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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

June 5, 2023

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 – Steve Stein

Director of Communications –Mark Hill (Excused)

Director of Health, Safety & EMS – David Bernzweig

Director of Operations – Bill Mastroianni

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GUEST SPEAKER

IAFF 8TH DISTRICT DVP MARK SANDERS

- PER SANDERS OAPFF is one of the best, especially when it comes to organizing,-now 821 in IAFF 8th DISTRICT .
- He Recognized Arnett Law Firm for their work and legal opinions
- Special recognition to OAPFF from GST Lima
 - Local auditors report.
 - 8th District is Leaders in IAFF and OAPFF leads the way!
 - HE SAID Thank you to BQ for his “tenacity” and diligence.
- IAFF Board Meeting
 - What does union do? OAPFF held 3 major gatherings recently
 - Sanders said IAFF and those he spoke to were very impressed.
- New Philly; EDF has been wrapped up (DVP Wilson)
 - EDF is if the Guardian Policy cannot be used.
- ⊖ MONEY MATCHED TO for AFL, FROM IAFF will be given,
 - Every request FOR OHIO FROM DVP Sanders TO IAFF has been granted by GP/GST
 - IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT SANDERS Send an email to DVP to connect with the right people
- IAFF Store; SHOULD BE UP AND RUNNING SOON up and operating soon. Getting supplies.
 - Vendor wasn't.
 - Wasn't providing union made, USA good.
 - Cut significant cost with new vendor
- President Biden is best we've seen TOWARD IAFF.
 - Motion to endorse? (Fall, serious talks)
 - How and when to endorse candidates
 - Why we do what we do
 - Supporting those that support us (following our Motto)
 - Debates will continue
- Questions;
 - BQ; Is there a poll going to out TO NEW members TO SUPPORT POTUS?
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- Yes, all members will get one. (10 days ish, electronic to those the IAFF has emails for)
- BQ; Thank you to DVP Sanders for his leadership and voice on the IAFF E-Board.
- Only 6-7% IAFF MEMBERS contribute to FirePac

TRUSTEES REPORT

Given by Ryan Launder: Keeping busy and doing the books

LEGAL REPORT

Waiting Ohio Supreme Court; Waiting on ruling from Wickliffe FD, Ohio. Can a chief be re-hired one day after they retired?
Hopefully a decision is coming soon.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

SEE ST QUINN

Presidents Report

State Issue 1 discussed. Donation money given to AFL-CIO. IAFF will match OAPFF donation. Member to member campaign from OAPFF to say no on issue 1

Motion by DVP Wilson: To donate to Ohio AFLCIO, Second by Stein.

Friendly Amendment by ST Quinn to place previous E-Board vote in the record. Passed unanimously.

Legislative Conference format was changed, and the event was a big success. Thanks to Directors Stein and Mastroianni. Legislative Committee has expanded there are now 3 legislative representatives per district (additional reps are considered "at-large"). Future representatives need to be considered by OAPFF President. President Harvey wants to make the Legislative convention an annual event. The 54th Biennial will be held in Hamilton OH hosted by Local 20 on May 20th-23rd, 2024.

The Biennial Committee (Chair DVP Wilson) to memorialize the Convention in writing. DVP Wilson gave a small report on the 2024 convention committee. There have been 3 meetings. The OAPFF is working on an Ad book. (Mitsch, Jerina, Launder) (Mastroianni,

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Goforth, Hill) (Ferner and Rave on committee as historians) Carl Jordan will be new Convention Parliamentarian (Bob Short has stepped down).

Ken Haffey from Marcum Auditing conducted audit, Per Resolution at the last 53rd Biennial convention. Marcum Auditing also doing Cyber-Security checkup. Marcum Auditing is looking at our IAFF SMART and Empower sites/connections. The financial audit portion has been corresponding with Joan Ferner through a secured system. In a few weeks E-board should have

some Q&A and guidance and recommendations on audit soon. Great discount to OAPFF from the Marcum Auditing team for services.

- Tom Rave; **Motion: That the Board endorse DVP Sanders for IAFF 8TH DVP E-Board.** Discussion;
 - Harvey; every request has been granted because of Mark's leadership. Thank you from the OAPFF
- **Vote; Unanimous**
 - Mark; Will continue to do the work he needs to. Gearing up for the Fall and 2024 Convention. Has Local 48's endorsement as well.

OAPFF Policy review committee has been working to update OAPFF Policy Manual (DVP Moore is chairman working with Trustees. Added 3 members to the committee. Includes Members from 3 different locals.

DVP Moore is working on updating staff Job descriptions.

Reconvene in June sometime.

PRC First review to be done Fall of 2023, released in 2024.

September of '22; EMFATS Board. OAPFF lost seats but has since regained.

Jan '2023, NOFF did not submit names.

We lost our seats.

NOFF finally turned in nominations, 1 got kicked off, needed to resubmit. Now interviewing.

(Ohio Boards and Commissions did not respond)

NEW LOCAL Bay Village; Thank you to DVP Norman and Mastro

Fire-Ops 101; October 5th

Great relationship with FIRE Marshal

West-Licking asked to be involved, OFA is in their District.

Need to reach out to "home" locals when events are in their area.

District Meetings, have been well-attended

Pres. Harvey met with Peer Support; Thanking District Coordinators for their time a couple months ago.

Applications went out for more members.

hope to have an OAPFF Calendar soon for board and staff; Draft, incomplete. Need to speak with some about events. This will get emailed out.

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DIRECTORS REPORTS

Director of Operations

SEE DIRECTOR MASTROIANNI

Director of Government Affairs

- Leg Conf; Very Successful
 - Huge tip of the hat to Director Mastroianni for the reception.
 - Robust discussions
 - Lots of value
 - Annual event?
 - Politicians are Chipping away at pension reform and PTSD language
 - Rebuffed on pension reform, amendment struck down by Sean Kasich (mayors alliance group), no relation to former Governor.
 - Key issue; PTSD. 39/50 states have some type of coverage, were making progress. Thank you to Tom Patton.
 - Potential bill coming for AED's in public bldgs and sporting venues
- Harvey comments; True grass-roots and investment into Legislative issues/committee.
 - 2024 Budget will look drastically different for Legislative issues

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Director Of Health, Safety and EMS

- LITS, Burned, ANOTHER BURNED SCREENING September 5th up in the 3rd
- Expanding application process for Peer Team through DVP's
 - Several vacancies on the team in each District
- COE; HAVING ISSUES WITH Medical Mutual of Ohio NOT COVERING TREATMENT.HAS Impacted the 1st and 2nd District.
 - 3 Locals, no coverage. All MM of O.
 - No inpatient tx plans for behavioral health.
 - Meeting w DVP's and local presidents to figure it out moving forward
- BWC; PERRP. Need to Work together for better compliance with cancer in the fire service.
 - Is looking at a way to Provide decon for preliminary exposure control to each company.
 - Has looked at Model contract language?
- NFPA 1582 has been amended
 - Amendment; Separate chapters for candidates and current members. Merged chapters, could have negative impact to current. Below 10 Mets, could need follow-up. Dave is too smart and speaks to fast for me to process and type
- Planning a Peer Support class in person Con-Ed;
 - October sometime
 - Possible clinician course. No IAFF Fire-Ops due to PFAS
 - Questions:
 - Rave; 1582 physicals. Locals need to know what they are doing with language. Pension Board uses DOL standards. (Please check with Tom on this)
 - Thank you from Harvey to Dave for his help and work on LITS.
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Director of Communications
EXCUSED

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DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

RETIREE VP RAVE

- Mr. Rave reports Thanks to Director Stein for his work at the Statehouse
- Busy with Carl on disabilities (approx. 25 CASES PENDING)
- Dues Flier for retirees will be sent out soon.

FIRST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Hollenbacher :

- contact Roy if interested in Raffle for Breast Cancer Blanket
- Had a Few discipline issues and working on contracts in his district.

SECOND DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

- Mr. Norman:
- Thanks to Solon for hosting 2nd District Meeting
 - Westlake increasing staffing
 - Brother Konys donating a kidney in a exchange program for fallen brother Sunyak (sp.)
 - Newburgh Hts. 5432, 1144 Bay village, are new and Wooster is interested joinlg OAPFF
 - Muriel's Inlet LODD/Occupational Cancer, from Ohio, in Ohio for tx and passed away.

THIRD DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson:

- Thanks to DVP Sanders for assistance in getting former union president back on the job though the EDF program.
- Few contracts working on
- Security camera issues. See SERB Ruling
- Good comments on LITS

- ADA issue in Saybrook
- Perry Twsp (Canton) Maternity issue. Light duty issue.

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FOURTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

- Mr. Moore:
- Thank you to Directors Stein and Mastro
 - Recognize Andy RIGSBEE FROM Local 333 and Mark Maxwell Dayton LOCAL 136 for their years on the Leg.
 - Mid-Term bargaining in some districts. MOU's to retain members. Whitewater Twsp opened contract early.
 - Working in Celina in the 1st District with Roy.
 - Westchester, 3518; Fighting for over 400 days ON COMP TIME ISSUE reached a settlement agreement.

FIFTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

- Mr. Gatley
- Portsmouth; dealing with a termination. Arnett on it
 - Local IN THE 5TH IS changing work week for new hires to 56 and current members remain the same at 48.
 - Some disciplinary issues in locals
 - **Local Reports;**
 - **Akron.**
 - Lost transport service
 - EMS workload studies with IAFF
 - Peer Support moving in Akron.
 - **Cleveland.**
 - Health and Safety Grant for ultrasound screenings
 - Local 93 Honor Guard working with other Honor Guard to honor fallen Brother from Muriels Inlet
 - **President Harvey wrap up;**
 - Hosting OFCA in office this afternoon to foster the relationship.
 - AFLCIO Endorsed Sherrod Brown
 - Quilts of Valor/Pink Ribbon Good; Raffle of blanket for breast cancer blanket.

Motion to adjourn the meeting 13:30. Motion passed by all in attendance. Motion carried.