

Minutes of the Kentucky Firefighters Association

Executive Board Meeting

February 25, 2006

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00AM CST. Fireman Joe Stambush gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Jansing called the roll. M/S Terry Keller / Bob Newman to accepted the Minutes of the November 25, 2005 meeting.

Charlie Shaw gave the Special Events committee report. Charlie had prepared a type written report, which he handed out to the Executive Board. In addition Charlie gave a report on the new KY State Fire School – Homeland Security Conference. A pre-conference version of the brochure was distributed. There will be a \$40.00 application fee for the Conference. The money will be used to offset the cost of the Conference and reimburse the KFA.

President Johnson gave a report on his activities since the previous meeting. He has attended several planning meetings for the new State Fire School- Homeland Security Conference. He has also attended a couple funerals, and the Chili Supper in Frankfort.

A 10-minute recess was called.

Report of the Vice Presidents-

1st VP Troy Newcomb stated he has attended a couple funerals since the last meeting. Troy stated he that he fielded a call from Civic Development. He stated they were very professional. Troy stated that Ed Schmidt would be conducting a raffle as a form of a fundraiser for the 2007 Conference. The 2007 Conference will be held at KY Dam Village. The phone number there is (800) 325-0146 for reserving rooms/ cottages.

2nd VP John Daley stated that he attended Sylvan Smiths funeral and thanked everyone else who also attended. John stated he also attended the 1st Responder Day in Frankfort.

John also gave the report on the Hall of Fame Committee. The information for the 2006 conference nominees will soon be on the KY Firefighters WEB site. John reminded everyone that the intent of the Hall of Fame was to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to the success of the KFA.

The 2008 KFA Conference will be held at the Drawbridge Estates in Fort Mitchell, KY. The dates will be August 2nd through August 6th.

Woody Will took the opportunity to thank everyone for his induction into the Hall of Fame at the 2005 Conference.

2nd VP- Randy Courtney- Attended one Line of Duty Death since the previous meeting. Randy stated he is also working to increase the membership in the KFA from the Eastern KY area.

VP @ Large- Bob Newman attended Smitty's funeral and also attended the funeral of Chief Hutson of the Litchfield Fire Department.

Report of Secretary Jansing- the policy adopted by the KFA regarding funeral activities was discussed. It was agreed upon by the Executive Board several years ago that a Holy Bible would be presented to the spouse and closest relative at any firefighter funeral where the KFA was asked to assist with the arrangements, or where the deceased or department has been a strong supporter of the KFA. In addition a floral arrangement will be sent on behalf of the KFA. In the event of a line of duty death, in addition to the Holy Bible and floral arrangement, a US flag folded and placed inside a triangular flag case will be presented to the spouse/family of the deceased at the next regular KFA Conference. The name of the deceased will also placed on the Wall of Honor in Frankfort and the spouse/family will be invited to attend the memorial service in October.

A reminder to all departments, if you need assistance with planning a funeral service, you may contact Mr. Charlie Shaw of the KFA and Fire Rescue Training through the Fire Commission office. You may also notify Ronnie Day, Executive Director of the Fire Commission, or Dave Jansing, Secretary of the KFA. The contact information is available on the KFA WEB site at www.kyfa.org

Secretary Jansing read a letter that was sent to Ms. Deborah Daugherty denying any responsibility regarding alleged property damage during live fire training during the 2005 State Fire School.

Secretary Jansing gave the report of the Office of Housing Building & Construction. The information will be sent to LRC in the near future in order to adopt the 2006 edition of NFPA 1 and 101. (Life Safety Code).

Treasurers Report- Terry Keller handed out folders to the Executive Board containing the treasurer's report. The folder contained the income and expenses of the organization since the previous meeting. President Johnson explained the money that was spent up front by the KFA in order to "buy out" the contract with the Holiday Inn North in Lexington to enable us to move the new state fire school to Rupp Arena/ Heritage Hall. The agreement calls for the KFA to recover the money through the application fees and sustaining members/ vendors for the 2006/ 2007 Conference. Terry asked permission to move money from the Morgan Stanley Account to 5th 3rd bank. M/S Troy Newcomb/Dave Jansing. Motion carried.

Directors' Reports: Bobby Cowherd asked for clarification on the Sustaining Memberships and Ads in Smoke Signals. The process was explained. Bud Lederer also thanked everyone who attended Sylvan Smith's funeral.

Paul Billings asked about the possibility of listing the dues paying departments on the WEB site. Woody Will stated that it would be no problem to do so. This will be done. Woody stated that if anyone would like to send their Regional Association Meeting Minutes they too could be put on the WEB site. They will be listed under each of the Regional Directors.

Committee Reports: President Johnson announced that Bill Robbins Jr. has agreed to take over as Chairman of the PAC committee. Larry Moore has stepped down due to health reasons. Dave Jackson will be conducting a 50/50 raffle to raise money for PAC.

Joe Stambush gave a report on the Pub Ed Committee. Each board member was given a typed copy.

Chief Possich of the Frankfort FD has agreed to take over as Chairman of the Memorial Committee. The possibility of adding a section to the Memorial to recognize any firefighters killed in the line of duty while serving in the military is being explored. The additional section will be named in honor of Sylvan Smith.

Chief Jack Reckner gave a report on the Chapter 75 Fire Districts. He stated there is proposed legislation that would allow fire districts without EMS to raise their amounts .02 cents per year for 5 years up to an additional .10 cents per \$ 100.00 property evaluation.

Ken Knipper gave the reports for the NVFC & Funding Research. A written report was given to each board member. Ken also discussed the Citizens Corps & Fire Corps Programs.

Dave Jackson, assisted by Gerald Stewart covered the bills they are following for the fire service during the current session. Dave Jackson has agreed to Chair the Legislative Committee.

Paul Billings gave the Scholarship Committee Report. Paul gave the E-Board a type written report. M/S John Daley/Troy Webster to approve the scholarship of Brandon R. Griffith. Motion carried. M/S Dave Jansing/Terry Keller to approve the scholarship of Chastity Megan Clark after the proper paperwork is received. Motion Carried.

Starting with the prefiled Resolutions received for the 2006 Conference in addition to sending them to the appropriate committee a copy of each will also be forwarded to the Resolutions committee chairman and E-Board.

Terry Keller stated he would be getting with his SOP's Committee.

New Business:- M/S Terry Keller/Troy Newcomb to pay for the Dinner of Ken Knipper who will be attending the Congressional Fire Service Caucus for the NVFC and to send one member of the E-Board at the expense of the KFA. Motion Carried. Two tickets are available from the KY Association of Fire Chiefs.

Concerning Promotional Items to be given away at the KFA booth, a M/S John Daley/Randy Courtney for the Treasurer to move money around in the current line item budget and allow up to \$ 1,500.00 for the promotional items. Motion carried.

The two items to be placed in a different area will be the copier expense and the banner that was purchased to replace the one given to Bobbi Roberts at the funeral of Past Secretary Don Roberts.

M/S Troy Newcomb/John Daley to allow Treasurer Keller to purchase a multi-function machine and have necessary repairs made to his personal copier that he had been using for KFA business. Motion carried.

M/S Dave Jansing/John Daley to grant a Lifetime Membership to Donald Messingschlager of the Independence Fire Department for 50 years of service. Motion Carried. Secretary Jansing to make the presentation.

M/S Randy Courtney/John Daley to grant a Lifetime Membership to Wilson Rawlings of the London City FD for 51 years of service. Motion carried. Bill Robbins to make the presentation.

M/S John Daley/Troy Newcomb to grant a Lifetime Membership to Larry Atwell of the Newport FD on the occasion of his retirement after many years of service to the Louisville & Newport Departments. Motion carried. John Daley to make the presentation.

Next Meeting:

Saturday, 6/10/06 @ 1:00PM.

Meeting adjourned 5:15PM CST.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Jansing,
Assistant Chief
Secretary, KFA