

Dunn's Corners Fire Department Monthly Meeting Minutes DRAFT February 5, 2014

President Joe Miller called the monthly meeting of the Dunn's Corners Fire Department to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed for departed members.

Approval of the Minutes

President Joe Miller asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the December 4, 2013, Department Monthly Meeting. None were offered, so the minutes are now approved, as written.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Treasurer Dominique Boudreau:

Previous Balance	\$7,132.56
Receipts	1.17
Expenses	3989.48
Ending Balance	\$3,144.25

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion carried with no dissent.

Committee Reports

- RI State Fireman's League: Deputy Chief Tom Algieri reported that the League once again voted to support Chief Rick Sussi as our lobbyist. Tom wanted it clear in the records that our DCFD delegates supported him and appreciated his efforts at the State House.
- Truck Committee: Captain Dan Schilke reported that the new E-One Engine 4 has been ordered with a target delivery date of July 1, 2014. He commented that communication with the E-One staff has been very good and that options and changes are moving forward. There is a penalty date of August 15, 2014, if E-One fails to deliver by then.
- Banquet Committee: Lieutenant Keith Moody reported that they will start working on their plan for this year soon.
- Equipment Committee: Lieutenant Keith Moody reported new suspenders are in and to see him with any gear requests.

Reading of the Bills

Payee	Expense	Item/Service Purchased
Ray Willis toys	\$344.14	Toys for children's Xmas party
DC Fire District	505.57	Christmas lights and decorations
DC Market	342.24	Food
Bob Delaney	43.73	Food and drinks Jan 6
Dave Gordon	30.00	Food Feb 5
Total Bills	\$1,265.68	

A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills. The motion carried with no dissent.

Communications

- Thank-you letter from George Farrell, President RI Association of Fire Chiefs (RIAFC) Foundation, for supporting Fire Up RI. This is a funding source for the Honor Flight Program and supports purchase of equipment for the Fire Academy. *
- Request for donation from the RIAFC Foundation to support the Coutu Memorial Park in Central Falls, RI, in honor of Chiefs Robert A. and Rene R. Coutu. There will be a Chief Coutu Memorial 5K Race on March 30, also a 2-mile walk. Participation and donations requested. *
- Letter of thanks for the \$1453.05 donation towards the families of the Granite Mountain Hot Shot crew who lost their lives June 30, 2013. Money had been raised through a Boot Drive and direct donations. *
- Boston Red Sox First Responders Night at Fenway Park, Wednesday, May 28. Bleacher seats for \$28.00 *
- Westerly Sports Boosters Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser, February 22, 6:30-8:30PM. *

* Details posted on Station 1 bulletin board.

Membership

- Corey McKenna was welcomed as a new Probationary member.
- Marie Coffin was announced as a new Probationary member, but was not present at the meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Probationary Fire Fighter Ray Dussault will be voted on for Senior Membership status at the May meeting. Deputy Chief Tom Algieri reported that Ray has been training as a driver.

New Business

- Fire Police Captain Bob Delaney made a motion to thank the Girl Scout troop that catered a meal for the Department members in January by purchasing \$100 worth of Girl Scout Cookies from them. **Motion was seconded and passed with no dissent.**
- Fire Police Captain Bob Delaney spoke about the additional work that is required of the Secretary to post notices and minutes due to a change in Rhode Island Open Meeting laws that now affects Fire Departments. **He made a motion to pay a stipend to the Secretary to compensate for the added burden at the rate of \$25.00 per month for as long as this law is in place.** Captain Dan Schilke asked that **the motion be rescinded and then re-made at the \$50.00 level. It was and the motion was seconded. The motion was approved without dissent.**
- **Chief Mike Frink made a motion to donate \$100.00 to support the Westerly Sports Boosters Bowl-A-Thon. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.**
- **Chief Mike Frink made a motion to support Fire Up RI with a \$250.00 donation that would cover 5 couples attending an event at the Crowne Plaza. The motion was seconded and approved with no dissent.**

Items for the Good of the Order

- Lieutenant Chris Wells spoke about honoring both active and former members with a steak and lobster dinner at our August Department meeting. **A motion was made and seconded in support of Chris's suggestion. The motion passed with no dissent.**
- Captain Dan Schilke reported that a good deal of work has been done on Engine 6. Very high quality tires were installed, all fluids were changed out, exhaust, radiator, springs and bushings were attended to. He shared that the mechanics commented that the truck was well cared for by the drivers and were surprised to see that the brakes were still in very good

shape. Captain Schilke reminded all that if they saw anything that needed attention on the trucks to let him or another officer know.

- Chief Mike Frink reported that a Blood Drive will be held from 4-6 PM at Station 1 on Thursday. The Blood Center is short due to the bad weather and hopes to get at least 7 people to donate.

Community Announcements

- Chief Mike Frink once again mentioned the Blood Drive, along with the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Training

- Lieutenant Jeff Thomas presented certificates to members who had attended recent training classes. He spoke about the Haz Mat training on both Tuesday the 11th and Thursday the 13th, along with a Southern League Ice Rescue training on the 18th at our station. He reminded all to check the training board.

Chief's Report

Chief Mike Frink covered the following topics in his remarks:

- He thanked Department members for the fine work done at the Governor Avenue fire and the Walmart auto accident while he was away. He said he received very good reports on how things were handled.
- He presented the new Class B uniforms and said that he would soon make available a list of members who will be issued the new Class B's. Those on the list need to get to Stillman's Uniform by February 24. Additionally members were advised to bring their Class A shirts and jackets to the March meeting so they can then be fitted with the new company patch and years of service stripes can be updated. He advised all to tag their names on the garments and write down years of service. He thanked Willie Campbell for his efforts with the patch.
- Chief Frink updated members on the progress with the Officer Program. About a 60% compliance level has been attained thus far against the job descriptions and very good progress is being made.
- Thank you was extended to Fire Policeman Dave Gordon for the night's meal.

Roll Call

Roll was called with 21 members present. Voting members present were: Tom Algiere, Dominique Boudreau, Ted Burke, Scott Campbell, Bob Delaney, Mike Frink, Dave Gordon, Carl Johnson, Keith Kenyon, Ken Martin, Joe Miller, Keith Moody, Dan Schilke, Nick Schilke, Harold Stedman, Marissa Stedman, Jeff Thomas, Chris Wells and Mike Whitt.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion carried with no dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

The Secretary would like to thank Fire Police Captain Bob Delaney for taking notes for this meeting in my absence.

Respectfully submitted

Firefighter John D. Merkel, Secretary