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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

December 8, 2022

President Harvey called the meeting to order.

Secretary-Treasurer Quinn called the roll.

The following Board Members and Staff were present

President – Jon Harvey

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 – Jeff Moore

5th District Vice President – Brian Gatley

Retiree Vice President – Thomas Rave

Sergeant-at-Arms – Daniel Mitsch

Trustee – John Jerina

Trustee – Ryan Launder

Trustee – Rich Goforth

Director of Governmental Affairs - Vacant

Director of Communications – Mark Hill

Director of Health, Safety & EMS – David Bernzweig

Director of Operations – Bill Mastroianni

Metro Representative – Steve Stein

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Dayton Local 136

Presents video on hosting future conference and President Kraig Robinson

Hamilton Local 20

Presents video on hosting future conference and President Tony Harris spoke

LEGAL

Mr. Arnett spoke about OAPFF and FOP and Ohio State SC hearing on retire /rehire issues. He says we are filling Amicus brief.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Given by Trustee Launder. He says audits expenses have been reviewed and are up to date. Trustees made changes in when they do the audits and reports. They now start a day before the board meetings.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

ST Quinn gave PP presentation on OAPFF financial report. Mr. Quinn put all financial reports on big projector screen for all to see and explained all expenditures. Mr. Quinn put a PP on screen for all to see. He gave a complete report on Per Capita, membership numbers, a finance review. Bill touched on OAPFF expenditures, reserve funds, OAPFF PCE and PAC funds. Bill gave an update on OAPFF 457 committee and the work they've been doing.

Mr. Quinn **Motion: to accept financial report - Passed unanimously**

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Harvey spoke about election seasons successes and failures. He says no movement on HB 512. HB 6 we signed onto joint letter that we support groups. We had several mtgs one with new SERB board member. Over the next few days, he will have a mtg w/ State Fire Marshal and OHIO FC's about recruitment, retention and grant issues. He spoke on unfilled OAPFF Government Affairs position Jon says a committee will have an interview process started. The President says the OAPFF CBL review was approved by the IAFF, with some minor changes. He talked about Ohio Trauma board seat and Kevin Uhl. On IAFF Resolution 1, Jon had a conversation with NOFF President, more mtgs are scheduled, he says no rush. The OAPFF is planning for H and S Conference. Mr. President says Mr. Quinn talked with RPA (from 457 plan) about visiting stations and districts. Jon had a special thank you to Sgt at Arms Dan Mitsch for attending the board meeting

RETIREE VP REPORT

Tom says he and Carl are working 30 cases currently. He says members need to reach out to them if they need help. He says pension system is doing well right now. He says monetary value was down, but it is trending upward. He says he and Carl attend most pension board meetings.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Director Mastroianni (Bill) says H.E. initiative has some new handouts showing its benefits. Bill spoke about Dept of Education decisions and how it affects our members. Program is back open; he says website has up to date information. If you have any issues, contact him. Mr. Mastroianni touched on upcoming conferences and possible timelines as well as and curriculum changes. Bill mentioned Brother Tetrick. He says Peer Support had 2 classes this past fall and they were very successful and well attended (with a waitlist). He thanked the OAPFF for subsidizing the classes. Bill mentioned AFG grant openings which should be announced in the next few weeks.

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DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

SEE METRO REP REPORT Mr. Stein spoke about recent elections and our wins and losses. He spoke about Tim Ryan and JD Vance race. He says our successes by far outweighed our losses. He says the OAPFF was very happy about our endorsement of Gov. Dewine. Stein says our endorsement/win rate was 88%. Steve spoke briefly about HB 512 and the amendments added to it. He talked about municipalities not contributing more money to pension funding in almost 40 years. He says there have been a lot of meetings with our Governmental Affairs committee who have been meeting with legislators on a regular basis. Mr. Stein also mentioned HB 158 and banning of PFAS foam. He says nothing is happening with movement of bills (on state legislators' part) during lame duck session.

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, SAFETY AND EMS

Director Bernzweig says there were 3 peer support classes in 2022. He says OFC's and the state are both on board with OAPFF classes and peer support. Dave spoke about HB 545 peer confidentiality. The Director talked about a one-day peer support class and receiving CE's for it. The committee is exploring a clinician training course (potentially). Dave is meeting with his peer support team next week and he met with 8TH district members about our program. Mr. Bernzweig gave a briefing on IAFF disaster relief and says a link will be available on website and social media for that soon.

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DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

1. The updated OAPFF Overview of Services book can be found on OAPFF.org in the Resource Library under “Additional Local Leader Resources”. Please check it out. “Constitution and Bylaws” as well as “Policy Manual” are being updated. The answers to many questions can be found in the Resource Library on the website
2. Photos, bios and contact information has been updated on the website to reflect the newly elected officers across all 5 OAPFF districts. You can also email your DVP directly from here.
3. Minutes from past OAPFF Board Meeting are also posted on website. Per the resolution passed at the Biennial Conference board meeting minutes are posted within 30 days. You can find the conference resolutions posted on the site as well.
4. Communications worked with President Harvey and Metro Representative Steve Stein to create online flyers and ads for some of the OAPFF and Local union endorsed politicians. Please let your members know they are welcome to let us know how they feel about issues but please keep the profane responses to themselves.
5. As usual if you or any of the locals here have any communication-based questions or issues that you want or need to discuss please contact Director Mark Hill. If any local wants or need assistance with your social media or websites or are looking to reach out to your members in any new or creative ways contact me. I will make sure that your DVP is kept in the loop if you do contact me.
6. To be the first to receive notifications on upcoming conferences make sure you and your members are registered on OAPFF.org.
7. You can contact me by Facebook Messenger, Twitter DM, emailing at the “contact us” link on OAPFF.org, emailing mhill@oapff.org or just call him at 614.570.2656

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DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

FIRST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Hollenbacher thanked Mr. Arnett for helping Bucyrus. Roy helped to settle 3 contracts recently. He says Marion passed 3 mil Levy. The DVP mentioned a peer supporter from Bowling Green.

SECOND DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Norman. Thanked L93 and all who attended Brother Tetrick's funeral service and says the local did an amazing job. Mike helped settle 2 contracts with his 2 largest locals. He's working with Shaker heights and a member that has cancer. Mr. Norman spoke enthusiastically about NOFF locals, organizing and the OAPFF. Brother Mike thanked Steve Stein with all his help.

THIRD DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson says there are 4 negotiations going on right now in his district which he is assisting with. Cory gave a briefing on an arbitration happening in his district as well a (Termination). The brother thanked Pres. Harvey for helping and working with MFAS. Bainbridge Township is trying to organize and is working with the DVP, Cory says it's too early to petition SERB. He mention that Jackson Township has received a grant for mental health education.

FOURTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

DVP Moore talked about happenings in the 4th district as well as working with several more locals on various issues. Jeff also thanked Stein and the Legislative committee for their hard work. The DVP thanked his 4th district Peer Support coordinator for his hard work. A couple of the 4th district Locals are having issues with members and disciplinary issues. He mentioned that Turtle Creek is having organizing issues.

FIFTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

DVP Gatley has updates about his district meeting and says their attendance numbers were up. He thanked Henry and Colleen for their help with negotiations. Brian mentioned Newark Local 109 and their ongoing issues. The DVP says Central Ohio Joint Fire Dept is working on a contract and says former OAPFF President Mike Taylor helped him and a local with the loss of one its members. Prairie TWP, Circleville, and Violet received SAFER grants according to the

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DVP. Mr. Gatley says New Boston has lost 3 members taking them down to 4 members. He assisted Grandview Heights and several other locals with contracts and issues.

Meeting adjourned at 15:09