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ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Vice President, William Graugard. Motion was made/seconded (Fischer/Jackson) to accept the minutes from the January 7, 2013 Association Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Dave Galley reported the 1st Qtr 2013 Report.
- 1st Qtr Expenses were \$5,828; income was \$1,983; Qtr End Balance was \$17,872.
- The Toys for Tikes Ameriprise account balance is \$24,048; the checkbook balance is \$1,343.

Motion was made/seconded (Graugard/Jackson) to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Communications & Bills:

- Thank you cards were received from Ashley Shepard, Pat Dooley and Dick Bowman for fruit baskets sent.

Good & Welfare:

- There are no issues. The membership needs to remember to report G&W incidences for Special Members who are not aligned with a company.

Toys for Tikes:

- We have been informed that Namco is discontinuing their wholesale toy division due to bankruptcy proceedings. Carlos Crespo and Dave Goric have provided names of other potential companies to approach. Diane and Ron will research a new supplier.

Christmas Party:

- The 2013 party will be hosted by Station 141. The working fund has been increased to \$1,000.

Annual Banquet:

- The Banquet went very well. 184 tickets were sold. The 2014 Banquet will be hosted by R-441. The working fund has been increased to \$1,000.

Department Picnic:

- Stan Landry is recruiting for a committee to assist with the 2013 event. One person per company is requested. An email will be sent with details. Any interest in assisting should be provided to company Captains within the next 2 weeks. Motion was made/seconded Fischer/Lafontaine for a \$500 working fund to be established. A date needs to be determined ASAP.

Old Business:

- Discussion was held regarding hosting of a Comedy Show for Association fundraising. A/C Landry discussed its success at UConn and would like to try it for VVFA. He his working with a contact with the show. Cory Lafontaine, Rob Babcock, Dave Galley, Frank Poirier volunteered to assist. It is estimated that fire dept support could bring in 300 people. It is preferred that a hall be found that could hold a number larger than 300. Maneeley's Banquet Hall in South Windsor was suggested.

New Business:

- Rob Babcock discussed a desire to form a Department Fall Softball league within Vernon Parks and Recreation as a continued morale booster for interested members. There are approximately 20 people interested to date. The league tentatively begins the first week in September and usually lasts 6-8 weeks. Game nights tbd. \$600 registration fee (due in August) & jersey expenses were mentioned. At this time it is limited to Department Members with potential of expanding to family members if needed. If a co-ed team is considered, a minimum of five females are needed. Fundraiser options may be pursued to help fund the team. Motion was made/seconded (Eppler/Lafontaine) to fund \$300. A meeting will immediately follow in the engine bay for anyone wishing to discuss. Diane Carpenter will investigate insurance or hold harmless options with Wilcox & Reynolds.

Upcoming Events:

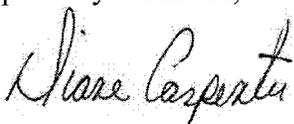
- ET-541 Mother's Day Flower Sale will be held on May 10, 11 & 12 at the Ladd and Hall parking lot and Public Works.

Good & Welfare:

- A/C Eppler and Mike Colt informed of a presentation being made to Norwegian Cruise Lines for their support for tours they have conducted to our Junior Company members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary