

Fire Fighters Association of Missouri Auxiliary
Meeting held:
February 3rd, 2013 at Carthage Missouri

President Chris Slaughter called meeting to order at 9:00am.

Attendance: 13 members present: Chris Slaughter-Warrenton FPD, Kim Voss-Beaufort Leslie FPD, Diane Hanes-Galt FPD, Jessica Miller-Norborne FPD, Susan Voss-Beaufort Leslie FPD, Theresa Cox-Wentzville FPD, Sheri Berendzen-Cole County FPD, Sherry Hoover-Little Dixie FPD, Pam Carsten-Cole County FPD, Missy Erdel-Little Dixie FPD, Ann Jones-Madison West Monroe FPD, River Dahms-Beaufort Leslie FPD, Ashton Dahms-Beaufort Leslie FPD.

Minutes: December 2, 2012 minutes read by Theresa. Ann indicated the following two corrections need to be made to the minutes; 1) Nomination Committee it was Shelia Arnold who made the statement “ the committee is looking for new officers for the 2014 election year” not Ann Jones. 2) The convention is in May not April. No other changes needed. Jessica made a motion to accept the minutes as read with the two corrections mentioned, Pam Carsten second motion, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Theresa reported the beginning balance was \$2,618.70. Two deposits for \$265 were made; \$105 for angel and auxiliary pins and \$160 for membership dues. Expenses of \$21 for the purchase of new checks. For a new balance of \$2862.70. Theresa reported after looking into the -\$45 discrepancy reported at the December meeting there was a mistake and the books balanced. Susan made a motion to accept the treasurer report, seconded by Sheri, motion passed.

Outstanding bills which will be paid today are: Susan \$146.47 for charms and Jessica \$7.48 for zip drive. Theresa also purchased two external hard drives and neat desk scanner. After Sheri looked at the external hard drive for her position she decided a different one was needed. Theresa will return the hard drive. Sheri will purchase the one she needs. After Theresa returns the hard drive she will get reimbursed for one hard drive and a desk scanner. Sheri thought the price of the scanner she needed would be around \$129.99.

Reminder for officers who need a media storage such as a zip drive to purchase them.

It was discussed per the bylaws the Treasurers books need to be audited at the February meeting, which will be done by Pam and Diane after the meeting.

Membership: Susan reported we have 86 members and 11 departments to date. During discussion it was determined we have not received renewal memberships from many past members. Missy stated in the past she sent out letters to the departments who have not responded and reminded them about their memberships. Susan will send out letters. Auxiliary Membership form is now on the FFAM Web site.

Auxiliary Member of the Year: Ann indicated the committee has a nomination and are ready for the convention.

Nomination: nothing to report

Historian: Sheri has not received any pictures for the historical books. Still requesting some. She suggested in the future we have a rolling slide show at the conventions. This would eliminate the need to purchase any future history books. After we get the pictures downloaded on the external hard drive we could get the pictures posted in a “cloud” (a secure web site) so others can view. Sheri will get prices for a projector by convention.

Sergeant at Arms: Jessica handed out the most recent copy of the FFAM Auxiliary bylaws. She will bring some copies of the bylaws to the convention. Susan will get a membership list to Jessica. For clarification Jessica stated, all auxiliary members must provide a letter from the fire chief or a sponsoring fireman. This must be submitted at the time of dues submission. If this information is not received, then the 2nd Vice President must notify the auxiliary, this information must be received by 3/1 prior to convention. This allows time to verify with the FFAM secretary this person qualifies for membership.

Convention: Ann stayed at the Precious Moments hotel and it was accommodating for our needs for convention. Trying to get the auxiliary meeting moved to Memorial hall. Advised everyone to check the web site for any further updates on the convention. The 2014 convention will be held in Festus.

Games: Pam reported the committee met last night and no new information at this time.

Pins: Susan said the pins for the outgoing officers are still on back order.

Quilt: Pam will not be able to make her quilt as in the past. Chris said she will check with her department to see if they can put together a quilt for the silent auction this year.

Awards and Recognition: In December Susan attended an award ceremony in Washington Mo. for the “Phil Sayers Award” given to Don Hahne. She took pictures and will pass them to Sheri.

Auxiliary Flyers: Chris said she updated the flyer with the new information and ordered 20 more flyers. As discussed we will need additional 30 flyers to use at the Convention and Fire School. These flyers can be handed out to potential members for the auxiliary.

New Business

Memorial Services: Little Dixie will handle the purple and black ribbons for the memorial service May 18th and 19th. Bad weather will require more volunteers. Please help if you can.

FFAM Newsletter: Some members indicated they were not getting a copy of the FFAM newsletter. Jessica made a motion she would talk with Jamie Miller to request a FFAM Newsletter be sent to each paid Auxiliary member. Seconded by Sheri, motion passed.

Convention: Josh from Carthage gave us an update on convention plans. Memorial Hall will be

the primary location for the convention events. They have plans in place for having a successful convention. There are only 7 rooms left so please book your rooms as soon as possible. They are putting together a tour for the Precious Moments Chapel and Gardens and other fun activities for conventioners. There is no parade this year. A place will be available for departments who want to bring an apparatus to display. Coach Light RV is available for those wanting to bring their campers.

We asked Josh to provide someone to do the posting of the colors on Sunday. Informed him of our needs for tables for history books and the silent auction.

There is no Friday night meeting for the Auxiliary.

Susan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Diane, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Cox, Secretary-Treasurer 2012-2013
Wentzville FPD