



## **SOUTHERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION. Inc.**

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Representing the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen of the Nine Southern Counties of  
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### **Minutes of the March 25 2023, General Membership meeting at Selden Fire Dept.**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Robert Ottaviano.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Donald Holupka

Invocation led by Vincent Ammirati

Chief Nowakowski welcomed us to Selden and thanked his kitchen committee for a job well done serving tonight's meal. President Ottaviano thanked our host for an excellent meal and their hospitality.

Roll Call of Officers taken, and excuses noted. Motion to accept by A. Tripp and seconded by R. McConville, excuses noted Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs, MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by V. Ammirati and seconded by R. Reid to accept the minutes the Annual Convention 2022 MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes of the October, 2022 general meeting were approved as mailed by O. Kohlmier, seconded by E. Schmidt. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **Communications:**

- Secretary McElynn reported he has received the Volunteer Firefighter Magazine.
- Letter regarding the Ladies Auxiliary fund raiser was read.
- Letter regarding the FASNY Scholarship was read for information.
- A request for a donation from the Nassau / Suffolk Hospitality Room was read.

Motion by R. Reid, seconded by P. Britian that communications take their regular course. MOTION CARRIED.

Bills read by Treasurer Roy Dahlen, motion by M. DeVittorio and seconded by E. Schmidt to pay the bills as read, MOTION CARRIED.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

President Robert Ottaviano

Attended several meetings and functions representing the Organization.

Thanks to all for supporting Southern New York throughout the year.

Announced the Legislative Workshop on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Albertson. Class "A" uniform in order.

First Vice President Juan Batta

Attended NCFA Meetings

Attended Southern NY Board of Directors meeting.

Attended FASNY Board of Directors Meeting

Attended Southern NY By Law Committee meeting.

Second Vice President Frank Guarino:

Attended Board of Directors meeting in February

Attended E-Board meeting of Southern New York on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Attended Huntington & Smithtown's installation in March.

Presented FASNY 50-year certificate at Sand Castle on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Presented FASNY 50-year certificate to Bennie Galletto from the Islip FD

Attended the Thomas With Seminar on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

March FASNY Board of Directors meeting.

Treasurer Roy Dahlen read the activity and the balance of the Association funds that total \$47,701.67. Motion by E. Perry, seconded by R. Reid to accept the Treasurer's Report, MOTION CARRIED.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

### **AUDIT:**

The annual audit will be held before the next BOD meeting.

### **BY LAWS:**

M. DeVittorio reported read by law change proposal to be voted on at the Convention.

### **BENEVOLENT & EXEMPT:**

M. Krummenacker reported that the next Benevolent Association meeting will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> in East Norwich.

### **BUDGET:**

No report

### **BURN AWARENESS:**

No report.

**CONVENTION:**

It was reported that the 2023 convention will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Hewlett. The convention will begin with the Rev. Vincent Kennedy Memorial Service at 4:00 pm. At 5:00 pm there will be a mini-Legislative conference followed by dinner and a meeting.

**CREDENTIALS:**

T. Tripp reported that this evening;

Total Present: 32

Member/Delegates from Nassau: 18

Member/Delegates from Suffolk: 10

Member/Delegates from Westchester: 3

Member / Delegates from Rockland: 0

Members from Nassau: 0

Members from Suffolk: 0

Members from Westchester: 0

Members from NYC: 0

Guests: 1 – Lohr & Miraglia

**DINNER:**

Arrangements have been finalized for our annual Installation Dinner. It will be held at Leonard's Pilazzo on Northern Boulevard in Great Neck beginning at 6:30 pm on Friday, June 23, 2023. Notices will be mailed out along with journal ad requests. Please support our journal as this is the only fundraising event, we have all year.

**EMS:**

No Report.

**FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR:**

Chairman Sutton reported that he has not received any applications and we have passed the due date for this year, so there will be no presentation at the dinner.

**FIRE POLICE:**

J. Wicks reported the following.

119 members attended the annual Tom With Seminar.

**FIRE PREVENTION:**

No Report.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

R. McConville reported that dues notices will be going out shortly.

## **LAWS AND LEGISLATION:**

M. DeVittorio announced that the FASNY legislative workshop for Southern New York will be held in Albertson on Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> beginning with a continental breakfast at 8:00 am. Any members attending requested to wear Class "A" uniforms.

He also reported that the Southern & FASNY Legislative Committee are working on several items that will be raised at the FASNY convention. These will be discussed in detail at the workshop in Albertson.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS & WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT:**

Kevin McElynn reported that he made several submissions for The Volunteer magazine, and the website has been updated in March. If anyone has anything either for the magazine or website, please contact him. Please use the [kmcelynn@gmail.com](mailto:kmcelynn@gmail.com) email address as there has been problems with the SNY email address.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

No Report.

## **SAFETY OFFICERS:**

J Bailes reported the following

- Next scheduled ISO class is June 24, 2023 at Jamaica Hospital. The cost for the exam is \$325.00.
- The annual meeting will be held on October 8, 2023 at the Hillcrest FD in Spring Valley.
- To anyone interested in taking the Incident Safety Officer, and Health & Safety officer class & examination, the cost is \$325.00.
- Guaranteed to pass the exam or money will be fully refunded.
- Suffolk County Safety officers meeting date to be announced.
- The Nassau County Safety Officers meeting will be in Uniondale on March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanked all for supporting their recent fundraiser.

## **STEERING:**

No Report.

## **WAYS & MEANS: J. Wicks reported.**

Dark Horse Income - \$124.00

50/50 Income - \$126.00 - \$67.00 to the winner

**TOTAL - \$250.00**

## **YOUTH FIREMATIC ORGANIZATIONS:**

R. McConville reported that the Youth Seminar meeting will be in November in Nassau County. Congratulated the East Norwich Juniors for winning the NVFC award for Junior Firefighters.

**CHAPEL FUNDRAISING:**

No report

Motion by P. Wass and seconded by A. Hoey to accept the committee reports, MOTION CARRIED.

**FASNY OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Vice President Perry reported on several items regarding FASNY

- Annual Convention in Niagara. Registration is now open.
- The deadline for any award submissions has passed.
- Recruit New York coming up in April. All departments are encouraged to participate. Contact FASNY office for details
- FASNY / NY Propane Association full day safety class will be held in Greenport on April 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a free program for any firefighter and will be hands on.

Directors DaRocha and Krummenacker reported that all was covered in VP Perry's report.

**FIREMEN'S HOME:**

Trustee DeVittorio reported the following.

Thanked all from Southern New York for their constant support of the home.

Past President Owenburg.

There are 78 brothers and sisters in the home, and the Trustees are presently working on more applications.

Still no COVID incidents with any resident of the home.

Long Island Day is coming up in September.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by V. Ammirati seconded by M. DeVittorio that Southern New York sponsor 2 \$50.00 gift cards for the FASNY scholarship raffle for the convention. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by A. Tripp, seconded by R. Dahlen to purchase 5 tickets for the Ladies raffle at \$10.00 each. MOTION CARRIED.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE:**

A. Tripp announced that Nassau Director Tom Underhill will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday tomorrow. A rising applause followed.

V. Ammirati reported that our Chaplain Peter Cincotta is now home. He is looking for phone calls and visitors. Motion by K. McElynn seconded by R. McConville to send him a basket of fruit. MOTION CARRIED.

Next General Meeting will be the Annual Convention held on May 20, 2023 in Hewlett beginning at 4:00 pm . Next board meeting of the Association will be April 24, 2023 at Portchester FD – Hose Co. # 5 on Willard Avenue. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm, and meeting immediately to follow.

Closing Prayer lead by V. Ammirati.

Motion for adjournment made by F. Guarino and seconded by A. Tripp at 9:09 p.m., MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted By.

*Kevin P. McElynn*

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Secretary