

SPBFA
December 2024 Association Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2024

President Stew Bell called the meeting to order @ 7 pm.

Sgt.-At-Arms John Wise conducted the Pledge of Allegiance, and read the fire duty list.

Recording Secretary Bill Kraemer read the minutes of the last Association Meeting and Advisory Board Meeting.

Jon Paul Penner read the Treasurer's Report for the month. Motion by Jim Turner to accept the Treasurer's Report. 2nd by Scott Harris - carried.

Chaplain's Report - Chaplain Jim Rehbach mentioned:

- a) Past Chief and current Chaplain Bill Doran spent 10 days at RGH for breathing troubles. He had several procedures to take the fluid out of his lungs. He is recovering at home. His wife Sandy is especially appreciative of the many phone calls they have gotten over these past few weeks from his "FD" family.
- b) Past Chief Johnny Oldenburg has issues with AFIB. He is on a restrictive diet, and he doesn't get out much, due to the swelling in his feet. He is scheduled for an ablation procedure on his heart, but not until February. He says that he is "hanging in there".
- c) On behalf of your Chaplain's team, I would like to wish all of you and your families a happy, safe, and healthy holiday season!

By-Laws - JP said that the next meeting will be on Jan. 15th @ 6:30 pm.

Audit - Pete Skelton said that all the bills were reviewed and are in good order.

Fund Drive - Joe DeMart said that the 2nd mailing is coming in. They are looking for help. Also, they will be having an upcoming *Accelerated Mailing Company* meeting.

Finance and Budget - Jon Paul gave the final 2024 Budget presentation.

There was a written ballot vote for the Budget: 31 YES; 0 NO - passed.

There was a written ballot vote for a Funeral Assistance increase from \$6,000 to \$7,000. 31 YES; 0 NO - passed.

Properties and Soft Goods - contact Ryan Nguyen if you need anything.

Recruitment and Retention - Ryan Nguyen said that there is a potential candidate.
Membership - Per Pete Skelton, the Membership Committee made a motion to vote Ad Obidat as a Social-Active Member; 2nd by Brud Harvey. - carried.
The Membership Committee made a motion to put on the table Ronald Batista; 2nd by Chris Harvey - carried.
The Membership Committee made a motion to put on the table Ella Galliba; 2nd by Mike Line - carried.

Career Lt. Bryan O'Neal mentioned that next year the training for Interior FFs will be 10 hours, and for Exterior FFs 8 hours.

Public Safety - Ryan Nguyen said that they need help.
Explorer Post - Jim Turner said that there will be a field trip at the airport on 12/11/24, and the Christmas party will be 12/18/24. Also, there is a goal to meet with firefighters for training on Thursdays.
Engine 2 - Jules said that it can't be worked on for 2 weeks.
Rescue 158 - John Wise said that all the new equipment that was ordered is in now.
History Committee - Weeds said that they are working on a yearbook.
Website - Ryan Nguyen said that the website won't link any private advertising. Also, they are working on adding the volunteer names to the website.
Installation Banquet - Ryan said that it will be March 1st, 2025.
100th Anniversary - the committee is working on a yearbook.
St. Patrick's Day Party - It will be March 14th & 15th. We are looking for someone to take this event over.
Children's Christmas Party - Brud asked what toys do the children need.
Parades - Webster, Dec. 7th @ 6:30 pm; Seabreeze, Dec. 14th @ 5:30 pm
St. Paul Exempts - Monday Dec. 9th
Irondequoit Exempts - next meeting in January.
Commission - Vote for a new Commissioner Election on Tuesday, Dec. 10th from 6-9 pm. Running for the position are John Wise and Jim Turner.
Bills for the Month - read by VP Steve O'Neil. Motion by Elmer Leusch to accept; 2nd by Brud Harvey - carried.
Communications by the Recording Secretary - read by Bill Kraemer: 1 thank you note from Jane Shawhan.
Chief's Report -
(a) Chief Ken gave a zoom meeting presentation from *United Diagnostic Services*.
(b) Chief Ken announced that the Irondequoit Chamber of Commerce has chosen the St. Paul Blvd. Fire Department as one of their "PERSONS OF THE YEAR" award recipients for 2024. The presentation will take place at their Annual Awards Dinner,

Friday, January 31st at I-Square, 400 Bakers Park in Irondequoit. Cocktails at 5 pm, followed by dinner at 6 pm and then the awards presentation. Congrats to the SPBFD.
(c) Congratulations to Nick Lapiani, who graduated from the Fire Academy!

New Business

a) Jim Turner made a motion for the Association to underwrite the cost of the Cancer Screen not covered by the District, not to exceed \$50,000. 2nd by Pete Nashburn.

Written ballot: 29 YES; 1 NO carried.

b) There was a discussion about the purchase of a new laptop needed, which would cost between \$800 - \$1,100.

c) Nomination for Captains: Pete Skelton

Motion by Brud Harvey to close nominations; 2nd by John Wise - carried.

Motion by Jim Turner to have Recording Secretary to cast 1 ballot; 2nd by John Wise - carried.

Nomination for FASNY Delegate: Wade Weaver

Nomination for FASNY Alternate Representative: Scott Harris

Motion by Jim Rehbach to close nominations; 2nd by Walt Wilczewski - carried.

Any other nominations for last month's Table Officers:

President: Stew Bell

Vice President: Jule Rayburn

Treasurer: Jon Paul Penner

Financial Secretary: Dave Haas

Recording Secretary: Bill Kraemer

Sgt.-at-Arms: John Wise

Motion by Jim Rehbach to close nominations; 2nd by Brud Harvey - carried.

Motion by Jim Turner to have the Recording Secretary to cast 1 ballot. 2nd by Brud Harvey - carried.

Roll Call by the Financial Secretary

Drawing for \$5.00 was won by Ryan Nguyen.

Fireman's Prayer

Motion by Mike Line to close the meeting. 2nd by John Wise - carried.

Meeting ended at 8:37 pm.

Submitted by Bill Kraemer, Recording Secretary

