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The meeting was called to order by President Sanders at 1:30 P.M.

Secretary/Treasurer Horton took the roll. Present were President Sanders, Secretary/Treasurer Horton, Vice Presidents Hollenbacher, Gauer, Taylor, Harvey, Richard, Rave, Trustees Gunn, Moore and Younkens, and Sgt.-At-Arms Mitsch. Also present were Robert Maher of Genoa Twp. L#4307, Mark Hodson of Stow L#1662, Gaye Jordan of Dayton L#136, John Harbaugh of Jefferson Twp. L#4038, Dave McElfresh of Newark L#109 & Frank Szabo of Cleveland L#93.

S/T Horton presented the financial statements and discussed balances.

Trustee Moore gave a report on the upcoming fixed asset audit and rules for conference registration.

The Ohio Director of Cancer Support Network Steven Westcott gave a report on the Cancer Support Network and provided a handout. He presented his personal background information and an overview of the Support Network.

Henry Arnett gave a brief report on Hillsboro.

President Sanders gave an overview of the upcoming Educational Conference and Board Retreat.

President Sanders stated that the MDA Coordinator, Katie Thom, has been let go by MDA. He stated the turnover in this position is problematic for Ohio's fire fighters.

Trustee Gunn commented on Hamilton County's problems.

President Sanders reported on the State and Provincial Task Force, Strategic Planning, Training and Legislative Agenda sharing. He reported the IAFF is on board with the Kasich governor race. He discussed the IAFF defending pensions across the country. He discussed affiliation, per capita, and rebuilding and funding of the Colorado Fire Fighter Memorial. He reported on pensions and their history at the upcoming educational Conference and the Defined Contribution/Defined Benefit Plan comparison.

President Sanders gave an AFL-CIO update including redistricting, absentee ballots, and voter suppression. He reported March 14th is the date for the AFL-CIO Union Sportsmen Alliance Dinner. The AFL-CIO is the host. He reported the Right to Work meeting is scheduled for January 31st to finalize messaging.



President Sanders reported on the IAFF Motorcycle Group and the Ohio Chapter. He explained there is a dues pass-through for membership.

VP Taylor reported on the Part-Time Committee and their report. A survey will be sent out and everyone is urged to respond.

VP Harvey reported on the Representation Committee regarding districts, delegates at conference, and Executive Board positions. A final report is to be presented as a resolution to conference.

President Sanders reported on statewide candidates. Todd Portune had been a friend and Hamilton County Commissioner and is considering running for governor. A variety of issues present themselves with this candidate. Candidate FitzGerald has always been in contact with the OAPFF and deserves our support.

Director Quinn reported that the Educational Conference is on track. He gave an overview of the agenda and speakers, distillery tour, and retreat. He stated that registration is down and urged everyone to make their commitment as soon as possible.

Director Petrick described new IRS consideration for volunteer fire fighters as employees. They are now exempt as bonafide employees. He reported on trauma triage, infectious disease, automatic notification and flex savings rollover. He described new safety standards for fire tactics. A handout was provided for payment of accumulated sick leave. He described the 10 day notice for informational picketing no longer applies in Ohio. He reported on Safety Grants available from the BWC for injury prevention and urged locals to participate.

Director Carney reported on fire based EMS and community medicine. There has been Pension discussion on possible additional changes, but no legislation is pending. He discussed that SB 152-PTSD has to be associated with injury. He discussed the involvement of police officer with EMS community servicing medicine.

Doug Stern reported on continuing to build the website on a more informational basis. He discussed the First Due News and its new format. He discussed the new newsletter to local union leaders. He reported we only have 3,000 registered members on the website and that needs to increase. He reported we have a rate of 40% on our email, which is considered excellent, but still needs improvement. He discussed OAPFF media awards and various categories that will be available.

VP Harvey reported Mark Maxwell of Dayton L#136 was appointed to the IAFF Political Training Academy. He discussed the Hamilton Area PSO discussions. He discussed the Hillsboro issues and the contracting out with Paint Creek. They have applied for an EDF grant.

VP Gauer reported on a great outlook for the upcoming convention. He reported on issues in North Ridgeville and Cuyahoga Heights. He reported Sheffield Lake will run a new levy.

VP Richard congratulated Robert Maher of Genoa Twp. L#4307 who was appointed to the Political Training Academy. He reported on issues in Delaware, Truro Township, and Jefferson Township. He reported Newark is in fact-finding.

VP Hollenbacher reported negotiations are improving throughout his district and he is seeing 1%-2% pay increases. He reported Chad Brown of Mansfield was appointed to the Political Training Academy.

Motion by Hollenbacher, 2nd by Gauer, to assist Political Training Academy candidates up to \$350.00 for travel. Motion passed 8-0.

VP Taylor reported on negotiations and gave thanks to the Staff (Quinn, Stern and Carney).

VP Rave continues to work on pension timeline of 45 years. He reported that he continues to monitor the pension system and all aspects of our retirement.

Brother Hodson of Stow L#1662 gave an overview of the discipline problems that began in April of 2007. He described appeal after appeal in a seemingly never ending battle.

Frank Szabo of Cleveland L#93 reported they are working diligently on the upcoming conference and they expect it to be a success.

John Harbaugh of Jefferson Twp. L#4038 reported on his fire chief, proposed journeyman status and fire apprenticeship program. This includes a 21.3% less pay grade. He reported on 6 lieutenants with 5 different pay rates and settlement reached.

Dave McElfresh of Newark L#109 discussed events in Newark and thanked everyone for the Skip Baumgartner reception.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Horton".

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