

The Fire Fighters Association of Missouri Auxiliary

Meeting held:

February 5th, 2012 in Hannibal MO at the Hannibal Inn.

President Kim Voss called meeting to order at 8:56 am

Attendance: Kim Voss – Beaufort Leslie FPD; Pam Carsten - Cole County FPD; Missy Erdel – Little Dixie FPD; Chris Slaughter - Warrenton FPD; Helen Christensen – Southern Stone FPD; Theresa Cox – Wentzville FPD; Shelia Arnold - CJC FPD; Katie Schowengerdt (and baby Lily) - South Metro FPD; Janet Smith – Cole County FPD; Diane Hanes - Galt FPD; Susan Voss – Beaufort Leslie FPD; Robin Schrage – Jefferson R-7 FPD

Minutes were read by Chris Slaughter

Corrections on December Meeting Minutes:

Shelia Arnold mentioned that she was **not** setting up Winter Fire School Booth, as previously stated in December minutes. Shelia also stated on the part where we were to 'Clarify what a local dept. is' – Article III Membership section in Bylaws. Take out '**from their local department**' was Shelia's motion. So the bylaw should read: 'Membership shall consist of spouse, spouse of retiree, parents of the member, children of members and/or be sponsored by a firefighter who is in good standing with the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri.'

Kim Voss – under committees 'Spouse of the Year' has been changed to 'Auxiliary Member of the Year' in meeting minutes Friday Night Convention Meeting in 2011.

Added verbiage for 'D' on the First Vice President didn't bring it down in the Bylaws, no motion on the verbiage of the Bylaw. This section needs to be put in the bylaws in Old Business. This was not voted on and should be read again for the first time reading.

For those who attended December's meeting, there was a group discussion on the Bylaws in December, and we didn't feel we could vote until we had all officer's present, thus will need to go back to Square One at Sunday morning's meeting (February read = 1st, Friday Conv 2012 = 2nd read, Sunday morning = 3rd and final read of said Bylaw changes.)

Sign-up sheets for Silent Auction Work Shifts – Letter and Sign-up sheets will be sent by Melissa Dahms and Chris will distribute to all membership. 50/50 Sheets will need to have a sign up as well.

The Treasurer's Report that was recorded in last meeting – Shelia asked if there were no ins and outs (Accounts Received and/or Accounts Paid) in previous meeting, if there's no activity or expenditures, still put beginning and ending balance as the same, but list 'no activity' if there were no expenditures between the last and current meetings.

Motion to accept December's meeting minutes by: Susan Voss made a motion to correct meeting minutes as read and seconded by Theresa Cox. **Motion passed.**

Treasurers' report by Chris Slaughter reported ending balance is: \$5,730.49. Chris also presented a sympathy card to Pam C, and mentioned the State Auxiliary will be making a donation in memory of her mother, Kate Carsten, who passed away. Group Discussion on set amount of donation: Kim referenced Bylaws, states donation/memorial of \$30 is sent to an organization of the survivor's choice from the Auxiliary Membership.

No corrections on Treasurer's report as written: Motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Pam Carsten, seconded by Helen Christensen. **Motion passed.**

Committee Reports

Membership: Missy states membership roster is @ 133 members and 20 Departments.

Auxiliary Member of the Year: Deadline for Nominations was December 31st. As of this meeting, there have been no nominations and none from last year can be carried over. Will start work for next year's nominations and to get the word out! Agreement to work on it now for next year's nominations. One suggestion is to put a General Letter out for the Paper in advance (like in August). Also, suggested an email reminder upon the sending out bi-monthly meeting minutes to add this in the email along with the nomination form.

Poster Contest: Pam, Theresa, and Katie are the judges. Refer all Poster needs/info to them.

Nomination Committee: Committee members are working on the details. Current committee members are Janet Smith, Shelia Arnold, and Rosalyn Sanders. Kim Voss stated Missy E (current position of the Second Vice President), Pam

Carsten (current position of the First Vice President), and Kim Voss (current position of President), terms will **expire** on Convention 2012, and cannot be re-elected for these positions.

Historian: Update from Katie – Books are done, need labeling, and Katie is using Group Shot photos so labeling isn't an issue, can label by department and not by person. Books will be available at convention. Receipts have been given to Chris S. for reimbursement out of checking account. (\$59.35)

Old Business:

Sergeant At Arms: Helen reports needs 1st readings. First reading of these: Under Article IX Duties of Officers:
President d) Submit a written report of Auxiliary activities at the annual convention which exceeds the President Responsibilities

First Vice President:

- d) Shall assume the chair person of the audit committee. This duty will be performed and completed at the first Auxiliary business meeting of the year.

Sergeant At Arms

- c) Notify delegates of voting procedure.
- g) The Sergeant-at-Arms will read Roll Call of Auxiliary Membership Departments during convention between the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report.

Secretary-Treasurer:

- a) Keep an accurate record of all meetings of the Auxiliary, and of the Executive Board. A copy of the convention minutes and Executive Board minutes shall be provided to the President and all Board members within one month post said meeting. All officers will have 10 business days to review and make changes as deemed necessary prior to posting of minutes on website or email.

Historian:

- a) Record the history and special events of the Auxiliary to include pictures, programs, etc.
- c) To keep an updated list of officers past and present, convention sites, and Auxiliary Member of the Year and to supply all Officers with the list of the same.

After General Discussion of all the Bylaws changes above, a motion to accept as written:

Helen Christensen – 1st
Susan Voss – 2nd

No Opposed/No Abstentions, **motion passed for the first reading.** (Note – only 11 voted at this point, Pam C. stepped out)

Discussion of Sponsorship Letter and what the definition of 'local department' means? Drop local department verbiage, to read as follows:

1. Sponsorship Letter – Richard Carsten came in and addressed this issue. They have to be a member of the FFAM or FFAM Auxiliary and we ok someone from that community can be on the State Auxiliary, he states a letter is not needed as long as the Auxiliary approves.
2. Membership shall consist of spouse, spouse of retiree, parents of the member, children of members and/or be sponsored by a firefighter from their local department who is in good standing with the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri. The verbiage 'from their local department' part Shelia has requested in the past (as a motion). Motion was made by Shelia Arnold, and seconded by Katie Schowengerdt @ the December meeting.

This reading is the second reading. Motion to accept as stated, Theresa Cox, 1st, Susan Voss, 2nd. 'Local Department' some would like this in and that's the discussion on the Floor: If the person does not qualify as the aforementioned, we (the Auxiliary) will need to approve and/or vote, they can submit an application to the Auxiliary Membership and give personal references.

Motion on the floor, Votes are 4 in favor, 4 opposed, and 4 abstentions. This stays the way it was **(motion failed)**.

New Business:

Fire Chief Mike (Hannibal) – Gave us update on convention details, there will be a trolley service at Hannibal Inn for transportation away from the Inn. Megan Rapp gave us information from the Visitor's Bureau in Hannibal, there will also be a Just Girls Weekend that will take place. Pamphlets handed out and further details are located @ www.justgirlsweekend.com or www.visithannibal.com . If anyone would like a goody bag, they will have to pre-register (order form online) and the bags are \$20.

Meeting for Friday night meeting, 30 chairs, meeting @ 5pm. Opening Ceremonies are from 7 - 8pm.

Silent Auction - Sign ups and Silent Auction letter will be sent from Melissa Dahms to Chris Slaughter, and Chris will distribute to ALL Auxiliary membership requesting volunteers for work shifts @ auction.

Winter Fire School – Pam C. and Chris S. will be @ Winter Fire School @ FFAM booth and work beside Jaime. Items to sell: Cookbooks, Jingle Buddies, Silver Banks, and Angel Pins. Counted 15 small and 10 large Angel Pins left to sell. Shelia Arnold made a motion to sell what we have on hand, seconded by Helen Christensen. **Motion passed.**

Quilt – Pam C is working on it. Proceeds go to the Burn Center (Camp). If an outside Auxiliary would like to donate a quilt, they can donate to the Auxiliary to raffle.

Proceeds for the Silent Auction – Motion from Katie Schowengerdt proceeds go to the FFMF (Museum), Pam Carsten 2nd. **Motion passed.**

No one for Color Guard at the Hannibal meeting. Discussion to see if Hannibal Fire Department, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts asked to do Color Guard for Friday Night/Sunday morning meeting.

Audit – Missy and Pam will do audit after this meeting.

Check box for Angel Pins (order more?). Box was checked, pins still available: 15 small angel pins/10 large angel pins left. Shelia Arnold motion to sell what we have on hand, 2nd by Helen Christensen.

Missy mentioned to let Gail know who was going to Winter Fire School. Pam C. said booth was very expensive and there's a waiting list. We are doing this with the FFAM and there is no charge.

Pam C mentioned the FFAM is buying a new PA system (for contest).

Helen Christensen presented a letter of resignation.

Memorial Ribbons – Galt FPD is doing the ribbons for this year's Memorial Services in May @ Kingdom City.

Next meeting: Friday, April 27th, 2012 pm @ 5pm – Hannibal Missouri @ Hannibal Inn Meeting Room

Motion to adjourn made by: Chris Slaughter; seconded by Robin Schrage. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:26 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Slaughter – Secretary/Treasurer 2011-12
Warrenton FPD