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P.O. BOX 951
VERNON, CONNECTICUT 06066

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 1, 2016

Present: Carpenter, Eppler, Fisher, Galley, Konarski, Lafontaine, Lucas, Maguda

The meeting was called to order at 18:34 by Vice President, Cory Lafontaine. Due to the overview of the house explosion on Hale Street Ext. the August 29th meeting had been cancelled.

Treasurer's Report:

- Dave Galley reported on 4th Quarter income/expenses. Expenses of \$1,168 were reported. Income was \$2,884. The checkbook balance is \$17,876. Toys for Tikes Ameripris balance is \$29,596, checkbook \$6,307.

Communications & Bills:

- Thank you cards were received from Don Maguda, the Shepard family and a donation received from Shirley Rossmeich in memory of Gail Morse.

Good & Welfare:

- Dick Bowman has presented a proposal to increase the Good & Welfare allocation to \$75 for flowers/gift baskets in lieu of the \$50 that has been in place for decades. The Board of Directors endorsed the proposal.

Toys for Tikes:

- The new committee has been meeting and planning for this year's delivery on 12/19/16.

Charitable Funds Committee: Nothing to report.

Department Gala:

- T-541 is in charge of this year's event. They are hoping to schedule at the Elks Lodge on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

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Comedy Show:

- The officers of the Association propose that we skip this event in 2017 due to declining attendance. It will be discussed at the regular meeting.

New York City Bus Trip:

- A great time was had by all. One bus was filled and we raised approximately \$1,000 for the Association. Dan Robertson and his team did a great job of organizing this trip.

Department Picnic:

- The 2016 picnic was held on 9/17/16 at the Italian Social Club. Of the 85 adults that had signed up, there were 36 no show's. It is disheartening to work on a morale event that results in such a large number who did not attend. Overall, money was spent on food and gifts that were not needed. For those that were there, we had a great time. It is suggested that in the future \$10 be charged per family to help encourage those signing up to attend. It would be returned upon arrival at the picnic. This will be further discussed at the Association meeting.
- It was stated that there are other morale boosting events that could happen in lieu of the picnic. The Officers welcome suggestions.

Golf Tournament:

- Planning of the 2017 Tournament has not begun at this time.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Upcoming Events:

- Tony Muniz announced a fundraiser that will be held at Friendlies on November 16th. We will hold a Touch a Truck event from 18:00 – 21:00. In return Friendlies will donate 20% of the day's income to the Association. Flyers need to be distributed to patrons entering the restaurant in order to qualify for the donation. Members are needed to hand these out at the door. They will also be shared via email, Vernon schools and the media. Please contact Tony Muniz if you can assist.

Good and Well Being: None

Motion was made/seconded (Lucas/Galley) to adjourn the meeting at 18:50.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary



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ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 19:15 by Vice President, Cory Lafontaine. Motion was made/seconded (Landry/Harrison) to accept the minutes from the May 31, 2016 Association Meeting. Due to the overview of the house explosion on Hale Street Ext., the August 29th meeting had been cancelled.

Treasurer's Report:

- Dave Galley reported on 4th Quarter income/expenses. Expenses of \$1,168 were reported... Income was \$2,884. The checkbook balance is \$17,876. Toys for Tikes Ameriprise balance is \$29,596, checkbook \$6,307. Motion was made/seconded (Eppler/Oliver) to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Communications & Bills:

- Thank you cards were received from Don Maguda, the Shepard family and a donation received from Shirley Rossmeich in memory of Gail Morse.

Good & Welfare:

- Dick Bowman has presented a proposal to increase the Good & Welfare allocation to \$75 in lieu of the \$50 that has been in place for decades. The Board of Directors endorsed the proposal. Motion was made/seconded (Fisher/Robinson) to raise the flower/gift basket allocation to \$75 per occurrence. Motion carried.

Toys for Tikes:

- The new committee has been meeting and planning for this year's delivery on 12/19/16.
- Stuff a Truck event is being planned for 12/10 at Spare Time on Route 83 from 11:00 – 16:00. If anyone would like to participate, please contact Anthony Napolitan.

Charitable Funds Committee: Nothing to report.

Department Gala:

- T-541 is in charge of this year's event. It will be held at the Rockville Elks Lodge on Saturday, March 4, 2017. Additional details will follow.

Comedy Show:

- The officers of the Association propose that we skip this event in 2017 due to declining attendance. Members have not supported this event in large enough quantities to continue moving forward. Rich Harrison believed if we expanded advertising (i.e., Vernon Patch, large signs in town) we may be able to draw a larger audience from the outside. Research into advertising options is needed and feedback is needed. Rich Harrison, Zach Antil, and James Robinson volunteered to assist. What could be changed to attract members to support this fundraiser? Further discussion will happen at the January meeting.

New York City Bus Trip:

- A great time was had by all. One bus was filled and we raised approximately \$1,000 for the Association. Dan Robertson and his team did a great job of organizing this trip.

Department Picnic:

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- It was stated that there are other morale boosting events that could happen in lieu of the picnic. The Officers welcome suggestions.

Golf Tournament:

- Planning of the 2017 Tournament has not begun at this time.

Old Business:

- Income from Annual Dues is down almost 50% from last year at this time.
- Dan Robertson informed that a check from E-441 will be coming for dues from members in his company... Accountability of dues has been handled at a company level and it is suggested that other companies may consider doing the same.

New Business: None

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- Vernon PD is holding a Tip a Cop event tonight at the 99 Restaurant until 21:00.
- A Roast & Toast Dinner is being held on Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 5:00 – 9:00 to honor Smokey Dreher for his dedicated years of service at the American Legion and the Town of Vernon Fire Department. It will be a buffet dinner/cash bar. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the American Legion.

Good and Well Being: None

Motion was made/seconded (Fischer/Boulette) to adjourn the meeting at 19:45.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Carpenter".

Diane Carpenter, Secretary

FUNRAISING AT *Friendly's*

**VERNON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS
IS HOSTING A FUNRAISING EVENT
AT FRIENDLY'S ON**

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16TH, 2016
ALL DAY**

20% of all sales will be donated to our organization.

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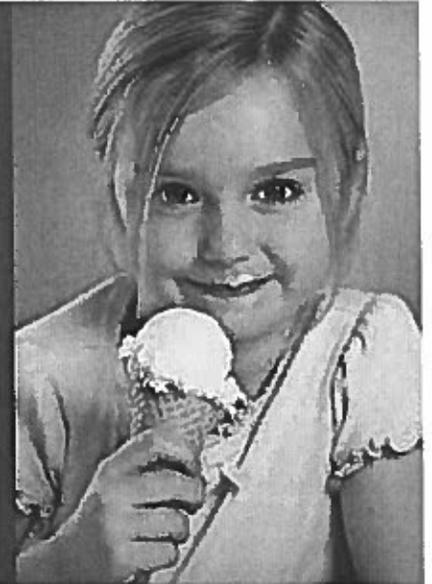
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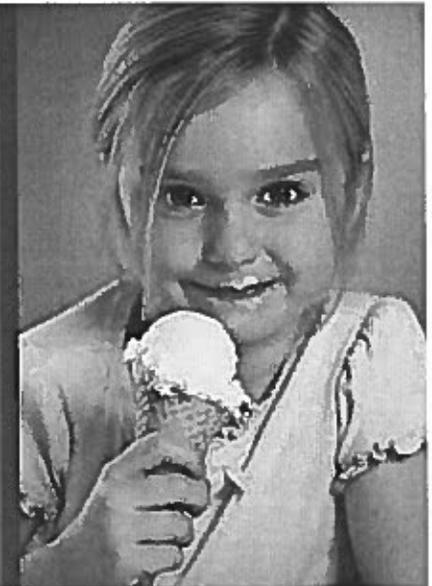
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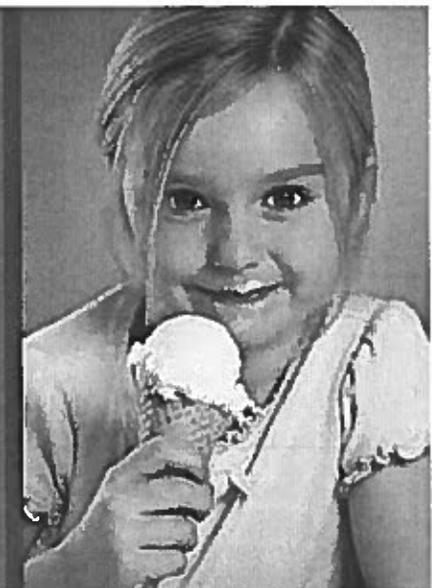
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ROAST AND TOAST DINNER



*To pay tribute to a 33 year American Legion member,
10 of which as Post Commander*

*Over 50 years community service with the
Vernon Fire Department*

Alfred "Smokey" Dreher

*American Legion Honorary Life Member
US Army, Vietnam Era, Veteran*

Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar

Saturday, 17 December 2016

5pm – 9pm upstairs hall, 6pm dinner

\$15 per person

Tickets available at the American Legion

114 West St., Vernon/Rockville, CT