

Minutes of Kentucky Federation of Fire Chaplains Meeting 09-20-2011 at Zoneton FD Station 1



Meeting called to order by Lee Twombly at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Introductions:

Arizona Smith- New Hope Fire Department

Woody Will-Hardin County Sheriffs Office

Gary Gene Elliott- East Allen VFD

Dan Ennis-Shively FD

Robert L. Kendrick- Zoneton FD

Kerry P. Monin- Bardstown FD

Joe Boggs- Russellville, KY FD

Harold Goldman- Fairdale FPD

Karl Lusk- New Haven, Rolling Fork VFD

Mohammad "Mo" Shams- Bardstown FD

Barbara Scott Priddy- Anneta VFD

James Priddy- Anneta VFD

A Wayne Bishop- McMahan FPD

Kevin Combs- Metro Louisville Joint Emergency Services Unit (Joint ESU)

Old Business

Announcement- the KFFC will ask for nominations for next years leadership positions that will be open.

Lee Twombly read a devotion entitled "The Ragman".

Minutes of the previous meeting can not be read as the secretary is attending to an emergency at this time. A request for additions or deletions yielded no comments. The motion to accept the minutes posted on the KFFC website was moved for acceptance, seconded and approved by the members present.

Motion from a previous meeting regarding the design and manufacturing of a flag for the KFFC was discussed. OATES Flag Company offered a quote for a single side reverse side print fringed flag costing \$164.00 or a double-sided non-reverse flag for \$350.00. Purchase of two single side reverse flags for a total of \$328.00 was authorized.

New patches are in.

A news video was shown from Spokane showing a lawsuit by a police volunteer against the Spokane Police Department.

KFFC wants to provide Chaplain Services and after a discussion the attending members accepted, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the displayed flag design and to purchase two flags from OATES.

Lee Twombly discussed the audit committee and a change of 501C3 status. KFFC is refilling for 501C3 status through IRS and KFFC continues to hold a tax exempt status through the Commonwealth of KY.

Schools

Mountain Fire School- Hazard, KY – Chaplains Class cancelled due to low enrollment. This class will be held bi-annually in the future.

Jefferson County Fire School saw low attendance affected by the 9-11-11 date. 4 attended the class.

Marion County Fire School-will have a chaplains class covering “line of duty death” and not the printed course description. Logistical issues were discussed.

Woody Will led a discussion of By-Laws and suggested changes. Suggested changes will be sent out by mail before the November meeting so they may be discussed or approved at the November meeting.

Nominating Committee for Officers was formed by Dan Ennis, Mohammad “Mo” Shams and one other member to be appointed by the president. That committee will bring back nominations to the November meeting.

KFFC Treasurer’s Report and Operation Fund document was found by Lee Twombly to be accurate except for a typographical error of dates (Sept. 30, 2011. Changed to 9/19/11) that error on page 3 was changed by pen.

<http://www.kyfa.org/KYFA-Fire-Chaplains.asp> (Fire Chaplains) is the website maintained by Woody Will.

New Business:

A discussion was led by Lee Twombly about incorporating a reference to a Canon of Ethics similar to that used by the National Association (www.firechaplains.org).

Certification certificates for certain members were made available.

Louisville Fire Department website has a language identification assistance form that can be downloaded and used to identify major foreign languages as a start in obtaining interpreter assistance.

The KY Fallen Firefighter Memorial will be held at Frankfort, KY on September 28, 2011.

The group discussed considering paying dues to national chaplains and fire organizations so that members can be members of national organizations. Woody Will made a motion and it was seconded that Lee Twombly would join the National. This motion was defeated by vote. (3 Y, 3 N, 8 abstentions) Woody Will made a motion and it was seconded that Lee Twombly would investigate how joining KFA, Chiefs Association and national would benefit the KFFC membership and that he will report his findings. This motion passed by majority vote.

A discussion about how Chaplains may assist family members in Line of Duty Death situations was held. Preplanning was discussed as a major positive step.

The Meeting Adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kevin Combs, Metro Louisville Joint Emergency Services Unit.