

**Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Logan Township United Fire Co**  
**February 23, 2023**

- **Call Meeting to Order** – President Mike Petrisko called the meeting to order at 19:00 hrs
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – All members present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Petrisko. Paul Sklodowski then gave the blessing.
- **Meeting recessed for the Meal** - 19:01 hours
- **Call Meeting Back to Order** – 19:28
- **Guest Speaker** – Justin Smithmyer – Altoona Fire Department along with Lucille the Arson Detection Dog. Gave a brief description of Lucille's abilities, plus availability across the region for suspicious fires. Also, requested if any Departments have old buildings or buildings that have been burned, they would appreciate opportunity to use the building for training for Lucille to keep her skills up.
- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – Minutes of January 26, 2023 meeting were read.
  - Additions or corrections – none noted. President Petrisko declared the minutes will stand as read.
- **Communications** – None
- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills for the month in the amount of \$10,917.18
  - **Question:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Motion:** Frank Hribar – St. Michael
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Bob Nies – Cover Hill
  - **Vote:** Passed – 0 No Votes

- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod:

Total Funds in Certificates:

\$122,722.44

Total Funds in Checking Accounts:

\$82,611.00

**TOTAL FUND BALANCES** as of: 02/23/2023:

\$205,383.44

- **Question:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Motion:** Mark Coleman – Beaverdale
- **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Tony Sestrich – Richland
- **Vote:** Passed – 0 No Votes

- **Committee Reports:**

- **Law & Legislative** – No Report
- **Fire School** – Jeff Gromley for Jim McCann
  - 6 Essentials Classes finishing Mod 3
  - HMO starting in 4 locations shortly
  - Registrations for Fire School are coming in
  - Deadline is March 10
  - Reminder to cancel your registration if you are not attending, otherwise you will be billed.
  - Committee Meeting March 12 at Fire School Site to determine what classes will run.
  - Chamber's Media Relations training, Monday March 27 at 19:00 hours at Forest Hill HS
  - Leadership Program was a great success.
- **Fire School Site** – Tony Sestrich – Richland
  - Presented report for the Engineer's Inspection of the Burn Building.
    - Concrete building is structurally sound, needs reinspection in 5 years
    - Steel – connex section. Sound. Needs reinspection in 3 years.
    - In the facility, do not introduce water until fires have been lit.
    - Past Presidents' Plaques and Convention Town Plaques have been hung.

- The body approved in sending a letter to Daisytown taking responsibility for donated items. Secretary will prepare for Bob Nies to hand deliver.
- **Certification** – no report
- **Application Review** – no report
- **By-Laws** – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the amendment to Article 1, Section 2 changing annual Fire Company dues from \$50.00 to \$100.00
- **Fire Prevention** – no report
- **Historical** – no report
- **Recruitment & Retention** – Paul Kundrod
  - 2 day Recruitment and Retention Certification occurs April 1 & 2, 2023 in Williamsport.
  - Drawing prizes – for the meeting attendance drawing
    - Blackstone Griddle donated by Lowe's
    - \$50.00 Gift card from Harbor Freight.
- **Tuition Assistance** – John Gromley
  - Reminded all that applications have to be filled out completely
  - President Petrisko reported that Joe Hassen has donated his check to the Tuition Assistance Account.
- **Website** – Paul Kundrod reporting for Bill Cornell – all updated,
- **9-1-1 EMA** – no report
- **Fire Advisory** – Steve Verbosky – Colver
  - Next meeting March 28.
- **County Convention** – Charles Woodley
  - Plans are moving ahead
  - Full schedule to be finalized by next meeting
- **Other Associations** – no report

- **St Francis Marketing** – Liana Weir – East Taylor
  - Professor is still restructuring class
  - Media relations class – selected donation is Disposable Diapers
- **Fundraising** – Liana Weir – East Taylor
  - T-Shirt Flyers will be available – ask Liana
  - Preorders will be the only way individuals can guarantee size and product availability
  - There will be a shipping or pick up option
  - T-Shirts for sale at Fire School Weekends
- **Awards** – no report
- **Credentials** – no report
- **Insurance** – Joe Hassen will have a meeting for the School Site policy
- **Rules & Convention Contests & Parades** – Ricky Price – Conemaugh
  - For pumping contest – 2 categories: In Service per CAD, Retired.
  - Battle of Barrel – 4 rounds 2 minutes each.
  - Firefighter Skills – FF 18+ change from hit the tire 10 times to FF will use maul to move the tire 1 foot. JF's will still just hit the tire 10 times.
  - President Petrisko questioned the body about concurrence with the rules, body concurred.
  - President Petrisko read a letter from Jerry Brant – Patton submitting resignation from the Committee due to accepting several State-wide appointments. President Petrisko appointed Lucas Campbell as a replacement.
- **Tower Planning** – no report
- **Resolutions** – Paul Sklodowski – Keystone Regional
  - Paul read the Resolution for the month
    - Donald Weakland – Hastings
  - All members stood for one minute in silence in memory of their departed brother.

- **Roll Call of Officers** – All present except Assistant Treasurer Daryl Bodenschatz
- **Roll Call of Companies** – 30 Companies present
  - Alexandria, Altoona, Ashville, Beaverdale, Bellwood, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Commodore, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Dale, Dauntless, East Taylor, Franklin, Hope, Keystone Regional, Lakemont, Logan Twp. United, Nanty Glo, Patton, Pinecroft, Reade Twp., Richland Twp., South Fork, Southmont, Spangler, St. Michael, West Taylor Twp.
- **Old and Unfinished Business** – no report
- **New Business** – Steve Verbosky
  - Reported that Overhead Door Company comes out to School Site several times per year to repair when people open the truck building bay doors too hard. He got 2 quotes for putting a garage door opener on the door, 1 door this year. Heavy duty = \$2,827.00. Medium/Light Duty = \$2,568.00. Recommended purchasing the Heavy Duty unit for \$2,827.00.
    - Motion – Steve Verbosky
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jeff Weir
    - Passed
  - Rich Brown – Nanty Glo – questioned if the Centennial Account was able to be closed and funds transferred. A brief discussion was held, then motion made to close Centennial Account and move the funds to Scholarship Account
    - Motion – Rich Brown
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nick Wuckovich
    - Passed
- **Good of the Association**
  - Mr. Dennis Estep – Geeseytown FC was recognized by President Petrisko. Mr. Estep stated that Geeseytown has had a change of heart and wishes to reapply for membership in the Association. He was advised to send letter to the Association to reapply.

- Discussion about rules committee practices and proposed changes to contest rules. There is no By-Laws guidance, present interpretation is committee is created to examine and modify rules as part of its committee business.
  - Question raised by Nick Wuckovich about changing the Fire Company initiation fees if the Annual dues change. Matter was best handled by the By-Laws committee, but the proposed amendment to Article 1, Section 2 only changes the Dues, not the initiation fee.
  - President Lynch from the Blair County Fire Chiefs Association thanked the Association for working so closely to get training out to Blair County.
  - John Hawksworth – motion to make Lucille (Altoona FD dog) an honorary member of the Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Hribar. Motion passed.
- **Standing Rise for Host Company** – President Petrisko called for a standing rise for the host company – Logan Twp United – for their fine hospitality in hosting the monthly meeting.
  - **Next Meeting** – Oakland – March 23, 2023
  - **50/50 Drawing** – \$71.00
  - **Adjournment** –
    - **Motion:** Jeff Gromley – Clymer
    - **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Rich Brown – Nanty Glo
    - **Vote:** Passed
    - **Time:** 20:49

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary