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Southgate Community Center

Southgate, KY

The regular meeting of the Kentucky Firefighters Association was called to order by President Jeff Pohlman. Invocation was given by Secretary Monica Rath and then the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Officers found all present.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 2015 Conference.

Motion/Second

Chris Crawford/Pat Thompson

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 8-5-2015 E-Board meeting.

Motion/Second

Chris Crawford/Billy Selvage

Motion passed via voice vote

We had several guest speakers;

Mayor Jim Hamberg, City of Southgate

Senator Will Schroder

Steve Sierveld, VFIS Insurance – Steve distributed a list of all items we have covered on our insurance, discussion was held on things to add and delete, decided all e-board members should compile a list of anything they possess that belongs to the KFA and bring it to the Winter E-Board meeting.

All Officers placed their activity reports in the Dropbox and they are also attached to the minutes.

President Jeff Pohlman reviewed his activity report and his plans on putting into a booklet along with expectations, dress codes and such for all new incoming E-Board members.

Treasurers report – Duane Suttles

- Reviewed the current standing of the 2015-2016 budget
- 2015-2016 membership notices just went out ; at this time we have 229 departments paid, 20 personal memberships, and 32 sustaining memberships

Directors Reports

Dixie Firefighters – Steve Sheets

- Awards/Memorial meeting is October 22nd , Start time is 6pm Eastern time
- Fire school is planned for March 11-13

Northern KY – Bud Lederer

- Thanked KFA and NKFA for allowing to be in the director position
- Planning is ongoing for 2016 conference

Green River – Marc Henderson

- Last association meeting was Sept. 24th with 56 members present
- November 19th at 6:30 pm Central time is the Joint meeting between Green River and Dixie Association; all are welcome, it will be hosted by Thruston-Philpot
- Fall Fire School is last weekend in October usually average 300 students
- Officers school is scheduled for February 25-28, great instructors and classes scheduled, offering four hour classes on Friday, both hotels are now open and accepting reservations

- Facebook page is usually kept up to date, “like” us please

Buffalo Trace – Kerry Moore via Secretary Rath

- Regional school is October 23-25
- Working on increasing members
- Departments are working on meeting legislators concerning raising state aid

Jefferson County – Pat Walsh

- Fire school was well attended

Committee Reports

State Fire School – Ronnie Day via Secretary Rath

- Continued planning taking place, changing things around a bit and hopefully will have finalized info out in February

Special Events – Chris Crawford

- Booth at State Fair was well represented
- A motion was made to purchase a flat screen TV up to \$500

Motion withdrawn

NVFC – Ken Knipper

- New chairman – Kevin Quinn
- Veterans in workforce; Veterans EMT Support Act; contact Washington representatives to support bills
- NVFC has a website program for mental health wellness and abuse
- AHA new guidelines are out
- New ambulance guidelines in effect 9/15/2016
- SAFER grant new guide

Honor Guard – Charlie Rafferty via Secretary Rath

- Attached to the minutes
- Contacted members to check on status
- Attended the State Memorial and the National Memorial
- A new trailer will be in place soon

LAST – Jason Bowling via Secretary Rath

- Attached to the minutes
- Working on SOG's
- Worked with the Chief of Falmouth Fire Department after one of his firefighters suffered a heart attack

Memorial – Jeff Pohlman

- Landscaping work completed
- Looking into resetting bricks

Legislative – Steve Rath

- Attended cancer presumption hearing and State Aid/Incentive Pay
- Took the opportunity to explain to several State Representatives what State Aid is and how it helps volunteer departments
- Need to look into disability retirement for personnel in the new pension system

Finance – John Wiseman

- Suggest that when a motion is made to add which line item it is to come from

2016 Conference – John Wiseman

- Agenda is as follows

Friday – possible KAPPA or KBEMS meeting

Saturday – Training/Round Tables/Tim Sendlebach-speaker

Saturday Night – Picnic and Olympics

Sunday – Church services/10:30 Memorial Service/Golf

Sunday Night – Welcome Party

Monday – Fire Commission/Opening Ceremonies/Business meeting/Ladies luncheon

Monday Night – Event TBA

Tuesday – Business meeting/Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday Night - Banquet

New Business

A motion was made to purchase 200 challenge coins out of the promotional expense account.

Motion/Second

Pat Thompson/Chris Crawford

Motion passed via voice vote

Monica and Duane will work on this.

Objectives for the steering committee to consider were reviewed for the future of the KFA.

Sending out News Releases was discussed. Pat Thompson will take care of this.

A motion was made to upgrade The Dropbox to business status for \$100 per terabyte out of the office supply line item.

Motion/Second

Chris Crawford/Pat Thompson

Motion passed via voice vote

Discussion was held on how to handle if the Secretary or Treasurer were to be incapacitated for any length of time. This should be spelled out in the By-Laws. E-Board will come to the Winter meeting with suggestions to send to the By-Law committee.

Old Business

Status of license plate monies declining was discussed.

Chris Job is the Lawrence County Clerk and President of the County Clerks Association. They have a conference scheduled for November 13th and we have been given a time slot to speak to all the clerks in attendance on what we use the license plate money for. Encourage all E-Board members to be in attendance.

Good and Welfare

President Pohlman will be meeting with Mike Morgan, Ronnie Day, and Joe Baer on October 27th.

Thanks to the NKFA for supplying donuts and lunch for today's meeting.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session.

Motion/Second

Chris Crawford/Pat Thompson

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to come out of Executive session; with no action taken.

Motion/Second

Pat Walsh/Chris Crawford

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to enter into agreement with the Kentucky Professional Firefighters and Joe Baer, their President, to split the cost of a legislative condo.

Motion/Second

Duane Suttles/Pat Thompson

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to spend \$750 a month on a legislative condo with the money coming out of the legislative expense account.

Motion/Second

Duane Suttles/Pat Thompson

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion/Second

Pat Walsh/Billy Selvage

Motion passed via voice vote

Next meeting will be on Saturday February 27th at the Bryant Stiles Officers School in Owensboro. Secretary Rath will work on securing rooms for the E-Board with Pat Thompson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Rath, Secretary

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