

Dunn's Corners Fire Department Monthly Meeting Minutes March 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 February 5, 2014, Department Monthly Meeting. None were offered, so the minutes are now approved, as written.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Treasurer Dominique Boudreau:

Previous Balance	\$3,144.25
Receipts	.38
Expenses	1,615.68
Ending Balance	\$1,528.95

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

Committee Reports

- Banquet Committee: *Lieutenant Keith Moody moved to appropriate up to \$3,000 for the banquet and \$300 for the DJ, pending the anticipated transfer of funds from the District. The motion was seconded and carried with no dissent.*
- Parade Committee: Captain Jim Westervelt noted that the Memorial Day parades are coming up and for members to sign up for them on the website.
- RIAFC: Deputy Chief Tom Algieri reported that the Department sent a good contingent to the Fired Up event this past weekend. We were practically the only representatives of the Southern League. The event raised money for the RIAFC Foundation, which supports Honor Flights and underwrites fire fighter training. Also a number of individuals and organizations were recognized for their efforts. Our Chief Frink is in line to become President of the RIAFC within the next year or so.

Reading of the Bills

Payee	Expense	Item/Service Purchased
John Crandall	\$20.00	Meeting food
DC Market	207.58	Training food
Bob Delaney	62.40	Meeting food
Total Bills	\$289.98	

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

Communications

- The Pawtucket Red Sox invite first responders to be recognized at their home opener, Thursday, April 3 at 7:05 PM. See Chief Frink for free tickets. Details posted on Station 1 bulletin board.

Membership

- Austin Frink was welcomed as a new Junior Fire Fighter. A round of applause was extended.

Unfinished Business

- Deputy Chief Tom Algieri announced that a pressure washer is being purchased for rinsing salt and dirt off our engines. A water line in the equipment bay will be extended so the power washer can be used conveniently.

New Business

- At the request of Chief Frink, ***Firefighter John Merkel made a motion to donate \$100 to the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing team. The motion was seconded and carried with no dissent.***
- Firefighter Tom Powers reported that our soda fund has \$182.15 cash on-hand, with approximately 90 cans on-hand. He solicited preferences for soda flavors but none were offered.
- Fire Police Captain Bob Delaney asked what was the status of DCFD's participation in the parade for Tyler, the boy with leukemia. The status is unknown.

Items for the Good of the Order

- Fire Fighter John Merkel indicated that Captain Jim Westervelt has placed blank forms for the Beneficiary declaration and the Member update documents in the Dispatch room. Chief Frink had asked for these to be turned in today.
- Lieutenant Chris Wells announced that most of the equipment for the new Engine 4 has arrived. Training on the new equipment will start soon, with the intention to put Engine 4 into service as soon as possible after delivery. He also noted that tomorrow the fittings on the Tower 5 hydraulic pump will be changed to universal fittings so there will be no need to dump the hydro before hooking up tools. There will be some training on the new fittings but not for a while, so everyone should get down to the Station in the next few days to get some hands-on experience with the new fittings.
- Captain Jim Westervelt observed that our Department's participation in parades has been below par. He really needs members to step up.
- Deputy Chief Tom Algieri announced that a large number of officers will be out of town this weekend, so members are asked to respond to as many calls as possible.
- Fire Policy Captain Bob Delaney wondered whether the Department could do more to motivate members to participate in parades.

Community Announcements

- The Chariho Community Educational Projects organization is sponsoring a Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 6. Details posted on the Station1 bulletin board.

Training

- Lieutenant Jeff Thomas presented certificates to members who had attended recent training classes.
- He spoke about the SCBA training at Misquamicut FD next Tuesday, March 10, work party Wednesday, March 19, and Building Construction at Misquamicut FD Tuesday, March 25.
- Jeff emphasized more hands-on training is coming, including stabilization training in April and a Burn Building exercise in June.

- Note that from now on Southern League training programs will not automatically be defined as ITE's (Incentive Training Events); only selected ones will be designated ITE's with the training staff in consultation with the Chief.
- Firefighters Nick Schilke and Scott Campbell passed Fire Fighter 1/Haz Mat Ops. A round of applause was extended.

Chief's Report

Deputy Chief Carl Johnson announced that Paul Senita has resigned as Lieutenant, but will remain with the Department as a Fire Fighter.

Roll Call

Roll was called with 22 members present. Voting members present were: Cate Algieri, Tom Algieri, Dominique Boudreau, Ted Burke, Bob Clarke, John Crandall, Bob Delaney, Brian Holdredge, Carl Johnson, Ken Martin, Joe Miller, Keith Moody, Tom Powers, Nick Schilke, John Schreier, Jeff Thomas, Chris Wells and Jim Westervelt.

Adjournment

*A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion carried with no dissent.
Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm*

**Respectfully submitted,
Firefighter John D. Merkel, Secretary**