



Maryland Fire Chiefs Association

Representing the Maryland Emergency Services Officers with Progression While Maintaining Tradition

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Executive Board Meeting

Red Brick Station

June 28 2018

Members Present:

President Paul Sullivan; Past President Hugh Owens; 2nd Vice President Gerald Lynott; Treasurer Rick Hemphill; Membership Secretary Nick Thompson; Chaplain Richard Bower; Chaplain Emeritus John Hoglund; Region 2 Director Eric Smothers; Region 3 Director Robert McHenry; Region 4 Director Scott Wood; Region 5 Director Jeff Wickline; Region 8 Director Timothy Delehanty; Region 9 Director Jeff Thompson

Opening:

Meeting called to order @ 1918 by President Sullivan. Opening prayer led by Chaplain Bower followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. No minutes to present from previous Executive Committee meeting. Secretary Crawford has the notes.

President's Report:

President Sullivan reported the Ocean City booth income was about \$5,800.00. 11 new members were accepted and 130 attended the hospitality house. Discussed moving the 2019 hospitality house to Wednesday evening still to be held at the American Legion. The trailer was damaged at the wheel/fender flare while in Ocean City. Strategic goals were reviewed citing membership drive objectives. The new website is in transition with new features being worked on and added. The events page is updated and will be modified to include MSFA sponsored activities. Email addresses are almost complete. Instructions are forthcoming. The fundraising committee has been resurrected and tasked with oversight of fundraising efforts. Work on the AFG will begin now and not later. Urged officers of the association to be visible and become involved in events locally to promote the association. Angela Taury is on board as the staff attorney for MFCA. Discussion occurred involving the insurance policies and what/who they cover. Following the discussion, it was decided to have a document created to outline the coverage. Treasurer Hemphill will work on the document. Working on a bylaw change to be presented at the July 7th general membership meeting regarding how bylaws may be modified. Actively looking in to extending the current SAFER grant. Press release stating MFCA supports Governor Hogan for reelection. There will be a meeting between MFCA and NFFF to evaluate the financial commitment associated with the association's involvement in the NFFF memorial weekend. A high school recognitions award program is being worked on. The Leonard King Award requirements are being written as well as the submittal process and budgeting. Committee assignments are being reworked. Golf and Convention committees will become absorbed by the Ways and Means committee; Narcan committee will become absorbed by EMS committee; Ambassadors are absorbed by Fire Prevention; Liaison committee work will be handled by the Presidents; NFPA Standards committee has been dissolved; EDIAFC Planning committee is idle; License Plates will be handled by the Secretary; Membership committee is renamed the Recruitment and Retention committee and will also handle scholarships.

First Vice President's Report:

No report

Past President's Report:

Past President Hugh Owens thanked everyone for their help at the Ocean City Booth. Reported a profit of \$10,000 on the MFCA book.

Secretary's Report:

No report

Assistant Secretary's Report:

No Report

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Rick Hemphill reported raffles appear to be bigger fundraisers and recommended doing more raffles throughout the year. Expenses since Jan 1st 2018 \$56, 866.61. Bank of America balance as of 5/31/2018 is \$12,580.53. BB&T balance as of 5/31/2018 is \$8,447.70.

Membership Secretary's Report:

Nick Thompson reported Ocean City renewals and new members were handled by President Sullivan. Transition is in progress.

Chaplain's Report:

Richard Bower announced beginning in July, every 3rd Tuesday evening a video conference through ZOOM will take place with all ten regional Chaplains. Regional Chaplains will be completing a survey to determine needs of company chaplains specific to each region. Recognized the needs for chaplains are changing. Working with MFRI on a training topic regarding the role of the chaplain in the fire/ems service. Looking for input on how to strengthen chaplaincy in Maryland. Asked that if someone passes away to please give their home address for accurate mailing of card. Please do not hesitate to call if needed.

Director Reports:

Region 1:

No report

Region 2:

Director Eric Smothers remarked on the need to bolster the recruitment effort. The general membership meeting will be held in Region 2 at Walkersville on July 7th. Added one chaplain from this region.

Region 3:

Director Robert McHenry reported making it through convention. Asked for prayers concerning the recent events in Annapolis.

Region 4:

Director Scott Wood reported a busy month. Recovery efforts in Ellicott City are ongoing.

Region 5:

Director Jeff Wickline reported progress. Suggested adding an online store to the website. Brief discussion regarding apparel followed.

Region 6:

No report

Region 7:

No report

Region 8:

Director Timothy Delehanty brought greetings from Southern Maryland. Continuing relationship efforts in Southern Maryland.

Region 9:

Director Jeff Thompson is meeting with the company chiefs distributing information. Interested in holding a gun bingo on the mid-shore.

Region 10:

No report

Committee Reports:**Eastern Division IAFC:**

President Sullivan reported that the EDIAFC had a successful annual conference. As a result the EDIAFC will refund the MFCA \$5,000 from the conference proceeds. The check will be provided by EDIAFC at the Membership Meeting on July 7, 2018.

Legislative Committee:

Ed Woods gave synopsis for the Legislative Committee on recent elections. Large turnover of seats. Need to speak with candidates to exchange information and ideas.

MACO/MML Committee:

Rick Hemphill advised that MML Conference was not as busy at the MACO Conference. Committee members interacted with several county commissioners. MACO upcoming in August.

SAFER Oversight Committee:

President Sullivan advised that the Oversight Committee will be looking at submitting another SAFER grant amendment to FEMA along with a possible extension.

Training Committee:

Tim Delehanty advised that the Training Committee will be meeting on July 19, 2018 at 1900 hours at the Ellicott City VFC.

Statewide Alert Network Committee:

Rick Hemphill reviewed guidelines on enrollment. Four highest officers in an operational department are qualified. Association officers do not qualify as they do not provide emergency services.

EMS Committee:

Bob McHenry and Eric Smothers reported progress on current issues. Discussion followed on National Registry testing for EMTs.

Organizational Business:

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

Confirmed we have a phone solicitation company since 2010. MFCA receives 15% of funds collected by the company. Average income to MFCA is \$1,500 - \$2,000. A motion was made by Timothy Delehanty to terminate the contract with the phone soliciting company as soon as contractually possible. Motion second by Robert McHenry. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Paul Sullivan to spend no more than \$50 per program recognized by MFCA; to provide award of recognition to high school cadet programs held in conjunction with a Board of Education. Motion second by Hugh Owens. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Eric Smothers to increase the new member fee to \$60 for Active and Associate members which will include receiving a new member package; the Chaplain new member fee will remain \$15 and will not include a new member package; increasing Active and Associate member renewal fee to \$20 per year; Chaplain renewal fees will remain \$15 per year. Motion second by Hugh Owens. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Timothy Delehanty to waive annual dues and bestow honorary life membership status to Ken Wyvill, Jr. from Southern Maryland Insurance due to his contributions to the organization. Motion second by Scott Wood. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Fundraising offer presented by Hugh Owens turned over to President Sullivan and tabled until next meeting.

Good of the Organization:

Motion to adjourn by Timothy Delehanty. Motion second by Scott Wood. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 2200 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Thompson

Membership Secretary