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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD March 26th, 2024

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

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

Director of Operations – Bill Mastroianni

Metro Representative – Steve Stein

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GUEST SPEAKER

LEGAL

Mr. Arnett spoke about a couple of cases, one dealt with workers compensation and possible overpayment and MMI. The other was about when an employer can recoup overpayment. He says he will send the case paperwork to DVPs. If you have any question reach out to them.

IAFF 8TH DISTRICT DVP MARK SANDERS

Mr. DVP not in attendance

TRUSTEES

Given by Mr. Jerina who said trustees did a physical audit. He says they are 90% done. He says everything looks good.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Quinn submitted financial report to the board and attendees. Contact him for more information. Started with demographics and per capita. 13,014 active members. Talked about operational fund. Funds in and out. Talked about expenditures. Spoke on upcoming expenditure for biennial conference. He spoke about reserve fund and insurance policies. Spoke about taxes, since it is tax season. AFL-CIO pass through money. Bill mentioned switching to Fire Fighter First credit union from Huntington. PCE balance was talked about as well as campaign contributions and PAC fund. **Motion to approve financial report: Unanimously approved**

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Harvey said the E-Board had a pre-meeting and discussed OAPFF 457 plan. Pres. Harvey talked about a manager for the plan and says a notice was sent out with no one interested. Board says **Motion to appoint William Quinn as the 457 manager as of May 24th.... Unanimously Approved. Quinn Abstained from vote**, Several board members spoke on why Bill Q. would do a great job. Pres. Harvey says, (as far as the current E-board) "we are the most transparent organization in the IAFF". He says several resolutions will be memorialized at this biennial. **Motion: To endorse Mark Sanders, Ed Kelly, Frank Lima, Sherrod Brown, & support IAFF's repeal of WEP. To support legislation to fund OP and F, A resolution to honor OAPFF members with 50 yrs. of service. To lobby OP and F trustees to fix shift issues with some fire departments, To honor service of Mark Libertor (chairman of election committee). Motion: Resolution recognizing Jim Carney. All Unanimously Approved.** Jon. H. reached out to IAFF about HB's 244, 94, 265, 296, 194, 333, SB 112, HB 174, 177, 416. OAPFF Policy review by Jeff Moore. Looked at several issue within including credit card and expenses. Pres. H. says we're working with OFC to build a relationship with them. Specifically, about marijuana and the fire service and other issues. Tax levies and IAFF assistance was spoken about. State AFL-CIO had emergency meeting he attended. Scott Winkhart was appointed to 3rd district legislative committee. He says OAPFF Peer Support is being revamped. Kevin Sanders is out, and Joe Elliot is in the 4th district as peer coordinator. Emails have been sent about OAPFF awards. Steve Ferry was appointed to Ohio EMS trauma board. He mentioned Aurora Colorado medics who were jailed and donating to their legal funds. J.H. made **Motion: to donate funds to Aurora, Colorado paramedics legal fund: Unanimously passed.** He thanked DVP Norman for his hard work in organizing.

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DIRECTORS REPORTS

Director of Operations

Bill Mastroianni talked about the After Summit (L.I.T.S.) survey. He gave details from the survey. He says most ppl like it being held in Columbus. He says a portion of the ppl surveyed wanted to see new officer info. 150 ppl attended LITS. He talked about budget and cost of the summit. He talked about PEP subsidies. He mentioned extending talks with the hotel about the next summit. He talked about EGCC and them closing their door and the free college program ending. He talked about our members that were enrolled. He thanked Dr. DeCarlo for all his help. Biennial conference and credentials were mentioned. B.M. says most rooms are booked for Hamilton hotel (Biennial). Golf outing for Butler Township. He spoke about OAPFF getting an ad for ad book. He spoke about FF2 training, upcoming changes and being a fire/EMS instructor.

Director of Government Affairs

Steve Stein discussed various Ohio HBs and legislative committee work. He says many of our endorsed candidates were successful. He says targeting will commence for pension HB. He says Ohio SB 194 will be about pension reform. He says due to problems at the statehouse (internal issues) it makes it difficult to operate over there. He thanked several legislative committee members. He talked about IAFF Legislative conference. He says they spent a lot of time with Sherrod Brown. Pres. Harvey says a lot of time and effort has been spent working with Legislative team.

Director Of Health, Safety and EMS

Director Bernzweig's first topic is upcoming NFPA 1582 meeting. Pres Harvey says PFAS, and moisture barrier changes are coming. Ohio Fire Chiefs still have availability for peer support classes. He talked about doing another cancer summit.

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Director of Communications

Mark Hill says Thank you, President Harvey and all the members for allowing me to speak today just a few updates.

1. Communications met with AV staff at the Renaissance Hotel last month to prepare for the LITS several days before the summit to finalize the AV needs. Also had several meetings with Director Mastroianni prior to the LITS to prep for the event. Big thanks to Director Mastroianni for months of hard work putting everything together.
2. I have been emailing with the local union print shop about an ad book for upcoming biennial conference.
3. Communications worked with Director Stein, Mrs. Evans, and President Harvey to send out several email and text notifications to over 1000 members across multiple locals for endorsements of some of our partners at the statehouse for the recent elections. Special thanks to Brother Liam Shanahan who put together a list of the locals that fall under an extremely gerrymandered map.
4. Several district meeting notifications were posted on OAPFF.org under the Events tab.
5. A couple of notifications were sent out statewide to our members from the Ohio Department of Public Safety.
6. Several communications with DVPs on various issues from locals wishing to organize to receipts from paid events.
7. I sent out a text to 5 DVPs in reference to an email about the ad book (sent to local pres., sec. tres). If your locals need any assistance with ad submissions have them contact me.
8. All Power Point presentations from the OAPFF LITS were posted on OAPFF.org
9. We continue to register new users on our website which means more access to our members. 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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DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mr. Rave reports that he and Carl are working with FFs who are wanting disability help that may not need it. He met with op and f trustees who are not meeting enough, and members are missing out on getting help. He is very frustrated with this. He talked about a 42-hr. work week and issues surrounding.

FIRST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Hollenbacher brought up issues about a township that finished up their first contract and they were very happy with it. He says county of Prossville (?) and their prosecutor's office worked with the local union. Maumee is moving forward with fulltime department but they're not quite here yet. He introduced Joe Cira as a candidate for OAPFF trustee.

SECOND DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Norman talked about not running for office again. He says a major issue is on the horizon. Strongsville township is having issues. He says Fairview Park and Brecksville are considering joining the OAPFF. He says a bowling tournament is happening in Lorain.

THIRD DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson says he is working with Jackson township on ffs who were under OPERS and were kicked out. He has 7 negotiations that were happening, and they are finishing up with 3 left. He also mentioned Scott Winkhart. Wintersville should be joining the OAPFF soon. He attended a conference on medical marijuana. He will be attending a recruitment and retention meeting soon. He talked about parity issues with the police. His district meeting is next week

FOURTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Moore talked about recognizing and confirming Joe Elliot and recognized a candidate running for an OAPFF position. He thanked the directors for their work. He mentioned several locals that are negotiating or finishing up. He says he may be helping with organizing 2 locals. He has some disciplinary issues with his district. He thanked Mr. Arnett for helping with issues within his district. He talked about a dept. where parttime members walked off the job. He talked about various other issues.

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FIFTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Gatley reported on a Genoa township member that was terminated. He says a township is investigating one of his locals member on member violence. Circleville had a termination. Brian says a Central Ohio local had their 1st contract. Franklin township is applying for SAFER. Another local is having issues with management working OT. He recently organized 4 locals. Mifflin township is having FLSA issues. Westerville and Harlem township are considering merging. 2 townships had failed levies. Another passed a bond issue.

GUEST ATTENDEES

Metro rep says metro locals are all in or have upcoming negotiations.
Local 93 Pres. Konys says thanks to DVP Norman and thanks for help with Hockey fest. June 11th and 12th IAFF will be in Cleveland for a Peer Support class. He attended IAFF Legislative Con for 1st time. He talked about Metro Zoom meeting. Joe Cirra says upcoming charity event at Local 92 - 4/20/24. He says they are in negotiations. He is running for OAPFF Trustee. Beaver Creek Pres. says they met with IAFF General Council while in Orlando. He says 2 members were disciplined for unfair reasons. He is also running for OAPFF Trustee position.

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

Meeting adjourned at: 15:35hrs

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