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Minutes of Executive Board of OAPFF
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The meeting was called to order by President Sanders at 1:35 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 Younkings, and Sgt.-At-Arms Mitsch.

S/T Horton gave the current totals of all accounts, presented the expenditures over \$1,000.00, and the Concur expense reports since the previous meeting.

S/T Horton gave a brief overview of the response from the Prescott Fire Fighters in regards to our T-Shirt presentation for the Prescott 19.

Trustee Moore gave an overview of Concur and the current financial situation. He also gave a brief report on the upcoming conference registration and voting.

Henry Arnett discussed a Supreme Court Ruling on informational picketing. The Court ruled that the 10 day notice for an informational picket does not apply.

President Sanders again requested everyone sign up for the website to receive important updates. He discussed Rep Wachtmann's comments in regards to our pension system. President Sanders and FOP President Jay McDonald met with the Speaker of the House in regards to Wachtmann's comments. Discussion was held in regards to letting SB 340 work as it was designed. He reported that Rep. Wachtmann is termed out in 2014.

President Sanders reported on Operation Warm with VP Gauer receiving 3500 USA made coats. He discussed Governor Kasich's donation to the effort. He reported that Northern Ohio was separate from Southern Ohio in the distribution of the coats. With what we learned from this year, there will be changes next year in regards to distribution.

President Sanders reported the "Right to Work is Wrong" tag works for our message. The timeline is being put together, aimed at overturning any possible legislation, as we are planning for the worse-case scenario.

President Sanders reported the Representation Committee will be meeting the 25th of November.



VP Taylor reported on the Part-Time Employment Committee. A survey is being sent to each local and a date of January 6th is set to review the data from the survey.

President Sanders reported on the newly established IAFF Motorcycle Group, Ohio Chapter, and discussed activities being planned.

Discussion was held regarding statewide candidates and who may be available to speak at the upcoming OAPFF Biennial Conference.

Motion by President Sanders, 2nd by VP Taylor, to give a raise of \$2,000 to Office Manager Joan Ferner. Motion passed 8-0.

Discussion was held regarding Doug Stern as a consultant for the OAPFF.

Motion by VP Hollenbacher, 2nd by President Sanders, to make Doug Stern an employee of the OAPFF (Media Geek). Motion passed 8-0.

Operations Director Quinn reported on the IAFF Motorcycle Group and the OAPFF affiliation. He discussed the upcoming Educational Seminar, Agenda and Registration. A handout was provided illustrating Dispute Settlement Timelines. A handout was provided discussing database exploration.

Director Carney provided a handout illustrating a Right to Work article. He provided a handout regarding HB 5 and testimony. He discussed pension issues, Representative Wachtmann and fracking discussion. Discussion was held in regards to HB 289 and joint economic development. He reported that the Legislative Session for this year is about to end.

President Moore, West Chester L#3518 asked Director Carney how many bills are currently being discussed. Carney reported the number is 13.

Media Geek Stern reported on levies with the past election. He reported on Right to Work, We are Ohio, and editorial boards. He discussed PR on a West Chester editorial on fire safety. He emphasized the need for Facebook exposure and sharing messaging. He also emphasized retweeting OAPFF information and the First Due News. He asked that all membership provide contact information so that we can keep our members informed.

VP Rave reported on the preparation of a 30 Year Plan for the Pension System.

VP Richard reported on Franklin Township. He reported Brian Palmer was elected Trustee. He reported on the JED with Scioto Twp.

VP Harvey reported on the donation of \$500 to Chris Pabst's wife from the 4th District Meeting. He gave his thanks to Doug Stern for help during the election. He gave an overview of the Hillsboro contracting-out issue. He gave thanks for the great support throughout this effort.

VP Taylor reported ongoing negotiations. He reported on the 3rd District Meeting and reported on Congressman Tim Ryan's fundraising efforts.

VP Gauer reported on issues in Westlake, Avon, Barberton, and University Heights. He reported on Lt. Walker's death, a member of Local #93 in Cleveland. He reported on Shawn Probert's death. He reported Sheffield Lake's mayor is considering elimination of their fire department.

VP Hollenbacher reported Mansfield and Bucyrus passed their income tax. He reported that Mike Bell is out as Mayor of Toledo with Local #92 being a leader in that election. He reported on Mansfield negotiations and the importance of working through the IAFF in regards to SAFER Grants.

President Sanders reported that the AFL-CIO and OAPFF worked closely with Local #92 in the Toledo Mayor's race. Further discussion was held.

President McElfresh, Newark L# 109, gave a reported regarding Skip Baumgartner's Local #109 President Emeritus ceremony.

President Jordan, Dayton L#136, reported on Pat Flannigan, his community service and fundraising activity. She also reported on December 13th in regards to the Bartenders' reunion.

President Rigsbee, Springfield L#333, reported on an upcoming January 25th seminar regarding discipline and grievance handling.

Director Carney gave thanks to everyone for the donations and assistance for the Chris Pabst family.

President Kozlowski, Sheffield Lake L#2355, reported on the failure of their income tax levy and how the mayor is dealing with the defeat of the levy. Discussion was held on further strategies and an additional ballot issue.

Mike Gerty, Genoa Twp. L#4307, reported on the upcoming Fire Fighters for Families event December 8th at McNamara Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

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

Mark Horton
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