

Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Dauntless Fire Company
January 25, 2024

- **Call Meeting to Order** – President John Gromley called the meeting to order at 19:06 hrs
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – All members present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Gromley. Assistant Chaplain Paul Sklodowski then gave the Invocation.
- **Guest Speakers** –
 - Melissa Komar – JRA talked about Weatherization Program, \$1.7 available for those who qualify. Up to \$10,000 per qualified household. They pay contractors directly. Applications distributed through the meeting to each attending Department. The Secretary has additional applications
 - ServPro – Christine Yingling, Justin Mingle, Nicki Marini
 - Nicki spoke about the First responder Children Foundation to support children and families affected by a lost First Responder. Golf tournament coming up at Sunnehanna on June 3rd.
- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – Minutes of December 14, 2023 meeting were read.
 - Additions or corrections made per the body.
 - Corrected (deleted) the Red Cross donation of chairs.
 - Added “&” for compressor & shed costs.
 - A couple of other minor changes, like Eric not Eris, Regional not regional for FD names.
 - Amended minutes will be posted’
 - Motion to approved amended minutes – Len Whiteford, Patton
 - 2nd – Frank Hribar, Jr., St Michael.
 - Question called.
 - Vote passed.
- **Communications** – Dues letters sent to New Florence, Fairfield Twp., Black Lick.

- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills for the month in the amount of \$6,275.56
 *corrected for \$223.00 to Kaza for Hydrostat Test Bottles.
 - **Question:** None
 - **Motion:** Mike Krug – Keystone Reg
 - **2nd:** Bob Nies – Cover Hill
 - **Vote:** Passed

- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod:
 - Total Funds in Certificates: \$268,866.53
 - Total Funds in Checking Accounts: \$78,086.88
 - TOTAL FUND BALANCES** as of: 01/25/2024: \$346,953.41

- Treasurer Kundrod noted that the Commissioners' \$100,000.00 grant funds were received. To take advantage of high CD rates, consulted with the Executive Board to invest the funds into 2 x \$50,000.00 CDs paying 5.01% each maturing on July 1, 2024. Got unanimous approval. They mature in July so funds will be available as payments become due for the Compressor & Shed and the Pump Projects. Letter from Treasurer attached for reference.
 - **Question:** Allen Kline – Hastings questioned if funds automatically roll over if not used. Answer is yes. Will explore best rates at that time.
 - **Motion to accept Treasurer's Report:** Tom Bracken – Nanty Glo
 - **2nd:** Mark Coleman - Beaverdale
 - **Vote:** Passed

- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Law & Legislative** – No Report
 - **Fire School** – Jeff Gromley for Jim McCann
 - 6 Essentials programs running
 - Fire School brochures given to each group for distribution
 - People needing HMO & FA/CPR can still sign up on the website and attend.
 - Fire School sign-up open. Some programs have caps so sign up early.

- If you sign up for something and no show you will be billed.
 - If you have to drop out do so early so another person can use your slot.
 - Last date to drop, 1 week prior.
- **Fire School Site** – Tony Sestrich
 - Paint purchased, ServPro donating labor to repair the classroom building
 - Air compressor - \$53,000.00, Shed - \$4,992.25
 - Motion by Jim Bloom – Dauntless to purchase per quote
 - 2nd by Jeff Weir – Franklin
 - Question called
 - Vote – Passed
- **Tower Planning** – No Report
- **Certification** – Frank Hribar, Jr.
 - Evaluator Workshop – register in Acadis portal. NO WALKINS. Feb 20th, 6 PM, St. Michael
 - Several other dates if you can't make St. Michael
 - Registration closes Feb 18th.
 - All tests at site are on the website. Applications due 3 weeks prior.
 - All Bucks retests must go through Bucks. Reach out to Randy Santone to schedule.
- **Application Review** – Joe Adams reviewed Claysburg, recommended for approval.
 - Motion to approve – Rich Brown, Jr – Nanty Glo
 - 2nd – Tony Sestrich – Richland
 - Question called
 - Vote – Passed
- **By-Laws** – No Report
- **Fire Prevention** – No Report
- **Box 11** – Jeff Weir – report attached for reference
 - Donations rec'd \$2,850.00

- Balance on hand \$8,894.38
 - Calls for December – 5. Total for 2023 – 35.
- **Recruitment & Retention** – No Report
- **Tuition Assistance** – No Report
- **Website** – Lianna Weir
 - Approved the contract with First Arriving
 - Meeting next week to begin designing.
- **9-1-1 EMA** – No Report
- **Fire Advisory** – No Report
- **County Convention** – July 27-August 3.
 - Meeting August 2
- **Other Association** – No Report
- **Fundraising** – Lianna Weir
 - Getting sponsors for Fire School
 - ServPro donated \$1,500.00
 - Glick donated \$500.00
 - Other donations received
 - Paul Herdman Fundraiser – chosen recipient is the Association
 - Check presentation at Tremont Club – March 2 – noon
 - Some shirts left over
 - Window drive at PJ's Cresson
- **Chernisky Run** – Tom Chernisky
 - **July 6** – 5K, 10K, 5K Walk – sign ups \$16 online until Feb 1 then price goes up.
 - **Oct 5** – Ghost Town Trail-a-thon Marathon, Half-Marathon, 5K
 - **Couch Potato 0.0K** - in Ebensburg
 - **Check** – from the Fall race \$33,869.31 split 50/50 with Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority.

- **Commitment of the Association** – President Gromley then entertained a discussion of the commitment of the body of the Association to support and work the races. He noted the tremendous amount of money raised to benefit the Association and Fire School. And he heard concerns from some volunteers that they need assistance in running the events. He also noted that the monies are split with another organization that seems committed to helping. President Gromley asked the body to affirm its commitment with motion and a vote from the body.
 - **Motion** – Bob Nies – Cover Hill to commit to support the races.
 - **2nd** – Bob Popson – Clymer
 - **Question** – called
 - **Vote** – Passed with 0 No votes.
- **Membership** – Nick Wuckovich report attached.
 - 1,377 delegates – number will change
 - Dues cycle – Membership, Beneficiary cards ordered.
 - Departments who pay memberships are much appreciated for cost and efficiency
 - Members need to do a better job on beneficiary info keeping it up-to-date. Can prevent conflicts with future claims.
- **Awards** – Tom Bracken
 - Books are closed – all awards and certificates in the safe.
 - Ready to accept applications;
 - Life Safety Award – if anyone sees something where a civilian saves someone, please submit.
 - Valor
 - Unit Citation
- **Credentials** – No Report
- **Insurance** – No Report
- **Rules & Convention Contests & Parades** – Ricky Price
 - Meeting last month was cancelled due to weather, SHARP activation
 - February 6th meeting to finalize

- **Resolutions –**
 - Paul Sklodowski read the name of Richard George – Vintondale. All members stood in silence for 1 minute in memory of their departed brother.
 - President Gromley presented PSFA flags to:
 - Hope for Isaac David Hassen
 - Hastings for Robert W. Mortenson, George F. Uhron
 - Nanty Glo for Byron Bishop
 - Patton for Ronald Dean Smith
 - Solomon Run (Richland) for Ken Paul

- **Roll Call of Officers –** All present except Nick Wuckovich, Jr. – medical

- **Roll Call of Companies –** 31 Present
 - Altoona, Ashville, Beaverdale, Carrolltown, Clymer, Colver, Commodore, Conemaugh Independence, Conemaugh 610, Cover Hill, Dale, Dauntless, East Taylor, Franklin, Hastings, Hope, Jackson Twp., Keystone Regional, Middle Taylor, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Oakland, Patton, Richland Twp., Riverside, South Fork, Spangle, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, Upper Yoder Twp., West Taylor Twp.

- **Old and Unfinished Business –**
 - Ladies meetup February 23, noon. Let Lianna know who is coming. Covered dish and/or non-alcoholic beverages.
 - Hurst Tool Raffle raised \$400.00 – Adam Smith – Saxton won.

- **New Business –**

- **Good of the Association –**
 - Excise Distillery has 5 vodkas for sale to benefit the Association. 50% of those sales go to the Association.
 - President Gromley asked the body for opinions on the “no food” at meetings. Support to continue with no food.

- **Standing Rise for Host Company** – President Gromley called for a standing rise for host company Dauntless for their hospitality and snacks.
- **Next Meeting** – Middle Taylor – February 22.
- **50/50 Drawing** – \$111.00
- **Adjournment** –
 - **Motion:** Joe Adams – Keystone Regional
 - **2nd:** Rich Brown, Jr. – Nanty Glo
 - **Vote:** Passed
 - **Time:** 20:33

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary



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FINANCIAL REPORT

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CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

DEATH FUND ACCOUNTS:

CD# 370017722 Maturity Date: 02/24/24 4.01% \$ 10,530.89

CD# 370018206 Maturity Date: 04/05/24 4.01% \$ 12,570.86

WASHINGTON MUTUAL INVESTMENT DEATH FUND ACCOUNT:

CD# ### Maturity Date: ##/##/## X.XX% \$ 18,304.49

BURN BUILDING ACCOUNT:

CD# 100279843 Maturity Date: 02/02/24 1.98% \$ 11,482.97

WASHINGTON MUTUAL EDUC FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT:

CD# ### Maturity Date: ##/##/## X.XX% \$ 2,194.65

FIRE SCHOOL INVESTMENT:

52009074005 \$ 78,380.51

2357 Maturity 07/04/24 4.41% \$ 20,223.14

2403 Maturity 04/03/24 4.17% \$ 15,179.02

2721 Maturity 07/11/24 4.95% \$ 50,000.00

2713 Maturity 07/11/24 4.95% \$ 50,000.00

Total Funds in Certificates: **\$ 268,866.53**

CHECKING ACCOUNTS:

General Fund # 6-020-256 \$ 31,711.77

Fire School Fund # 6-020-336 \$ 15,104.64

Death Fund # 6-020-301 \$ 4,654.32

Certification Fund # 6-019-730 \$ 6,311.19

Scholarship Fund # 6028661 \$ 3,382.01

Burn Building Acct # 3300101066 \$ 16,922.95

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EXPENSES

General Fund

First Arriving \$3,145.50 New Web site development

Fire School Fund

CMP Petroleum	\$	1,782.62	Fuel Oil-Nov
WEX Bank		\$60.00	site fuel
Battery Warehouse		\$840.00	Golf Cart Batteries
Al American Fire equipment		\$223.00	Hydrostatic Test Bottles
Penelec		\$224.44	Jan Electrical

Death Fund

Total Expenses: \$6,275.56

Membership Secretary Report

Fore Month of January 2024

Dear Officers and Members:

We have been updating our membership data base and we are confident that we have tangible numbers and information on our delegates for the Association's data base.

Currently, we stand at 1,377 delegates, now this number will always be fluid for different reasons. For example, we are waiting for a list of members from several new department which would increase this number slightly.

We will be looking forward to the 2024-2025 dues cycle. It is our hope to have dues notifications out by March 1, 2024. Secretary Bill Lehman is in the process of ordering the membership and beneficiary cards for this next year.

A positive note is we have some more departments who are considering paying their dues of their members which is a big deal because it helps us from both cost and efficiency standpoint. I would encourage any department who may be thinking of moving to this end to do so. For those departments who have faithfully been doing this for a number of years, a big thank you!

For the next phase, we have to do a better job working on our beneficiary cards because we only have about half of the beneficiary cards on file which includes a few of the departments that are listed as beneficiaries for their members. This is just good business to keep us out of potential future conflicts where a claim is file on one of our members.

As always, I greatly appreciate all the support that I have received from the Association membership in this endeavor and I do look forward to another great year.

Cordially,

Nick Wuckovich Jr

Membership Secretary