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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MARCH 16, 2022

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 (absent)

Sergeant-at-Arms – Daniel Mitsch

Trustee – Jeff Younkings (absent)

Trustee – Ryan Launder

Trustee – Rich Goforth

Director of Governmental Affairs – James Carney

Director of Communications – Mark Hill

Director of Health, Safety & EMS – David Bernzweig (absent)

Director of Operations – Bill Mastroianni

Metro Representative – Dan Desmond (absent)

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GUEST SPEAKER

IAFF 8TH DISTRICT DVP MARK SANDERS

Mr. DVP mentioned successful ALTS conference. Says 1200 ppl in attendance. He says Ben Leonard also attended. He says first week of May, Labor relations and other IAFF standing committees will be meeting in Las Vegas. He talked about strategic campaigns in Ohio. Mark spoke about IAFF General Counsel changes. The DVP talked about IAFF ethics committee. He says IAFF has been dealing with issues around ethics, redacted documents, and their board. They are being guided by new attorneys and IRS rules about pensions and monetary issues. Mark says anyone can contact him if they have questions. DVP Montgomery questioned "Why the redactions?" IAFF DVP explained why (several reasons were given). DVP Hollenbacher questioned where to find information on redactions? IAFF DVP told him where to find some of the information. He says all the redacted forms are not available. ST Quinn asked about D.O.L. investigations.

LEGAL

Mr. Arnett spoke about Sharonville termination. He thanked Jon and Mark for their help.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Given by Trustee Rich Goforth. He says audits are updated fixed assets audit are happening. He says it will be completed by convention.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary Treasurer Quinn handed out financial report to all in attendance. It included

- Current OAPFF Per Capita Tax
- Organizational Demographics
- IAFF Per Capita Tax
- OAPFF Operational Fund numbers
- OAPFF Expenditures
- OAPFF Reserve funds
- Investment Policy Committee minutes
- Political Contributing Entity numbers
- Ohio Fire Political Action Committee numbers

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Presidents Report

President Taylor spoke about endorsement of John Cranley for Governor and Teresa Fedor for Lt Governor. Terri Jamison for Ohio Supreme Court. Tom Patton, Adam Miller, Tom Hall, and Brian Baldrige for House of Representatives. Emilia Sykes for U.S. House of Representative. All unanimous endorsements

President Taylor says District meetings will be held on April 9th, 12th and 19th. He also spoke about conference resolutions (which are posted on OAPFF website). Mike mentioned that local 67 will be hosting the next Firehouse magazine conference (No dates yet). He talked about the hearings at the statehouse for HB 512

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Director of Operations

Bill Mastroianni talked about Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial is posting names from 2020 and 2021. The Winter Ed was held at a new venue. He said it went very well. He thanked sponsors. He said hotel allowed us to use funds from previous cancelled conference. He says speakers were well accepted. He gave individual thanks to all speakers. Yoga classes were well attended. He says upcoming peer support classes in Cleveland are full. OAPFF and Local 93 are paying. Local 92 and OAPFF are having a peer support class in September. A 3rd class was requested. Not sure where. He is working with Director Bernzweig. 53rd Biennial Conference info can be found at OAPFF.org. He has a rough agenda for the conference. He has secured tickets for Cleveland Guardians game. He is currently working on a flyer. Lots of upcoming event dates will be posted online. Bill attended a labor /arbitration conference recently. Mastro says all 5 districts have members going on wall at Fallen FF Memorial this year. He thanked IAFF DVP Sanders and Chip Terry Fund for helping a FF at C.O.E recently. He and ST Quinn attended the service in Baltimore this year.

Director of Government Affairs

Jim Carney spoke about redistricting maps being rejected by Ohio supreme court. This may create problems come election time. He had a call with league of women voters there may be an appeal by them. He has a meeting with ODP and jurisdictions over cancer claims. He continues to work with AFL-CIO, and We Are Ohio. He talked on HB. 512. Discussions on governors grant proposal. HB 184. SB 21. HB 337. HB 17. Jim needs ppl to testify. HB 88. HB 23. HB 138. HB 158. He met with MFAS. DVP Norman asked about timeline for phone bank? Dir. Carney says we're waiting until hearings start.

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Director of Health, Safety and EMS

Director Bernzweig's report given by President Taylor. He says funding for peer support from state. He says Upper Arlington Fire and OFC are having a peer support class. Askea and Wright are new IAFF Peer Supporters.

Director of Communications

- Communications has been working on creating a you tube channel to view videos made by the OAPFF. Information will be posted on social media and by email when enough videos are compiled to include sufficient content. Hopefully this will include speakers from conferences as well as our own resident experts.
- Director Hill is working on the next OAPFF newsletter to go out next month. Make sure your contact information is up to date on OAPFF.org to receive it.
- Communications continues to work with Director Carney to make sure the Legislative link stays up to date on our website.
- If your local needs help with any community election or levy issues, please contact your DVP who should then start a communication chain that will get you the help you need. This will speed up the process of getting you the assistance you need. For those not familiar with who the process please call your DVP, Director Carney or Mark Hill.
- If you haven't already checked information on the upcoming OAPFF 53rd Biennial conference can be found by going to OAPFF.org – EVENTS – month of MAY – then click on any of the highlighted dates and the conference information including hotel and room info can be found. Also visit to our Facebook page for conference updates when they happen.

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Director of Communications cont'd

- Communications worked with Director Carney and held several Zoom sessions training members on how to use a phone bank system to make calls. (Member of the Governmental Affairs Committee or designated people)
- As usual if you see something that's not up to date or see missing or incorrect content on our website contact Director Hill so it can be fixed or repaired ASAP.

DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

RETIREE VP RAVE

President Taylor reports Retiree VP Rave working with Sen. Brown on WEP. He and Carl have roughly 20 cases going.

FIRST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Hollenbacher is having district meeting in Bowling Green, OH

SECOND DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Norman said his meeting in Lorain oh and there excited about biennial conference. Issues in Norwalk. Possible organizing in glad to be getting rid of current chief. Brunswick is out of the OAPFF. Westlake has hired a UFC fighter to be a fire fighter. The DVP thanked Dir. Mastroianni for working on the Cedar Point outing.

THIRD DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson April 7th meeting. Chester township has a first contract. He is still working with Bryan OH. He's assisting 3 other locals with agreements. He has dependent verification issues with other locals and healthcare consortium.

FOURTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Harvey says 4th district meeting is April 19th. In Liberty Township.

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FIFTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Montgomery reported he is working with Newark on some issues around NFPA 1582. Delaware local is working with Colleen Arnett. Chillicothe is finished with negotiations. Dave suggested looking at their contract for healthcare recommendations. Mr. Montgomery is working with Central Ohio Fire District and North Ohio Fire District. The 5th district is having their April 19th district meeting in Columbus.

Next OAPFF board mtg will be Monday May 16th.

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

Meeting ended at 11:47