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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD DECEMBER 13th, 2023

President Harvey called the meeting to order.

Secretary-Treasurer Quinn called the roll.

The following Board Members and Staff were present

President – Jon D. 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 (EXCUSED)

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

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

Director of Operations – Bill Mastroianni (EXCUSED)

Metro Representative – Steve Stein

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GUEST SPEAKER

LEGAL

Mr. Arnett: Nothing to report.

IAFF 8TH DISTRICT DVP MARK SANDERS

Mr. Sanders not in attendance

TRUSTEES REPORT

Given by Launder. He says secretary's report did match up with financial from banks. Sgt at Arms Mitsch has been asked to participate at IAFF Conference.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Quinn distributed copies of the financial report. Contact ST Quinn for info contained within. He explained all finances to all attendees. 12,921 active members. 10 pg. report with info covering Operational Funds, Expenditures, Reserve Funds, PCE, FIRE PAC, Financial Review and Reporting info, and AFSCME contribution. Also attached was a resume from Joseph Stamper for a seat on 457 committee. There was a **Motion to add Joseph Stamper to the 457 Board. Unanimously passed.**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Harvey says OAPFF hired lobbying firm and says we are making considerable progress at the statehouse. He thanked two DVPs for their work organizing locals. He talked about appointment to EMFATS board. He says OAPFF board worked on calendar scheduling work. He says leadership award nominations will be going out soon. Ad book has first ad in. He talked about travel policy for OAPFF and a Zoom mtg with MDA yesterday. MDA will be reaching out to DVPs. He says 3 locals reached out about financial assistance. He says DVP Sanders could not make today's mtg due to family issues. Pres. Harvey says the new funeral protocol was given to Hamilton Local 20 after a member death.

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DIRECTORS REPORTS

Director of Operations

Bill Mastroianni report given by Pres. Harvey. Discussed upcoming L.I.T.S conference. Looking forward to N.O.A and other conferences next year. Higher Education Initiative program has come to an end. Bill says there were major changes to the program.

Director of Government Affairs

Steve Stein says HB 296 is making progress. He says there have been 4 mtgs recently about it. He is hoping the bill makes it out of committee soon (mtgs Jan 11th and 24th). He talked about support from some senators after fire ops 101. He says our new lobbyist has been great for working with lawmakers. He talked about HB 107 and L93 members (Johnny Tetrick Highway naming) attending mtg at the statehouse. DVP Moore asked about info on HB 83. Pres. Harvey spoke about mtg with Ohio Speaker of the House. Columbus and Cincinnati are having big fights with their cities over collective bargaining.

Director Of Health, Safety and EMS

Director Bernzweig's topics given by Pres. Harvey. Peer support has interviews for peers with each district. Working with ofc's with grants for peer support. NFPA 1582 has gone through changes which affect members. PSOB has had some changes as well. There may be some peer training next year.

Director of Communications

- Mark Hill says Thank you, President Harvey and all the members for allowing me to speak today just a few updates, as a reminder members should not use government/work emails.
- Members are continuing to sign up / website registration numbers are growing. Our website subscribers are up 250 ppl this year.
- I continue to forward emails and requests from local leaders and members to DVPs when I receive them.
- OAPFF 457 website is continuously updated. I receive updated content monthly from our partners at RPA and Empower
- Communications has been working with Directors Mastroianni and Bernzweig on the upcoming LITS Conference this February. Look for Save the Date to go out soon.

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.

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RETIREE DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mr. Rave reports that he and **Mr. Carl Jordan** have been busy assisting members. He says even when a member passes away all cases go away. PSOB may still apply. Signing up of retirees' healthcare is going well for most. More members are using Alight. Retirement study council will receive report saying OP and F is funded only for 26 years.

FIRST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Hollenbacher brought up contract with Waterville. Met with Toledo attorney. Met with local 5450. Attended ULP mediation. Elections in Bath and Maumee. Shelby local fire tax levy passed mtg in Maumee, they want to expand number of paid members. Gave section of Ohio code that speaks about hours a fulltime FF must work per OP and F. Discipline mtg/arbitration in Mansfield that involved legal counsel. He talked about fire ops 101 and National FFF memorial.

SECOND DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Norman said negotiations are being held in Mayfield Hts, and Olmstead Township, he is also dealing with a grievance. Local 93 recognized for HB 107 and their toy drive. 2028 IAFF may be held in Cleveland. Miluk stepped down (Parma Hts). The local in Lorain is at odds with city over working hours. District meeting was held in Strongsville. Local 659 mtg upcoming.

THIRD DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson (EXCUSED)

FOURTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Moore talked gave condolences for Capt. Frank Hudson (Hamilton). There will be 2 peer support classes in the 4thDistrict. 8 contract negotiation occurring at once. Tipp City fire fighters are looking to organize. 3 disciplinary hearings occurring in his district.

FIFTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Gatley says his district mtg went well. Sterling Local 5486 having issues with city and work scheduling. Portsmouth Local 9 had arbitration hearing, legal is involved. Genoa Township had discipline hearing about potential member on member violence. Violet Local 3558 has a change in Presidency. Orange Township has ULP filed against the Local by a former(?) member (who was terminated). Huntington Township wants to organize. Northwestern Fire district also wants to organize. 2nd ad book submitted. Athens, Orange, and Liberty all passed levies. Heath Good elected to local school board. Norwich negotiated a 10% pay raise. Fire levy coming up Local 4671, Violet Township and his local.

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GUEST ATTENDEES

Former Pres. Mike Taylor in attendance

Jake Konys talked about statehouse candidates mtg with L 93 for endorsements. He says motorcycle groups looking for publicity for fire fighters. He asked about OAPFF audit. ST Quinn answered saying audit is almost complete. He thanked Steve and Bill for joining them at the statehouse. He mentioned upcoming Local 93 hockey (Feb 29th and March 1st) tournament to fund travelling expenses for families of fallen at the FFF memorial.

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

Meeting ended at: 14:10hrs.

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