



**Old Fire Farts of York County
Quarterly Meeting
October 18, 2020
York County Fire Museum, York**

Call to Order

President Kraig Herman called the meeting to order at 1:11 pm and called for the Pledge to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. There were 11 members present for the meeting.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

As the minutes of the previous meeting were not at the meeting, they will be approved at the next meeting.

Officer's Reports

President

Kraig Herman thanked those that had helped out with the muster, and explained why he was unable to attend.

Herman suggested that we consider making the York County Fire Museum the regular meeting location for the association. He reported that several members of the association are working on the apparatus in the collection of the York County Fire Museum. Herman advised that the museum is always looking for additional volunteers.

President-Elect

Greg Halpin had no report.

Treasurer

Paul Hoover gave the treasurer's report.

Presented the financial reports with a beginning balance of \$20,120.95 and an ending balance on 10/12/2020 of \$24,084.41.

Jeff Stauffer made a motion to accept the report. Richard Lehr seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Secretary

Not present.

Members-At-Large

Neil Gunnet was not present. Jeff Stauffer reported that he has heard many positive comments regarding the muster. He felt that the Fawn Grove Fire Company provided great assistance with the muster.



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Committee Reports

Scholarship Fund (John Senft):

Senft reported that one person inquired about a scholarship from Fairview Township, but he is not aware of an application being received.

Kraig Herman reported on his progress with the class that he was awarded a scholarship for.

PR/Communications (Bob Straw):

Straw reported that he had re-negotiated the contract with the Wyndham Garden York Hotel for the SPAAMFAA Winter Conference on March 10-13, 2021. We are expecting about 150 attendees, with about 40 spouses also coming. The association is raffling off a pedal car to defray the costs of the conference. Due to Covid-19, buses to transport attendees will be restricted to about 25 persons, raising the cost of transportation. We will need members willing to work on specific portions of the conference to help, and he hopes to organize a committee meeting for some time in November.

The association will be staffing the kitchen at the Alert Fire Company (Emigsville) Bingo on November 8, 2020 with proceeds to benefit the conference. We will also sell raffle tickets for the pedal car, and will be selling 50/50 chances. We will need members to help with this event. We will not be running the bingo games. Doors open at 12:30 and it is usually over by 4:30 pm.

Preservation/Historical (Eddie Swartz):

Swartz was not present. David Maletz thanked the members that have been helping out with maintaining the apparatus at the fire museum.

Bylaws (John Senft):

No report.

York Fire Muster (Bob Straw):

Straw reported this was the second largest muster that we have held. We had 40 pieces of apparatus in attendance. The procession from the school grounds to the muster site went quite well thanks to the fire police in attendance. Jeff Stauffer and Eddie Swartz did a fine job with handling the flea market area. We were requested to pay the bill for the portable toilets.

The folks from Fawn Grove reported that if we come back next year that they plan some improvements to the muster site, including grading a road and placing areas for apparatus to pump from and not be in the mud.

John Senft reported that he got comments from visitors that they like having the muster in September, as it doesn't interfere with fire prevention events being held in October. He also said that the attendees enjoyed the shade that the trees provided, and had it been a warmer day that said shade would have been even more important. He said the only complaints he heard was the rural location and the travel distance for some others.

Jeff Stauffer made a motion to return to Fawn Grove for the 2021 muster. Motion seconded by Paul Hoover. Motion carried. Tentative date for the muster would be September 26, 2021.



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SPAAMFAA 2021 Winter Convention (Bob Straw):

Covered above.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Bob Straw reported that we need gift cards, gift baskets, etc. donated as prizes for the bingo game, and we need to sell raffle tickets for the pedal car.

The Christmas party is tentatively scheduled for December 6, 2020 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Kraig Herman will see if he can get the hall at Union Fire Company, Manchester, for the party.

President Kraig Herman appointed a Nominating Committee: David Maletz and Richard Lehr.

Open Floor Discussion

John Senft began the discussion regarding meeting locations. Although the York County Fire Museum is a good location, it is not suitable for a meeting with a large attendance. It was also discussed that we are more visible if we meet in various locations in the county, and don't force the same members to always travel a longer distance. It was suggested that we consider meeting at fire companies that have in house fire museums or historical collections/displays as that would help to meet our mission. Kraig Herman will reach out to the fire companies to see if they would be interested in hosting a meeting.

Next Quarterly Meetings

Tentative schedule for 2021: January, Hoss's on White Street; April, Greater Hanover Fire Museum; July, meeting in conjunction with annual picnic, October, York County Fire Museum.

Robert Straw made a motion for adjournment which was seconded by Charles Riley and the motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully Recorded,

Gregory C. Halpin

President Elect