

September 20, 2023 Cicero Fire Department Monthly Meeting

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

Excused: Floyd Duger.

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 Jeff Barzee.

The Welcome was done by Cicero Chief Jon Barrett.

The Response was done by Past President Rick Nemier.

There was a quorum.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Harold Smith and seconded by Belle Brown and carried.

Education: The topic was mutual aid and it was done around the round table. A lot of good came out of this meeting. The next Round Table will be October 25th at LaFayette Fire Department and the next business meeting will be September 27th at Tully Fire Department.

Coalition: Jon Barrett reported that they met on Monday. The next coalition will be held January 27th, 2024 at Cicero Fire Department. Doors open at 7:30am. Registration is 7:30am-8:45am. Breakfast will be served from 8:00am-8:45am. Transition to the Main Topic at 9:00am. Deciding between 10 topics. 11:00am-11:30am will be questions and answer time. The Associations will cover the cost of the Breakfast. The Banquet for the County Chiefs is January 19, 2024. The next seminar is March 2, 2024.

State Chiefs: Rick Nemier reported the State Chiefs will meet September 22-23. The Pub Ed Conference will be held somewhere else as they are under construction. It will be in Buffalo on April 27, 2024 and East Syracuse on May 4, 2024. They had 200 people at the Academy before Covid hit. In 2026, we should be back at the Academy.

Advisory Board: Rick Nemier reported that there are concerns about the rough draft for the advisory board. It is not finished yet. The project has to go to different places. We need to work together. We are all in DANGER!

Central: Rick Nemier reported that everything went well. The Historian for Homer spoke. The next quarterly meeting will be at Hammondsport on Oct 21st.

Northern Central: Mike Caron reported the quarterly meeting was held in Penfield. Legislative update. None of the FASNY bills got through for the budget. The Senate and Assembly are looking into Bill Number's 55883 & A4970. County to ask Gary Poke of Fairmount to come to Elbridge's Meeting.

Steering: Dave Blair wants Mike Caron to be Chairman. The meeting went for 2 hours. 2 applicants to come in and do their presentations. Mike Caron is running for 2nd Vice President of FASNY with Northern Central endorsing him. The convention will be August 8-10, 2024. The next Northern Central meeting October 21 at Palmyra. We need to donate a \$25.00 basket.

FASNY: Mike Caron reported that they had a great time at the Convention. Jason Barry was named Fire Fighter of the Year.

Old Forge: Mike Caron reported that everyone did a great job. Volunteer Fire Fighters are saving the state \$3.8 billion by being volunteers. We need to keep the Volunteer Fire Service alive. Jon Barrett will be FASNY's Education & Training Chairman. This should open up some new opportunities to bring to Onondaga County.

Recruit & Retention: Rick Nemier reported at the Conversation on September 27th that 37 new recruits came by. There is also Cadet Programs available.

State Fair: Mike Caron reported that the State Fair went well.

Legislative Conversation will take place November 2 at Troy.

Home: Marty Thomas reported there are 88 residents at the Home. There is no covid, 3 male beds available and 9 applications being considered. They did a boat trip, ice cream, bicentennial, happy hour, etc. October 7 will be a corn hole tournament. Thank you for the county's support.

NYS Fair: Thank You from Marty Pine to everyone that helped out. We had a new department that helped. Labor Day was rough and the state helped us out. We need help in the store with Tina Cali. Attendance was down this year. The store made \$2800.00. There was some complaints that the new exhibit is boring. It is a work in progress with new stuff for the puppet show. Harold Smith is working with Taco Bell for coloring, etc. October 11, 2023 is the next Board Meeting to discuss the Insurance Liabilities.

Treasurers Report: Ben Page reported:

Expenses:	\$3847.00	Income:	\$8464.32	
Checking:	\$19438.96	Savings:	\$15004.14	\$34443.10
Vehicles:	7 CD's		\$101720.94	\$136164.04
Scholarships:	Checking: \$7002.90	6 CD's	\$35684.34	\$42687.24
Total Assets:				\$178851.28

Ron Forss made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Carl Aley and carried.

Communications: Thank you from Gordy Kotars

Banquets: Past President's banquet is December 13th. The Installation Banquet is September 21, 2024 at the Cicero Fire Department. It will be a clambake catered by John Abbott.

Northern Central Convention: Was held at Nedrow Fire Department. OCVFA sent them to the Syracuse Mets game.

Central Convention: Next year July 12-14, 2024 at the Jordan Elbridge Community Center in Jordan. The Old Timers Dinner will be at Hinsdale Fire Department and the games will be done at the Elbridge Fire Department.

125th Anniversary Convention: The Convention will be held on May 29, 2024 at the Minoa Fire Department. It will be in conjunction with the Minoa Fire Department's Annual Field Days. There should be about 40-50 people in attendance. Dave Matthews Jr. will get ahold of Marty Pine.

County Sports: Mike Block said there was nothing.

Fundraising: April Thomas reported that we are up \$5000.00 in the last 4 years. For July and August, we had 96 Donors for \$3051.00 which is down by \$301.00.

Golf Tournament: Mike Block reported that it was a huge success with \$5000.00 raised. We will have a meeting before the November meeting in Solvay Fire Department. We need more sponsors for next year's tournament which is June 2, 2024.

Legislative Meeting was in Troy but nothing was reported.

Membership: Nothing

Steering: Mike Caron is running for 2nd Vice President for FASNY. Rick Nemier said if anyone wants to run for a committee to contact him with your resume.

Training and Education: Nothing for October.

Old Business: Gordy Kotars reported on the saga of Art Hudson family. As of now, it still isn't resolved yet. Tomorrow at Noon, Spectrum will do a report on it. County wants letters to be sent to John Mannion for him to send out.

Website: It is stale.

Fire Fighter Day: Jeff Barzee thanked Jon Barrett and Joe Nemier for doing Fire Fighter Day at NBT Stadium. Joe Nemier is going to do an article for the State Fair for the magazine. The article has to be to Tom Rotheimer by October 1st.

Safety Trailer: Mike Block reported that you can help and be involved at any time.

New Business:

Believe 31: Steve Yaciuk reported that Believe 31's annual event will be March 23, 2024 at Thiadores. They need sponsors. There will be a meeting at the Museum on Wolf Street in Syracuse. Any donations will be accepted. Ben Page said Thank You. Steve Yaciuk retired from the club.

Thinking of you card: Marilyn Card.

Printer: Judy Strazzere needs a new printer. Rick Nemier made a motion to spend no more than \$500.00 for one on Amazon. It was seconded by Joe Nemier and carried.

Sympathy card: Mary Thurston Passed away.

New Banner: Look into purchasing a new one.

Bowling Tournament: No one wants to do it.

Parades: We need 2 judges.

May Membership Meeting: We are going to change the May Membership Meeting to our Convention meeting on May 29, 2024 at Minoa Fire Department. We will combine Mays and Junes meetings to May 29, 2024. Mike Caron made a motion and it was seconded by Carl Aley and carried.

Happy Birthday to Rick Nemier!!!

Otisco Fire Department has a Pancake Breakfast on October 1, 2023.

Good and Welfare: Floral Fund was \$86.25 and the 50/50 was \$60.00 each and was won by Dave Blair.

A motion was made by Frank Speziale and seconded by Bobby Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm and was carried.

Submitted by:

Judy Strazzere

OCVFA Secretary