

# Foster Center Volunteer Fire Company

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The April 14, 2014 monthly meeting of the Foster Center Volunteer Fire Company was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Christine Hanson. There were 18 members present with 1 excused.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted. The monthly statistical reports are posted on the kitchen bulletin board. There were a total of 15 calls for the month of March.

The Chief's report was read and accepted. The heater has been installed in the pump compartment of Tanker 3. Thank you to all members who responded to the recent house fire on South Killingly Road. We have received many positive comments concerning all the Foster Firefighters and Rescue Personnel doing such a great job.

Guenter Bay and Mikayla Kelsall have been approved for a full set of gear from the Safer Grant Committee. Also Kurt Gensil, Sal Calisle Jr., Patrick Higginbotham, Joshua Giglietti, and Sarah Riales have been approved for the Safer Grant.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted showing a grand total cash amount of \$29,839.37.

## Committee Reports

Ways & Means : Balance in the checking account is \$606.77.

Building : All is well.

Fire Alarm & Communications : Nothing to report.

Rescue Captain : All equipment in service and operating efficiently.

Engineering Board : Station 1 Hazmat class scheduled for March was cancelled. Chief Marsland would like to hold a class at Station 3 and is looking into it.

There is a new paging system called E-Dispatch that can dispatch fire and rescue calls to a cell phone by a phone call and/or a page. This unit relies on a Wi-Fi signal. It will cost \$179.00 a month and will be divided up by all stations, costing each station \$44.75. This system will not replace our pagers. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept pending all other stations accepting. Chief will advise next meeting on the outcome.

Training : Going good and waiting for the warmer weather to put up the sign.

Leagues : Nothing to report.

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Equipment : Chief is ordering a pair of firefighting boots for Dave Heroux. We need to order 7 helmets at a cost of \$249.00 each to replace the helmets that are no longer up to the NFPA Standard 1971 and 1851. These will be paid for by the Safer Grant and the first two will go to Guenter Bay and Mikayla Kelsall. Additional helmets will be purchased and refunded once the personnel have completed the Firefighter Safety 1 Class.

New Business : We are in need of new uniforms for some of our members. The total cost would be \$1,770.27. Catherine Bay made a donation of \$500.00 to help offset the cost, bringing the total down to \$1,270.27. Sue Paul will look at the finances and get back to the Chief in a couple of days. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to get by as best we can this year.

We received a grant in the mail for Forestry Service which will be taken up in the May meeting.

The following people are on the nominating committee for the list of candidates: Christine Hanson, Bill Paul, Barbara Canuel, Kurt Gensil, and Sal Calisle Jr.

Bills & Communications : A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay the bills which totaled \$14,161.07.

Old Business : The new flag has been purchased and is ready for Memorial Day.

Membership : Keri Vanasse's application has been approved. We have received an application for Probationary Member from Michael Amaral. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to put Michael's application through the normal channels.

Good of the Order : Chief Marsland would like to remind all active crew to check your gear after all calls and training, and clean if needed. Also, just a note that FCVFC is now on Twitter.

Adjournment : A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the April 14, 2014 meeting at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Canuel  
Recording Secretary