

Convention: Rick Nemier reported that Northern Central is June 9-10, 2023.

County Sports: Nothing

Fundraising: April Thomas reported for February we sent out 400 letters, 137 repeat donors with 27 returned for a total of \$775.00. So far for the year we are at \$11324.77 which is down \$400.00 from last year.

Golf Tournament: June 4, 2023 at Pompey Golf Club. Sign up for raffles and dinner. Kids graduating and going to college have till May 15, 2023 (deadline) for the scholarships. If you have any connections, get ahold of Mike Block.

Legislative: In November there were 9 recommendations and 4 of them have activity. New property tax exemption has passed. The town has to opt in with the assessors at any board meeting where the firefighter resides. Either passed already or in the process. The school will be largest with 10% off. FASNY has a \$200 Benefit and you are eligible for both. They are trying to go up to \$1000.00.

County Legislative Conversation: We are getting together March 22 at 6pm at Cicero to do the rap up of this meeting.

Membership: Judy Strazzere reported 41 Departments have paid dues for a total of \$3730.00.

Memorial Service: Judy Strazzere reported that it is May 18, 2023 and the coalition will help us.

Pub Ed: Mike Block reported it is available and requests are coming in so we can get the trailer out.

Scholarships: Mike Caron reported the deadline is May 15th and the applications are on the website. As long as it is postmarked by May 15th. There are 2 \$500.00 scholarships. The goal is to get \$100000.00 to fund more scholarships.

Steering: Marty Thomas is running for his 2nd 5 year term for the Home trustee. Central, Northern Central and FASNY Committees to get their candidate resumes to Rick Nemier. Also any OCVFA who want to run also get ahold of Rick Nemier.

125th Celebration: Tom Czajak is still waiting for Tom from Central. 130th for County will be at the 2024 Minoa Field days. There is a change of chair to Dave Matthews, Jr.

Believe 31 Gala: Steve Yaciuk reported the gala is March 18. There will be raffles. There is 3 awards. This organization is for any cancer or life threatening illness. Steve will be here in April and will have tickets available. John Abbott will be there. Warren Darby can get a ticket at the door.

Budget: Second reading was done by Warren Darby. Marty Pine stated that \$41000.00 is what the budget is for 2023-2024. The 3rd reading will be in April.

Old Business: Onondaga County has our \$15000.00 in receipts from last year. It is already in process. Last years was \$15000.00 plus \$3000.00 more from the year before for a total of \$18000.00. We will also receive \$15000.00 for this year.

Updated directories are available.

New Business:

Rick Nemier made a motion to pay \$45.00 for Warren Darby's ticket for the Gala. Ben Page seconded it and it was carried.

Mike Caron made a motion to buy a full page ad for Marty Thomas for \$75.00. Gordy Kotars seconded it. Money will come out of steering.

Madison County Banquet: May 5th at Theodore's in Canasota for \$30.00 each. Buy 1 get 1 was voted on and Rick Nemier made a motion for the directors to get ahead of Judy Strazzere by April 12th if you are going. Joe Nemier seconded it.

Marty and April Thomas were suppose to do Baldwinsville Red Jacket but it was cancelled. Marty Pine will do it when it is rescheduled.

1st Pitch: Waiting on the Insurance company to see if we can do it. Believe 31 is going to help us.

Good & Welfare: Warren Darby reported on Kimmy Darby's health since 2016. For her birthday last year, people donated \$731.00 for Bibles at \$5.00 each. Hoping for more Bibles in her name for her 50th Birthday.

Steve Kay: Nothing

50/50: \$33.00 was won by Bernie Stolusky.

Floral fund: \$27.00

Adjourn: A motion was made by Joe Nemier and seconded by April Thomas and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:17pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Judy Strazzere

Secretary