

Kentucky Firefighters Association
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting

February 23, 2008

Owensboro, KY

President John Daley called the meeting to order at 9:00am CST. The invocation was given followed by the pledge of allegiance. The roll call was taken. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

President Daley said he attended the LODD funeral for A/C Burchett of Paintsville, FD. He also attended the hearing on various bills in Frankfort. He said both of these events were well attended by the fire and EMS service and he thanked everyone for their time.

President Daley gave an abbreviated report of his activities in the past week. He is working toward having Governor Beshear attend the 2008 Conference in Northern KY. President Daley said he attended the Legislative Committee meetings, the chili supper, the commission meeting, the fire chief's meeting, an EMS meeting with the new Executive Director, Charlie O'Neal, and a special meeting of the KFA Executive Board.

Vice Presidents' Reports

Randy Courtney has attended the EKFA meeting, three funerals, one of which was the LODD in Paintsville. Randy said there are several counties in his area looking to form a new Regional Association. It will be called the "Big Sandy Regional Firefighters Association. Randy said the WEB site for his conference in 2009 is being developed.

Bobby Cowherd attended the November 15th meeting of the Health & Fitness Grant Program. Randy also attended the LODD in Paintsville. Randy attended the Chili Supper in Frankfort. He has been working with his area on the Conference in 2010. The dates will be July 31-August 3.

Bob Newman attended the LODD in Paintsville. He has also attended the Regional Association meetings in his area along with two non-lines of duty funerals.

Mike Hulsey attended the LODD in Paintsville. He also attended the Legislative Committee meeting, the Chili Supper, and the KY Association of Fire Chiefs meeting.

Secretary's Report Secretary Jansing & Treasurer Keller along with the Board's Attorney, have been working on a contract proposal with J&J Promotions to raise funds for the KFA by contacting **Businesses** throughout the Commonwealth. Mr. John Ross of J&J met with the Executive Board on Friday evening in closed session to answer any questions. President Daley had previously appointed Jansing, Keller & 1st VP Courtney to

a committee to investigate the current contract with Civic Development who contacts only residential. In this time frame Secretary Jansing was contacted by J&J with their proposal. A vote was taken in the General Open Meeting upon a M/S by Mike Hulsey and Randy Courtney to enter into the contract with J&J Promotions. The motion carried. A vote was taken upon a M/S by Randy Courtney and Bob Newman to approve the Contract with Civic Development as amended. The motion carried.

Secretary Jansing assisted the Crescent Springs FD with the firefighter funeral of Retired Chief Ed Niewahner. Letters were sent to Congressmen Bunning and McConnell asking for their support on the Freedom Tax Relief Act. Secretary Jansing worked with Treasurer Keller to open new accounts at Central Bank.

Scholarship Committee Allen Johnson said we currently have seven people participating in the program.

Treasurer Keller reported that the Fire Commission has agreed to cover the expense of the KFA WEB site and Smoke Signals for one year. A check was presented to Treasurer Keller in the amount of \$ 20, 400.00. Many thanks to the Commission. M/S by Terry Keller and Allen Johnson to donate the four original KFA prints to the commission. The motion carried.

Secretary Jansing was in receipt of a letter from Paul Billings concerning a set of prints he sent to a lady out of state last July. Payment was never received. Mr. Billings was later notified that a Bankruptcy had been filed. It was decided by the Board to not pursue any additional action.

Memorial Committee Wally Possich stated that no additional items could be placed around the memorial. The name of a firefighter who was still on active duty and just returned from serving overseas was killed in a tragic MVA. It was approved by the board that his name would rightfully be added to the military wall in Frankfort.

Special Events Charlie Shaw (Jamia) had prepared a written report for the board. In addition he reported that the Commission had purchased a new larger trailer to be used for the funeral equipment. M/S Treasurer Keller and Secretary Jansing that the Honor Guard uses the old trailer. Motion Carried. M/S Treasurer Keller and Mike Hulsey to pay for the graphics on the new trailer. Motion Carried.

Report of the Directors The following Directors reported on activities in their respective areas. Heath Ryan presented the Board with a type written report. The other Directors reporting were: Rick Bobo, Van Taylor, Bud Lederer, Lewis Ratliff, Fred Ross, Bob Frizzell, Bill Hall and David McCrady. Bill Hall said that the Lake Cumberland area is experiencing problems with their membership. Bill has asked the KFA for help. President Daley has formed a committee to try to help them out.

Constitution & By Laws Mike Hulsey stated there are just a few minor housekeeping items to be addressed. He said there was nothing to report on in the Ethics Committee.

Public Fire Education Joe Stambush presented the Board with a type written report on the activity of the Committee.

State Fire School Ronnie Day & Dave Mattingly gave the report. Ronnie reported on the CPAC program. Covington Fire Department is currently using it to test new applicants. Ronnie also reported on the \$3,000,000 Health and wellness grant. Dave Mattingly said the attendance numbers were up in 2007 over 2006. This year the dates will be June 12th – June 15th. A Basic Firefighting class designed to give a recruit the twenty hours required to ride the apparatus.

Ronnie said the Public Education line item in the Fire Commission budget was increased from \$12,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Ronnie also said he will provide clerical support for the registration desk at the 2008 conference. The fire incident reporting system is being transferred from the fire marshal's office to the commission office. This will allow for the data to be imputed into the system in a timelier manner. Letters will be going out to each department making them aware of this. Reminder as per KRS, each department is required to submit the reports to the state. Failure to do so results in a \$ 500.00 deduction in their state aid checks.

Fireworks Rusty Todd discussed the current fire works bill that was addressed by way of a resolution at the 2007 Conference.

PAC Bill Robbins said he has been busy promoting the KFA.

Hall of Fame Bill Hall said the nomination period for the 2008 Conference is now open. It will be advertised on the KFA WEB site and in the Smoke Signals. The committee is looking into a metal badge to be presented to any of the living inductees. Bill requested that the KFA pay for the purchase of two large video screens to be used at the Conference. This idea was put on hold until the June meeting to see how successful the new fund raising program has been. The estimated cost is \$ 3,000.00 for both of them.

Legislative Committee Gerald Stewart and Howdy Kurtsinger gave an update on the bills they are tracking. M/S Terry Keller and Bob Newman that the KFA go on record supporting HB 600. The motion carried.

Honor Guard Troy Newcomb had prepared General Operating Guidelines for the Honor Guard. M/S Terry Keller and Bob Newman to adopt the Guidelines. Motion carried. M/S Terry Keller and Bob Newcomb to purchase the automatic bugle for \$ 600.00. The motion carried. M/S Terry Keller and Dave Jansing to purchase three addition honor guard uniforms. Motion Carried.

Former State Fire Marshal Rodney Raby stopped in to thank the KFA for all the support while he was the fire marshal.

NVFC Ken Knipper presented the Board with a written report on his activity with the NVFC. Ken made a motion to send a letter to Senators Bunning and McConnell asking

their support for the Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act. Mike Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bryant Stiles said that since the adoption of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program there have been approximately 400 of the 850 departments in KY receive at least one grant. Bryant asked that a letter be sent to the KY Congressional Delegation asking them to consider a policy whereby the grant reviewers consider those requests from fire departments who have never received a grant first before considering those who have received a grant in the past in order to give every department an opportunity to receive much needed financial support. M/S Randy Courtney and Terry Keller. The motion carried to send the letters.

Treasurers Report To date there are 402 paid departments, 58 sustaining members, and 18 personal memberships. Terry then presented an amended budget as the result of the contract with J & J Promotions. The amended budget calls for credits and debits of \$134,265.00. M/S by Randy Courtney and Bobby Cowherd to adopt the amended budget. The motion carried.

Treasurer Keller said that the last edition of the Smoke Signals contained two addition pages. As per the contract with Woody Will, a M/S was made by Dave Jansing and Randy Courtney to reimburse Woody \$ 225.00. The motion carried.

The board approved the purchase of a laptop computer and printer for Treasurer Keller, and a scanner for Secretary Jansing.

Good & Welfare Mike Hulsey stated he was recently informed of a PVA subscription service. He learned it was a scam.

The next meeting will be held at State Fire School on June 14th at 10:00am.

There being no future business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Submitted by,

David E. Jansing
Secretary