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*ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES*

April 30, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1945 hrs. by Vice President, Cory Lafontaine. Motion was made/seconded (Kerr/Babcock) to accept the minutes from the January 29, 2018 Association Meeting.

*Treasurer's Report*

- The 2nd Qtr. 2018 Report reflects income of \$4,650 and expenses of \$4,225 (\$3,500 Gala, \$525 Good & Welfare). Checkbook balance as of 4/30/18 is \$17,806. Toys for Tikes Ameriprise Accounts show a balance of \$36,138 and checkbook of \$5,715.
- Negotiation is underway for renewal of insurance policy.

Motion was made/seconded (Shepard/Muniz) to accept the Treasurer Reports.

*Communications & Bills:*

- Thank you cards were received from the Babcock family for the fruit basket upon birth of Avery; Larry King for the fruit basket during recent surgery/illness; the Bifolck families for St. Bernard's donation (passing of Carmelle Bifolck); Dottie Konarski for the fruit basket and outpouring of support following Charlie's passing, and Liz Clarke from the Sunset Terrace fire thanking for the toys and gift cards sent by the Association TFT/Auxiliary/CERT).

*Good & Welfare:*

- Dick Bowman reported above average activity (eight baskets have been sent). YTD expenses have surpassed full year 2017.
- Flag needs for Memorial Day should be communicated to Dick. Please also provide name of deceased member and where they are located; flags will be provided.
- Companies are reminded that it is their responsibility to communicate needs to the committee as need arises.

***Toys for Tikes:***

- 2018 toy distribution will be Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. No replacement toy store has been searched yet.
- The Historical Society Book Sale is Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Josh Isham will be picking up TFT books.

***Charitable Funds Committee:***

- Donations were made to VCMS/Bermuda Workshop and the Vernon Police Explorers.

***Department Gala:***

- The 2018 was held on March 24, 2018 and hosted by ET-441. 75 tickets were sold, however only approximately ½ of those attended. It was acknowledged the conflict of Emmetsburg weekend activities impacted turnout. The 2019 event will be sponsored by the Ambulance Co.

***Comedy Show:***

- A 2018 event is being pursued for the Fall. Stan Landry is investigating the availability of performers. Discussion was held regarding venue. If there are other location ideas, please let us know. A strong turnout from the membership is imperative for the success of the event.

***Picnic:***

- The family picnic will be held on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Camp Newhoca. Additional details will follow.

***Recognition Walkway:***

- Dedication will be held on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1300 hrs. at the Public Safety Complex.

***Department Golf Tournament:*** Nothing to report.

***Old Business:***

- Dan Robertson is investigating a 2018 holiday bus trip to NYC. Details will follow.

***New Business:*** None

***Upcoming Events:***

- Fitton Hose Company Flower Sale will be held on 5/12 & 13 at the Ladd and Hall Parking Lot & Public Works lot.
- Mohegan Sun bus trip sponsored by Engine 441 is being planned.
- A stag party for Zach Antil will be held on Friday, June 15, 2018 from 1800 – 2300 at the Pleasant View banquet facility in Somers. Ticket price is \$25. Contact Pete Orłowski or Zach for tickets.

***Good of the Order:***

- Dana Robertson informed that his grandson is being treated for cancer and a GoFundMe account has been established for Colin Thorn. Any assistance that can be provided is greatly appreciated.

Motion was made/seconded (Fischer/Antil) to adjourn the meeting at 2000 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Carpenter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Diane Carpenter, Secretary