

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
Directors Meeting February 21, 2017 7:40

Meeting was brought to order by the 1st Vice President, Wally Engel.

Minutes: Motion to accept the reading of the previous Directors' meeting minutes Gregg Gilliland/Garry Smith – Carried.

Minutes of the previous general meeting read for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the treasurers' report as read by Russ Wheeler, Wally Engel/Jim Van Deusen – Carried.

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt encourage member to attend the Citizens' Preparedness class at Columbia Greene Community College Feb. 22nd at 7pm. There will be a Battalions 4&5 meeting March 7th in Ghent and Battalions 2&3 meeting March 9th in Greenport. Bill will be working on updating inventories at both of these meetings.

C&O: Has not been audited yet concerning who qualifies.

J-Fire: He has not heard back from Greene County.

Training Facility and Utilization: Bill is asking for letters of support to keep this project moving.

Reports of Committees:

Legislative: Interior-Exterior Cancer Bill will ask for equal coverage.

Scholarship: Shante Campbell will be attending the March General meeting to receive her award. Rich Lindmark will be doing a photo opt. Jim Brady and Laura Foster from the Firefighters' Association have been asked to attend.

The runner up has been encouraged to submit for next year's award.

Education and Training: Melissa and Tab Eigenbrodt will be presenting "Train the Trainor" at the March 21st general meeting in Philmont.

Bill would like to set-up an Amtrak Emergency Response training class considering half of the county has train travel through it. Tri-Village has enquired about hosting the class. He would like letters to go out to all the fire districts.

Fair: Dick Howard stated that the letter to Walmart requesting 2 bicycles and 2 helmets has been sent.

Communications: Ben reported that the Walmart.Foundation.com has not opened the 2017 grant period yet.

Old Business: Both Bill Hunt and John O. have acquired quotes on the cost of purchasing combination smoke/co detectors. It was suggested they find out if some could be donated. Wally will work on drafting a letter to Lowes.

Gregg Gilliland made a motion to file the prequalification papers for a grant from Fire House Sub concerning the Fire Suppression Lazar Nozzle, second by Ben Wheeler – Carried.

Discussion was held on items to be given away at the fair. A suggestion was made to have daily free drawings preferably fire prevention related. Ask for the donation of a fire extinguisher from Sausbiers, Chatham Hardware, Williams Lumber and others that sell them (we need 5). It was decided to continue handing out the plastic helmets. Dick Howard reported there are enough for this year. Ben Wheeler wasn't certain if FASNY still provides fire safety literature. It is important we advertise which business donates what item. Gregg Gilliland will start setting-up a schedule for apparatus to be displayed.

Daryl Garafalo made a motion recommending a \$100 donation for the up-keep of the Smoke House, each time it is borrowed. This will be presented to the membership at the March meeting, motion second by Gregg Gilliland – Carried.

New Business: Ben proposed having Dr. David Griffin, a motivational speaker on "Keeping Up with the Times and Changes within the Fire Service", as a combined effort with the Coordinators' Office and Firefighters' Association. Possibly charge \$10 per person to help cover the \$3,500 cost

Announcements: Next General meeting March 21st at the Philmont Fire Station. Next Director's meeting April 18th at the Vanderbilt, Philmont.

Motion to adjourn Gregg Gilliland/Daryl Garafalo – Carried. 10:05

Secretary,
Irene Huston