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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

JUNE 2, 2021

Video Conference

President Taylor called the meeting to order.

Secretary-Treasurer Quinn called the roll.

The following Board Members and Staff were present

President – Michael P. Taylor

Secretary-Treasurer - William E. Quinn Jr.

1st District Vice President – Roy Hollenbacher

2nd District Vice President – Michael Norman

3rd District Vice President – Cory Wilson

4th District Vice President – Jon Harvey

5th District Vice President – Dave Montgomery

Retiree Vice President – Thomas Rave

Sergeant-at-Arms – Daniel Mitsch

Trustee – Jeff Younkins

Trustee – Ryan Launder

Trustee – Rich Goforth

Director of Governmental Affairs – James Carney

Director of Communications – Mark Hill

Director of Health, Safety & EMS – David Bernzweig

Director of Operations – Bill Mastroianni

Metro Representative – Dan Desmond (Excused)

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GUEST SPEAKER

IAFF 8TH DISTRICT DVP MARK SANDERS

Mr. DVP mentioned a possible IAFF Virtual Legislative Conference at the end of June.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Given by Jeff Younkin: Expense report completed, and the Trustees attended an auditing seminar course given by Concur. President Taylor thanked them for their hard work.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary Treasurer Quinn gave the financial report using power point presentation. Very detailed report given (See ST Quinn for details) Mr. Quinn spoke about IAFF resolution 26 and how that affects OAPFF. Bill made a **MOTION** that the OAPFF executive board adopt a policy, the reserve funding recommendations. of, the international as outlined in resolution 26 at the 2018 convention with a 4-to-six-month operating revenue for the reserve and that the OAPFF executive board authorize me to transfer money from our operational fund into our reserve fund which would bring our reserves to within the IAFF recommended parameters. Motion seconded by Vice President Harvey. Voting:

Vice-president Montgomery. Yes, Vice President Wilson. Yes. Vice President Norman Yes. Vice President Hollenbacher; Yes, President Taylor: Yes. Motion carries.

MOTION: The board adopt a policy to create an OAPFF investment policy with a committee of 3 voting members of the executive board which will serve as the investment policy committee. The president shall appoint a chair of that committee from the 3 board members. The ST will be a member of the committee - ex officio. The investment policy committee will submit to the OAPFF executive board recommended policies, defining investment objectives, goals, guidelines and what our risk tolerance should be and that the investment policy work directly with financial professionals and submit periodic findings and recommendations to the voting members of the executive board for consideration, and if the executive board makes final determinations of total reserve fund assets, where those funds are allocated in the custody. Motion seconded by Montgomery

Voting: Vice President Montgomery: Yes, Vice President Harvey: Yes, Vice President Wilson: Yes, Vice President Norman: Yes, Vice President Hollenbacher: Yes, Secretary Treasure Quinn: Yes, Presently Taylor: Yes. Motion carries.

The Secretary Treasurer also spoke on P.A.C. Fund, rent, the American Express bill, Hanna News Agency bill, Verizon wireless bill, Payroll taxes, Ohio AFL CIO dues, Ohio insurance and HSA for Joan. Various office work for labor done (plumbing and electrical work). Expenses incurred during IAFF conferences here in Columbus as well as Joan getting new computer.

Bill mentioned online dues pay and working with IAFF Smart. Mr. Quinn spoke about the 457 Plan Control committee board meeting. No one has any questions for ST Quinn.

MOTION: OAPFF Executive Board adopt a policy creating the position of OAPFF lobbyist, and that the position be appointed by the president and confirmed by the executive board. Motion seconded by Vice President Harvey

Voting: Vice President Tom Rave: Yes, Vice President Montgomery: Yes, Vice President Harvey: Yes, Vice President Wilson: Yes, President Norman: Yes, Vice President Hollenbacher: Yes ST Quinn: Yes, President Taylor: Yes, Motion carries

Presidents Report

President Taylor spoke about the upcoming events and dates for Cedar Point outing in August, IAFF Redmond Symposium, IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial, OAPFF Health and Safety Seminar, Taking Care of Home symposium, and the IAFF 8th District PEP. Mike talked about things that are being watched on the political front, touching on a few upcoming bills. He did mention plans of action to address some of these political issues.

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DIRECTORS REPORTS

Director of Operations

Bill Mastroianni talked about working on Cedar Point Days Aug 10th and 11th. Tickets will be available online. He says one ticket will cover entry and meal (which will be catered). He says Health and safety conference will be in Columbus on October 6th and 7th. The director say Battle of Ohio NFL outing will be in Cincinnati November 7th cost to be determined. He mentioned the Browns being "Hot". Mastroianni says the Higher Education Initiative will be graduating our first associate degrees since the program was started. Bill says we have about 700 members that are going through or have gone through.

The Director says we are working on and now have a bachelor's program for 3 to 4 different programs. There is also a program for professional development credits through OFA that will count towards a degree through EGCC.

Bill expanded on the "Taking Care of Home" Conference on October 23rd and 24th. This will be a small and intimate conference for 40 members and spouses. He says subjects covered will include wills, mental health, free college and how to deal with "bad days at home" and more.

Director of Government Affairs

Jim Carney spoke about HB 157 (Municipal Tax Bill) and how it could affect municipalities and fire fighters. He says this bill could affect our members in a very negative way. Jim explained in detail the potential effects of this bill. Carney mentioned that the legislators are looking into alternative funding sources. The director advised locals to work with their tax departments or their city council or mayors or use your political connections to see what their plans are and what their thoughts are as far as dealing with this situation.

The director spoke about HB 1, HB 110, HB 248, HB 17, as well as the voter suppression bill

Director Of Health, Safety and EMS

Director Bernzweig's first topic was on Peer support and peer confidentiality and his work with Director Carney and the Department of mental health and addiction services to develop minimum requirements for peer teams. Dave talked about his work with NFPA 1582 (the occupational medicine standard). Dave also talked about working with Mastroianni on upcoming seminar. Director Bernzweig said there will be an upcoming Zoom conference sponsored by the OAPFF Peer Support on June 14th.

Director of Communications

Director Hill says Thank you, President Taylor and all the members for allowing me to speak today just a few updates, to let everybody know all the dates and events given by director Mastroianni, will be put in the first due digital newsletter that should go out sometime in the next week. (I hope). If you didn't get a copy of the first one, let me know, make sure that you're registered on OAPFF.org and they'll start coming to you. My goal is to get one digital newsletter out after every board meeting, and they should be packed full of good information for all our members. Also, when you talk to your members, let them know that if they are registering on OAPFF.org do so with a non-government email address.

OAPFF communications department continues to assist locals with any needs they have when it comes to social media graphics, media interactions or anything else. If any of the locals have any questions about what you should or should not be posting on social media or you have questions about social media policies, please contact me.

The big thing that Mark has been working recently on with ST Quinn is a landing page for our 457 program as was seen in his PowerPoint presentation.

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DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

RETIREE VP RAVE

Mr. Rave reports that the retiree dues flier is being sent out and asks that people let everyone know. He asks that everyone encourage all retirees to join. He thanks Carl Jordan for all of his help.

FIRST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Hollenbacher thanked President Taylor and ST Quinn for increasing Lobbyist pay and he thanked Director Mastroianni for putting together the upcoming "Taking Care of Home" seminar and furthering along the Higher Education Initiative. Roy also thanked DVP Norman and President Cooper from Local 381 for helping to put together a presentation for Rocky River fire fighters who are not in the OAPFF. The DVP referenced a situation with Marion Township and Eastlake promotion exams.

Roy talked a little about IAFF SMART and an issue in Bellfountaine, OH where the city was looking to cancel all leave.

SECOND DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Norman said Local 93 received a fireground survival trailer from the IAFF. That was purchased with the \$70,000 AFG grant. He also said there was a settlement and an IAFF trial board in Elyria Local 474. He thanked everyone involved. Michael also thanked everyone involved with the meeting with Rocky River fire fighters. The DVP said Local 93 is planning on endorsing Kevin Kelly for mayor in Cleveland, OH.

Mike says the North Shore Federation of Labor had a couple of changes. Number one, they have a new executive secretary, named Dan O'Malley, who is the son of former Local 93 trustee and longtime member Mike O'Malley and they also named Brian Pearson who is a member of Girard Local 1220 as their campaign director and he's already been reaching out to Mike about expanding the membership and the role for firefighters in the North Shore Federation of Labor.

The DVP thanked Dir. Mastroianni for working on the Cedar Point outing.

THIRD DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson thanked former Local 1225 member Bryan Pearson for all of his hard work across the state of Ohio as a member of the OAPFF legislative team and congratulated him on his new job as campaign director for North Shore Federation of Labor. Cory says welcome to Chester Township Local 5331 who just received their IAFF charter.

DVP Wilson expanded on problems with promotional tests throughout the state and within his district and talked about problems advertising for a chief's position from outside sources within in his city.

Cory also said IAFF SMART works well for some locals.

FOURTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Had to leave the meeting

FIFTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Montgomery reported on negotiations in Orange Township, London, Chillicothe, Delaware, Logan, Hamilton Township and Zanesville. Dave said Hamilton Township is being mandated to work special events even though they are short on staffing. Delaware Fire fighters and their local government are discussing community paramedics, but it would be done by displacing (non-EMS) fire fighters. BST&G fire fighter was awarded his job back. North Union Fire District just got their IAFF number. The DVP talked about some fire departments that are considering mandatory COVID vaccines.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by all in attendance. Motion carried.

Meeting ended