

OAPFF Executive Board Minutes 9-22-16

President Taylor called the meeting to order.

S/T Horton called the roll. All Board members and staff present. Director Quinn and Trustee Moore were 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

New Locals were accepted into the OAPFF. These locals are Coshocton County EMS Local 5078 in the Third District and Lakewood Local 382 in the Second District.

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

IAFF 8th District VP Sanders addressed the Board and thanked them for the OAPFF support in his candidacy. Save the date of Nov 14-15 for a 8th Dist PEP class in Indianapolis. More info will be emailed to local leaders.

OAPFF Legal Counsel Henry Arnett reported on a recent case that was decided on what military leave consisted of as it regards to travel to and from training. Per VP Richard request Counsel addressed the current status of overtime exemptions for management and the change in pay. Counsel advised that OAPFF members are exempt from the changes and the ruling. He also addressed the Portsmouth case as it related to provisions on pensionable pay.

VP Rave made a motion that Jon Harvey assume the role as First VP of the OAPFF. Motion seconded by Metro Rep Alter. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by S/T Horton made to research a retirement plan for OAPFF Office Manger. Seconded by VP Harvey. Motion passed unanimously.

President Taylor discussed formation of committees on Human Relations, Conference Administration, and LODD/CISD. He also discussed the recent Ohio AFL-CIO conference that recently concluded in Cleveland.

President Taylor and S/T Horton talked about the recent IAFF Memorial Service in Colorado which included adding Brother Patrick Wolterman's name to the Wall of Honor. The OAPFF held a reception for the family and other OAPFF members in attendance.

President Taylor and Director Carney discussed Novembers Election.

Director of Governmental Affairs Carney reported on the 2016 election and OAPFF endorsements. HE discussed the work of Governmental Affairs and Communications Departments on SB27. The Legislative Committee is planning on attending incumbent House Members campaign events to ask about SB27 and participating in AFL-CIO call centers. IAFF contribute \$50,000 to OAPFF targeted elections in November. Director Carney reported that the OAPFF Levy Program is involved with campaigns in Anderson Twp, Warren, Lorain, Springfield, Ashland, Basil, and Toledo.

Director of Communications and Public Relations Stern reported on website updates (including on line event registration), First Due News Deadlines and SB 27 efforts. He also introduced the “disciplinary rights at work” flyer that will be printed for members as a pocket reference.

Director of Health and Safety Bernzweig discussed the focus on mental health issues and cancer presumption. The Local 67 Livewell4fire website may be assumed by the OAPFF and pushed out to the entire state. IAFF Peer support/wellness training will be held February 13-14 in Columbus. The rehab standard for NFPA may soon include exposure control. A FF PPE cleaning validation study is also in progress to determine the efficacy of turnout gear cleaning. Any departments that are doing “street decon” should contact Director Bernzweig so that a more formal process can be developed.

Director Quinn sent a report including information pertaining to the OAPFF higher Education Benefit that is being developed with Eastern Gateway Community College and Cincinnati State. This program is planned on being available for the January school term and will be at no out of pocket cost to our members. Additional information will be sent to membership as details are finalized. He reminded the Board about the Shaun Probert Memorial Ride on Saturday Sept 24. He also mentioned the upcoming SERB Training in November for all DVPs.

S/T Horton made a motion to accept the exemption of income tax form the OAPFF must file with the IRS, seconded by VP Richard. Motion passed unanimously.

VP Hollenbacher reported that negotiations are in place in many locals. He thanked VP Norman for the Cedar Point event. He commented on the great work of the OAPFF Levy Program.

VP Norman thanked everyone who participated in the OAPFF Cedar Point Event. Reminded everyone to get physicals prior to retirement to find any ailments that may be lurking before members retire.

President Taylor announced that the election for third dist VP will be held in Steubenville on Oct 11

VP Harvey discussed the upcoming Battle of Ohio Tailgate on Sunday October 23rd, held this year in Cincinnati at Local 48's hall and revolving around the Browns vs Bengals game.

VP Richard discussed upcoming contracts. He highlighted the work the OAPFF Legal Counsel Henry Arnett has done in the fifth district. He mentioned that Marysville Local 3032 President is recovering from a very serious motorcycle accident. VP Richard discussed recent telephone soliciting for the "Ohio State Fire Fighters Association" and advised members to beware of telephone solicitations

VP Rave reported that he continues to work with the Pension Board on pertinent issues and reminded VPs that the sooner we are able to help a member the better the outcome we can achieve.

OP&F Trustee Jeff Moore discussed the balance of assets is over \$14 Billion. He addressed a recent online article on hedge funds and pension funding, saying that the fund is only in 7 Hedge funds making up only 9% of the overall portfolio. They all have standard fees with any additional fees being negotiated and reduced. He said that preretirement seminars have been well attended with lots of good information being disseminated. Trustee Moore reported that the Board is trying to do all they can to contain and control costs in regard to health care.

Metro Rep Alter announced that Cincinnati received a SAFER grant. HE also addressed recent unusual negotiations that will result in 5% higher pay for fire fighters over three years beyond what was originally bargained for.

Toledo Local 92 President Jeff Koenesiker thanked the OAPFF for assistance with their November Levy.

Warren Local 204 member Jeff Younkens commented on the efforts of the OAPFF Levy Program in Warren.

Sgt-At-Arms Mitsch thanked everyone for their support throughout his recent medical ordeal.

Oct 19 First and Second District Meetings
Nov 1 Fifth District Meeting

The meeting was adjourned.