

Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association

Established 1934

January 26, 2010

Union Emergency Services

The regular meeting of the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association was called to order by President Greg Buckler with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Chief Michael Morgan welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming and offered tours of the station. Roll call was taken and all present were noted. Joe Eggemeier presented all eligible departments and E Board members' certificates for perfect attendance. Alexandria was recognized as having the most attendees for the year.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November meeting as sent.

Motion / Second

Rick Messingschlager/Keith Kallmeyer

Motion passed via voice vote.

Treasurer Bud Lederer read the treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the report as read.

Motion / Second

Jeff Pohlman/Daryl Tepe

Motion passed via voice vote.

The bills were read by Treasurer Lederer. A motion was made to pay the bills as read.

Motion/Second

Rick Herzog/Bill Leslie

Motion passed via voice vote.

Officers Report

President Report: President Buckler reported

- He attended various awards banquet committee meetings
- He attended Dennis Decker's funeral
- Due to the way Dennis Decker's funeral was split up flowers were not sent.

A motion was made to send a \$50.00 memorial to the charity listed in his obituary or the family's choice.

Motion/Second

Rick Messingschlager/Steve Rath

Motion passed via voice vote.

Vice President: Tim Kleier

- Also attended Dennis Decker's funeral and various award banquet committee meetings
- Sent out a special Thank You to the Burlington Fire District for helping conduct and taking part in the funeral service for Ned Kleier

Secretary: Monica Rath

- All necessary paperwork was sent and should have been received via email. There are a few copies at the head table and if anyone needs a copy let me know.
- Joe Eggemeier's famous pocket/refrigerator size calendars are available at the head table.
- A few departments sent their dues check to Treasurer Lederer without the delegate form. We will contact departments that still need to get the delegate form in.

Treasurer: Bud Lederer

- If you have not paid your dues as of tonight please do so before the March meeting.

Communications: Secretary Rath

- Received a thank you card from Chief Hofstadter's family for the flowers at his funeral.

Committee Reports

Legislative: Bruce Smith/Marc Muench/John Daley

- Session has started and the following is a sample of bills we have an interest in:

Ambulance providers receiving same death benefits as firefighters

Parkinson's disease being added to the heart/lung bill. A University hospital doctor is helping supply informational numbers.

911 communication centers receiving funds from cell phones

EMS only employees receiving incentive money for training-going through KBEMS / League of Cities is fighting this

- Pre filed bill concerning the fire inspectors fee monies is already “DOA”
- Fireworks legislative committee meeting will be held at the fire commission office

Fire Prevention / Public Education: Joe Stambush / Wanda Isaacs-KFA report

- FF of the Month(s) are as follow

January Tim Kleier **February** Adam Fuller **March** Bill Birkle

- Congratulations to Crescent Springs Villa Hills for receiving a \$10,000.00 grant from Liberty Mutual. The monies will be spent on senior citizen public education.
- The Red Cross does and will still supply smoke detectors to area fire departments to distribute out to the community.
- Shriner’s awards nomination forms have been mailed out already. If you did not receive one contact Joe and he will help you get one.
- KFA Pub Ed committee had first meeting at Ft. Mitchell fire house and was well attended.
- Thanks to Ft. Mitchell Fire for hosting and supplying lunch.
- 2 key areas of development for this year are

Compiling a Fire Life Safety Directory for the state

Hold 5 public education seminars so they are spread out throughout the state

Regional School: Tony Laumann

- Class list is being finalized
- NKU double booked the student union hall on us so we will not have as much access as last year but they are giving us a discount.
- A new addition to the school this year will be a Night Explorers Competition. It will be held at Wilder City Building on May 14th with a 6:30 p.m. start time. There will be a \$25.00 registration fee.

- There has been a contract signed with the Marriott Airport to hold the 2011 and 2012 Regional fire school. They will provide us with transportation to CVG and Crestview Mall for classes held there and they have a daily shuttle to Hollywood Casinos.
- Next committee meeting will be on February 16th at 7:00 p.m. at Taylor Mill.

Mutual Aid: Joe Eggemeier

- Intrastate contract has a new committee chair and will hopefully start back up.
- If interested in getting on list contact Joe for information.
- There was a tabletop exercise in Frankfort that a few of the association members attended.

Awards Banquet: Katie Kleier

- 260 people attended
- Winners were reviewed
- Thanks went out to Summit Welding for the \$1000.00 donation to the awards banquet
- President Buckler presented Daryl Tepe and Charlie Rauch with \$50.00 gift certificates to go along with their thank you awards for their years of service to the awards banquet committee.

KFA: Dave Jansing/Terry Keller

- Unfortunately there has been a report of a LODD. Major Terry Cannon with Jefferson Co. had a heart attack within 24 hours of an alarm call.
- Green Rivers Officers School in Lexington will be held the third weekend of February. This will also be the site of the next KFA E-Board meeting.
- Conference registration is \$60.00 till Jan. 31, \$65.00 until July 15th then after July 15th the cost is \$85.00. The web site address is kfa2010.com
- A decision has been made to contract with Zentel and Outsource 3000. The KFA will receive 15% of gross receipts collected and there will be no "guaranteed" monies. So there is no way to tell how much money will be made for budgeting purposes.

Historical: Bill Leslie

- A brief review of the history of the association was conducted by Bill Leslie.
- This association was organized in 1934 with 6 charter members from Campbell County and 6 charter members from Kenton County. The departments from the two counties started meeting on a regular basis and then decided to organize into what the association is today. Bill has a picture of the representatives from the original 12 departments if anyone is interested.

After hearing and recording all the committee reports and no other committees wishing to report President Buckler released all committees, members and chairs.

New Business:

- President Buckler reported that the Campbell County Fiscal Court IT department sent us a contract to commit payment for work performed on our website. This work will include updating with events, posting the minutes and general maintenance. The work will be billed at \$55.00 an hour but can be broken up into 15 minute increments.

A motion was made to sign the contract and go along with the payment terms as described in the contract.

Motion/Second

Keith Kallmeyer/ Steve Rath

Motion passed via voice vote.

- President Buckler was contacted by Sal Wertheim via Bill Ravenscraft concerning a chili cook off sponsored by the NKFA. President Buckler, Vice President Kleier, Bill Ravenscraft and Sal Wertheim met to discuss. The suggestion was to incorporate a NKFA chili cook off, a Pub Ed theme and activities, firefighter type competition, car show and merchant show off on Monmouth Street in Newport on Sunday October 10th. Any proceeds from the event would be split among the NKWO fund and the FF Memorial fund. A commitment would be needed from individuals to head up target areas. Discussion was held. If anyone is interested in helping with this fund raiser please see Vice President Kleier.

At this time Vice President Kleier introduced Attorney Matt Smith who will conduct the swearing in of the Executive Board Officers. All members of the Executive Board were asked to come forth and be sworn in as Officers of the Association. After the ceremony now Past President Greg Buckler was presented with a lifetime membership for the Association, a past president pocket badge, and past president uniform badge. Past President Buckler thanked

everyone for their support during his tenor and asked for continued support for the new president, Tim Kleier.

At this time President Kleier took over the meeting procedures. Secretary Rath read the 2010 Committee List noting chairpersons and additional members of the committees. President Kleier elaborated on the membership committee and discussion was held.

Good and Welfare

- Keith Kallmeyer announced on behalf of Chief Jeff Wendt and the members of Crescent Springs Villa Hills thanks to everyone who supported them in their \$10000.00 grant endeavor. They finished first in the whole USA in their category.
- Dave Jansing announced Ft. Mitchell Fire owns a large flag that can be hung between aerials, and black bunting for funerals. Anyone may borrow them if they are needed but it is expected for them to be returned in the same condition.
- Joe Eggemeier announced Cincinnati Fire museum is changing their name to Fire Museum of Greater Cincinnati. They will also be hosting a chili cook off on September 11th and admission to the museum will be free that day.

Tickets for the door prizes were drawn and most went home with a door prize (except Daley maybe). Thanks to all who contributed.

The next meeting will be held at Southgate's NEW fire house on March 23rd. The address is 128 Electric Ave. (right next door to the OLD firehouse). If you need directions contact Secretary Rath.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion/Second

Jeff Pohlman/Terry Keller

Motion passed via voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Rath, Secretary

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