

Minutes of the Kentucky Firefighters Association

Executive Board Meeting

November 5, 2005

President Allen Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05AM. The entire Executive Board was present in addition to Legislative Agent David Jackson. Chairman Ken Knipper was also present for a short while.

Secretary Jansing swore in the new 3rd Vice President Randy Courtney.

John Daley made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2005 Annual Conference. Bob Newman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Report from President Johnson. - State Fire School will be changing starting in 2006. It will be held in Heritage Hall at Rupp Arena. The two hotels will be the Radisson & the Hyatt Regency. The room rates for each will be \$ 79.00 per night. President Johnson stated that he attended the Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service at the monument in Frankfort. Discussion took place concerning the best way to handle any additional names that may be presented to the KFA for any firefighters who while serving in the military are killed. After some discussion on possible ways to handle it, it was decided to turn it over to the Memorial Committee for study and recommendation at the February 2006 meeting.

Chairman Ken Knipper stopped in with two requests of the Executive Board. Ken asked that the KFA support, through a letter, an EMT-Intermediate program. The Executive Board approved the request. Ken also requested that we consider donating \$500.00 to the NVFC for a fund they have developed to help any firefighters in the Gulf Region who were affected by the recent hurricanes. This will be covered under new business.

Vice President Troy Newcomb stated that he has attended one non-line of duty death funeral since the 2005 Conference. Troy has a new email address, which is troy.newcomb@kctcs.edu His new office number is 270-534-3445. A vote was taken concerning a request we received about the possibility of selling the Bibles that we present at Firefighter Funerals. The decision was unanimous by the entire board that we DO NOT sell the bibles.

Vice President John Daley stated that he has talked with Katie Stein concerning a resolution from the conference. John will keep Dave Jackson aware of the issue as it pertains to possible legislation. John talked about the proposal of a 9-1-1 tax on cell phones. The KFA supports this idea, and Dave Jackson will follow it during the upcoming Legislative Session in Frankfort.

Vice President Randy Courtney has attended two funerals since the 2005 Conference. One was a line of duty, the other was not. Randy stated he would be working on memberships from his area.

Vice President Bob Newman has attended one non-line of duty funeral since the conference.

Report of Secretary Jansing- The Executive Board was asked to check their e-mail more often and to please reply to those e-mails asking for input. A request from Terre Star was discussed. They had requested support from the KFA in their endeavor to have the FCC broaden the bandwidth for special phones to be used only by emergency service personnel in the event of an emergency where all the other forms of communication were compromised. A letter will be sent.

Report of Treasurer Keller- Terry stated that 265 departments, 10 personal, and 37 sustaining memberships have been received to date. Terry presented the financial report of the association between the 2005 conference and October 31, 2005. Terry also reported that Chairman Billings is recommending that a scholarship be granted to Chastity Clark who has met all the criteria. Terry Keller made the motion that was 2nd by Bob Newman. Motion Carried. Terry stated that he is working with Ronnie Day concerning the possible sale of the four original KFA prints to the Fire Commission. Terry also recommended that we extend Woody Will's contract for the Smoke Signals and WEB page to thirteen months instead of twelve. The additional payment will be \$ 1,150.00. Terry made the motion and Troy seconded it. Motion carried.

Report of Legislation Lobbyist Dave Jackson- Dave stated that he and Gerald or working on the LOSAP program as per the Resolution submitted by the KFA E-Board during the 2005 Conference. Dave stated that the annual Chili Dinner for the legislators would be held in February of 2006. Troy made a motion that the KFA spend \$300.00 toward the dinner. Bob Newman seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The Holiday Inn in Frankfort will once again be headquarters for Dave Jackson & Gerald Stewart during the session. Dave will also be working on a bill to allow retired volunteer firefighters, who have received permission from the fire chief to retain their firefighter license plates after retirement.

Old Business- No Report

New Business- John Daley made a motion that the KFA send \$ 500.00 to the NVFC for the fund described earlier by Ken Knipper. Dave Jansing 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

A short recess was held, followed by a motion by Secretary Jansing and seconded by Treasurer Keller to go into Executive Session to discuss all the issues concerning the relocation of State Fire School, and an issue concerning a complaint received alleging fire damages during the 2005 State Fire School.

A motion was made by Troy and 2nd by Bob to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried. Bob Newman made a motion that the KFA sign a one- year contract for Heritage Hall for the 2006 State Fire School. Terry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Following the state rate, the new allowable vehicle mileage reimbursement is .40 cents per mile.

Without objection the KFA E-Board voted to help support (not financially) the Fire Officer Learning Symposium held annually in conjunction with the Kenton County Fire Chiefs, Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Responder Magazine.

The next meeting will be on February 25, 2005 at the Green River Officer's School in Owensboro.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15PM

Respectfully,

David E. Jansing
Assistant Chief
Secretary, KFA