

OAPFF Executive Board Minutes 1-9-17

President Taylor called the meeting to order.

S/T Horton called the roll. All Board members and staff present. Trustee Moore was excused.

S/T Horton gave a financial report listing the current financial status of the OAPFF. He distributed a list of all expenditures over \$1000

Trustees report was given by Trustee Younkins. All books are up to date and audited.

President Taylor welcomed 3rd Dist VP Cory Wilson to his first board meeting.

The OAPFF welcomed new locals Berea Local 1836 (2nd Dist) and Xenia Twp Local 5036 (4th Dist)

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Legal Counsel Henry Arnett presented the board with a summary of new laws that could impact our members including a Supreme Court decision on employee liability. There was a change by the legislature in regard to conceal carry laws that may impact our members as to where handguns are permitted. He also discussed the legality of using fire levy proceeds to pay for the employer's bargaining agent. The board had discussions with Arnett about the impact of medical marijuana laws on collective bargaining agreements.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Taylor addressed a recent report that West Chester Twp was considering a local Right To Work law and if it would have impact on fire fighters. It appears that the impact is only to private employees and would not apply to public employees, 4117 would take precedent.

President Taylor announced the passing of SB27, the Michael Louis Palumbo Jr Act and the creation of cancer presumption language. He thanked and recognized the OAPFF staff for around the clock work especially Director Jim Carney. Taylor stated that with the passage Ohio has one of the best cancer bills in the country.

Taylor touched on the importance of the Peer Support Training and the creation of a Critical Incident Support Team.

The following events were also discussed:

IAFF ALTS - January 24 -27

IAFF Peer Support Training in Columbus – Feb 13 and 14

Summer Seminar in Put in Bay – August 14 and 15

IAFF Service Rep Training in Indy – March 27 and 28
OAPFF Joe Carbenia Bowling Tournament
And the OAPFF Rocky Russo Legislative Conference (Date TBA)

The following Committees were formed and President Taylor asked that VPs submit name of possible committee members:

- Biennial Conference as pursuant to Resolution #3 of the 50th Biennial Conference
- Retiree Health Care as pursuant to Resolution #4 of the 50th Biennial Conference
- Human Relations
- LODD and Critical Incident Support Team

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Director of Governmental Affairs Carney reported on the passage of SB27 and discussed how it was accomplished. The OAPFF is working with work comp attorneys to compile frequently asked questions that will be sent to local leadership before the law goes into effect.

Carney talked about the development of legislative priorities for the upcoming session of the General Assembly and what some of the challenges may be. Carney showed the board a sample of “Clearboard” a product used to secure.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PR

Director of Communications and Public Relations Stern reported on website updates (including on line event registration), success of the OAPFF Elf on a Shelf campaign, and that the First Due News was recently completed and emailed with hard copies to be mailed later this week. He also reminded the board about the AFL-CIO’s Dropkick Murphy’s concert in Columbus on February 22.

HEALTH, SAFETY and EMS

Director of Health and Safety Bernzweig discussed the cancer presumptive law and the desire to compile questions about the implementation and impact so that we can generate a document educating our members about it. Bernzweig addressed the importance of exposure reporting and the possibility of codifying it.

He suggested that the manufactures of the Clearview product work with Fire Fighters to create a marking system to alert fire fighters of its use. David is working with a BWC researcher to conduct a cancer study, more information to follow.

OPERATIONS

Director of Operations Quinn touched on the success of the Higher Education Initiative which has 131 participants - Including 9 spouses, 2 parents, and 12 dependents of OAPFF members.

Bill passed out the agenda of the upcoming IAFF Peer Support class in Columbus. 33 OAPFF members will be trained as Peer Support Counselors to be used during traumatic events throughout the state including LODDs.

The Legislative Conference may be seeing some structural changes this year to streamline the event and make it more successful and better attended. Tentative dates March 15, Apr 5 and May 3, 10, 17. Confirmation will be announced when details are finalized.

Quinn reported that the Conference Committee has been established and a general outline has been created for its work.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

VP Hollenbacher is currently working on organizing 2 new locals with IAFF DVP Sanders. He is seeing higher wage increases as he negotiates contracts with one tying additional raises above what is bargained to higher income tax collections. Hollenbacher commented on a renewed helpfulness with the SERB employees. He offered a suggestion that the OAPFF work to educate our members about the dangers of DUI and its impact on discipline.

VP Norman is working on re-affiliation of a few locals in the second dist. He announced that he has stepped down as Local 93 Board member to concentrate on serving the second dist.

VP Wilson thanked board and staff for their help in his transition to his new role.

VP Harvey discussed the issue in West Chester with Right To Work. He asked that the OAPFF work with the AFL-CIO in monitoring the issue and that we assist as needed.

VP Richard addressed training for DVPs about current issues affecting bargaining. He mentioned that the recent training by SERB was very helpful. Joe talked about a member who has an ill son who is receiving treatment in Boston and the need for fundraising efforts for that family. VP Richard is working to organize one local in his district. He talked about the challenges facing Newark.

VP Rave reported the Michael Palumbo was awarded a permanent and total presumptive disability for his occupational cancer.

Local 109 President David McElfresh talked about recent challenges that his local has had with department physicals which may cause the local to lose 10-15 members.

President Taylor asked DVPs to look at April dates for District Meetings

The meeting was adjourned.