



**Old Fire Farts of York County**  
**Quarterly Meeting**  
**July 11, 2021**  
Schwartz Residence and Museum

**Call to Order**

President Greg Halpin called the meeting to order which was followed by the Pledge to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. There were 23 members present for the meeting, along with 3 guests (Jim Derstine, Lester Eser and David Evans).

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

The April 2021 Meeting minutes as posted on the webpage and Facebook page were read by Recording Secretary Kraig Herman. President Halpin approved the minutes as read.

President Halpin then turned the meeting over to our SPAAMFAA Trustee Jim Derstine. Mr. Derstine provided the organization with a “kudos” for putting together the Winter Conference during a pandemic. We set the bar high for future conferences. Mr. Derstine also reminded people that SPAAMFAA dues are now due and to make sure you pay them ASAP.

**Officer’s Reports**

**President**

President Halpin presented a Resolution of Respect that will be presented to the family of Dick Lehr on behalf of the organization. A copy of the Resolution was given to the Recording Secretary and will become part of the minutes of the organization. President Halpin also gave the Recording Secretary a copy of the letter that was sent to a business in West York for the assistance they gave one of the attendees at the Winter Conference. This letter will also be part of the minutes of the organization.

**President Elect**

No report

**Treasurer**

Paul Hoover gave the treasurer’s report.

Jeff Stauffer made a motion to accept the report. Greg Moul seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Bob Straw stated that information was gathered to change names on our account since a new Treasurer takes over at the conclusion of this meeting. There were 6 names on our bank account as signers and questioned whether we need that many. President Halpin stated that he feels the Treasurer, President and Recording Secretary should be the signers. On a motion made by Terry Fix and second by Jeff Stauffer, this change will happen.

**Secretary**

Kraig Herman gave the secretary’s report.

Current membership numbers as of July 6, 2021:



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Life Members 32, Active Members 40, Organization Members 2 with 28 members also being SPAAMFAA Members.

**Members-At-Large**

Roy Gentzler had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

Financial (Bob Straw): He takes over as Treasurer on July 12<sup>th</sup> and has been given all materials from outgoing Treasurer Paul Hoover.

Scholarship Fund (John Senft): President Halpin reported for John Senft that the committee is recommending a scholarship of up to \$1500 be awarded to Daniel Gibney of Eureka Fire and Ambulance Stewartstown, Pa. to attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania to obtain a bachelor's degree in Health and Safety. On a motion made by Paul Hoover and second by Greg Moul, motion approved to award the scholarship.

PR/Communication (Kraig Herman): A flyer was received advertising a fire muster at Pleasant Hill VFC for August 2022. Bob Straw also read a thank you card from SPAAMFAA Executive Secretary Bill Blunden concerning the Winter Conference. President Halpin then presented \$1000 checks to Darlene Schwartz (Board member for the Hanover Fire Museum) and David Maletz (York History Center).

Preservations/Hist. Ref. (Eddie Swartz): Eddie Schwartz advised that the Hanover Fire Museum just paid \$40,000 for a new roof so funds have dwindled. Dave Maletz gave updates on happenings at the York Fire Museum.

Org. Safety Officers (Kraig Herman / Jeff Stauffer): No report

York Fire Muster (Kraig Herman): Ken Buohl reported he, Jeff Stauffer and Kraig Herman met to begin transition work on the Muster and came to an agreement to create the Old Fire Farts Muster Committee with each person being designated a Committee Administrator. Ken Buohl then resigned as Muster Chairman and this new leadership style took effect. Kraig then read off an action list of items that have been discussed and completed as we work in transitioning tasks away from Bob Straw.

Ken Buohl stated that an agreement with Fawn Grove VFC has been reached for each organization to split the cost towards portable restrooms. Cost will be approximately \$250 (give or take). This led into a quite lengthy discussion concerning the Muster and the future.

By Laws (John Senft): President Halpin stated he has some changes that are in the process of being proofread with John and will hopefully have a full report for the October meeting.

**Old Business**

Nothing to discuss

**New Business**

Kraig Herman brought up the possibility of acquiring a Square account so we can take online payments. A short discussion ensued, and it was decided to have Kraig work with the finance committee on a recommendation.



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Bob Straw reported that the AHS will be in York in 2024 and 2028 and he would like to play host to the SPAAMFAA Summer Conference in conjunction with this event. The Fire Museum of Maryland and the Professional Car Society has expressed interest in assisting in this endeavor. After some discussion, it was determined more information was needed and the matter was tabled.

Bob Straw has investigated having a plaque commissioned to be placed in the Lounge of the York Fire Museum in memory of Dick Lehr. All in attendance agreed with it and Bob will move forward with this project. Dave Maletz stated that 2 smaller plaques have been purchased in memory of Dick Lehr. One will go on the FF Memorial inside the Apparatus Room at the York Fire Museum and another will be placed on the chair that Dick normally sat at for many years.

A short discussion was then held concerning the FF monument and the refurbishment. Bob Straw stated the last he heard there was \$73,000 raised for work to be done and sees no reason why work cannot be started immediately. Dave Maletz will send an email to Executives' at the York History Center concerning this.

**SPAAMFAA Chapter Update**

National convention being held this week in Portland, Oregon

**Open Floor Discussion**

Kraig Herman will contact Union Fire Co in Manchester on hosting a joint Christmas Party this year and will report back after the Fire Company's August meeting.

Ken Buohl asked for ideas and places on bus trips to take and will be begin planning.

President Halpin set the next Quarterly meeting of the Organization for October 17, 2021 starting at 1:30pm and will be held at the York Fire Museum.

President Halpin called for an adjournment motion. Motion was made by Greg Moul and seconded by Paul Hoover, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Recorded,

*Kraig E Herman*

Recording Secretary