

2017 FFAM Convention Meeting

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Diane Hanes at 9:03 a.m.

Colors were posted by Warrenton FD Auxiliary.

Joyce Thompson, Kearney Fire & Rescue, read invocation "A Fireman's Life" by Daniel Driscoll.

Introduction of Officers - President Diane Hanes, Galt FD; 1st Vice President Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD; 2nd Vice President Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Secretary/Treasurer Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD; Historian Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FD; Sergeant at Arms Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe FD, absent (Joyce Thomson, Kearney Fire and Rescue, filling in for Ann for the meeting).

Past Presidents were invited to stand and introduce themselves, Janet Smith, Cole County FPD, Kin Voss, Beaufort-Leslie FD and Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FD.

Delegate voting procedures were tabled.

Minutes - Sheri Berendzen read the 2016 Friday night and Sunday morning 2016 Convention minutes. Diane asked for any corrections, additions or any discussions. Missy Erdel, Little Dixie FPD, made a motion to accept the minutes as read, second by Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD. Diane asked all in favor, no opposed, motion passed.

Sergeant-at-Arms - Roll call was completed by Joyce Thompson resulting in 17 departments (5 new department and 2 returning departments), with 43 members present.

Treasurer's Report - Sheri Berendzen reported as of 4-22-2017 the Auxiliary has \$3,226.69. Diane asked for any corrections, additions or any discussions. Angela Fields, Paris FD, made a motion to accept the treasure report, second by Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FD. Diane asked all in favor, no opposed, motion passed.

Fundraisers – We had a wonderful year with our fundraisers at the convention. We had a booze cart where the auxiliary bought the cart and different people donated bottles of booze, we raised \$506.00. We also sold new auxiliary t-shirts, jewelry and different items and raised \$551.00. Then we had many many wonderful items that were donated for a silent auction and with that we raised \$2,198.00.

During the break cash door prizes were drawn.

Committee Reports

Membership – Theresa Cox spoke on how we have had a couple department return and we also have 5 new departments. Still trying to find more ways to bring in more auxiliary members. Holt Summit has invited all Auxiliary members to attend their "Auxiliary 101" event on June 3rd. More information available in the next newsletter.

Contest games – Jessica reported games went well. Games ended early because everything ran very smooth and not as many teams played. Asked if there are any new games that would like to be considered to play in the future.

Historian – Chris Slaughter said has lots of good photos and asked if anyone has any they would like to submit to please let her know. **Chris's contact information is on the FFAM Web site.**

Sergeant-at-Arms – Ann was not able to attend so no report is available at this time.

Auxiliary of the Year – This year the award went to Jessica Miller. Jenny Smith spoke about the award and asked for more nominations for next year and when the nominations need to be submitted.

Poster - Diane Hanes, Galt FD, talked about how the posters need to be received by 7:00 p.m. on Friday night. The size and info on back is what gets posters disqualified mainly, the rules for the contest is on the web site. There were 81 posters received from 8 districts. Robert Brown (RB), District 7 Director, oversees the poster contest.

Checkbook Audit – Was completed by Jessica Miller and Diane Hanes and found the checkbook balanced.

2017 Fire Fighters Memorial Service – The candle light service will be Saturday, May 20th at 9:00 p.m. and the Memorial Service will be Sunday, May 21st at 10:30 a.m. These services will be held at the Kingdom City Fire Fighters Memorial. Diane Hanes spoke how the services are very moving and that are many that attend.

Long Standing and Honorary Members – There are 24 long standing members reported by Theresa Cox. She read off a list of names for honorary members and asked everyone to report back to her if they have any new names or if someone needs to be removed.

2018 Convention – Larry Jennings talked about next year convention that is going to be held in Chillicothe MO, May 4, 5 & 6, 2018.

Resolution – Diane Hanes read the resolution.

It was discussed about doing a t-shirt quilt with auxiliary shirts only. Maybe vote on the auxiliary shirts and the winner t-shirt will be in the center along with the new auxiliary t-shirt and the other t-shirts around those.

Janet Smith, Cole County FPD, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rebecca Jackson, Galt FD. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Ann Jones created a trivia game about the FFAM Auxiliary. She had fire related prizes for the winners. Everyone enjoyed the game and prizes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD

Secretary/Treasurer 2016-2017