

Minutes of the Centennial Committee Meeting

September 23, 2019

Chairman Wuckovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Johnstown Fire Department's Headquarters.

Members Present: John Bem, Tom Bracken, Ed Hudak, Paul Kundrod, Jim McCann, Eric Miller, Darrin Smith, Steve Unger, Nick Wuckovich.

There were no errors or corrections to the July 22, 2019 minutes and the stand approved as read.

Updates on the various proposed items were addressed and the following action was taken on each.

1. Name change of association and the fire school site was discussed. Members expressed their views on this matter and Motion was made by Darrin Smith seconded by John Bem to have this matter brought before the body with the President appointing a committee to research the feasibility of changing the names of the Association and Fire School. Motion passed all in favor.
2. Medallion/ Ribbon: A design for the 2021 convention in Patton was presented. This design was created by William Cornell by the request of the chairman. There were two options on the front side to either go with color or the native metal. It was the consensus of the committee to go with color on the front side and it would be the size of a silver dollar. It was decided to have both a metal and ribbon concept so that if those who wanted a challenge coin which could have that option and those who wanted the traditional ribbon could have that option as well. It was decided to go with a Red, White, and Blue-ribbon part. It was decided to charge \$10.00 per medallion/ribbon and it would be a pre-paid order so the committee would have an idea on how many to order. The committee accepted the design that William Cornell submitted. Motion was made by Ed Hudak seconded to Paul Kundrod to go with the design and the other items that were outlined in the above mentioned. Motion passed all in favor.
3. Banquet/Ball Eric Miller reported on the banquet. He recommended to the committee that Pasquerilla Center be used because that was the best deal. He pointed out they would give us a good price break and Mr. Pasquerilla would pay for the refreshments. They would provide different rooms for the committee use and there would be a variety of options that would be open. Eric pointed out there would be enough space to provide what we planned to do. He recommended that the date to be Saturday, October 9, 2021 to coincide with Fire Prevention Week. Eric discussed some of the prices, for a couple \$75.00 and \$50.00 for one person. There would be an option that a department or other concern could purchase a table of 8. Discussion followed and the consensus of the committee was receptive to the offer made by the Pasquerilla organization. Motion by Tom Bracken and seconded by Darrin Smith to go with the banquet recommendation as proposed. Motion passed all in favor.
4. Ed Hudak reported on the picnic with looking at several venues and prices. Ed Hudak recommended that St. Michael Fire Company's facility would give us a price break plus should weather be an issue then the hall could be used should that become necessary. The date that was recommended for June 11, 2022. Motion by McCann and second by Eric Miller to accept the recommendation of the venue and date. Ed is researching various caters and still acquiring prices.

5. Tuition Assistance program, John Bem presented a package with various rules and procedures for a tuition assistance program. He identified some funding sources and indicated this would require a by-law change and proposed that we have the program in place for the 2021 convention in Patton. The first awards would be given at the Patton convention 2021. Discussion followed. Motion by Paul Kundrod seconded by Tom Bracken to approve this program and recommend this to the association. Motion passed all in favor.
6. The plaques for the convention parade at Patton 2021 was discussed. The options were to have plaques with pictures for any group with 10 or more who participate in the line of march. The committee made it clear this was not to interfere with Patton's parade awards but rather this was from the association to acknowledge the departments within the association who sent a marching group for the 100th convention. The main purpose for this was to encourage participation in the 100th convention parade.
7. Fire School Plaque, John Gromely reported that he was getting prices for this.
8. Pictures, the committee will reach out to the various fire companies and request to get pictures they want and these will be showed at the banquet digitally.
9. Antique Fire Parade, Jim McCann reported that there are a number of options with the parade. A couple suggestions was to have it in Ebensburg. Attach it during the picnic, or have it on a Friday night for the 2022 Convention town. Exploration on these subjects will be further evaluated.
10. Awards, these will be done at the banquet and a couple of different awards will be considered.
11. Video of older members, there were some suggestion on what source would be the best to do the video with a quality job in mind. Inquiries will be made to a professional organization or group.

Old Business: Paul Kundrod discussed that the Centennial is an opportunity to use the to bring more members and participation in the association as well as a chance to showcase the association.

The chairman pointed out that we will have to explore various means of communications in order to get the word out to the membership. He indicated that there are departments who pay for their older members but we don't have addresses for those folks so we are looking to obtain those addresses so we can keep those members informed on what activities are being planned with the various dates.

New Business: Tom Bracken brought up that if there is a favorable response in changing the name that the medallion/ribbon should reflect the new name. Members of the committee felt this was a good point.

Next meeting will be set for Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the fire school.

Motion by Ed Hudak seconded by Paul Kundrod to adjourn, motion passed all in favor.