

Quarter Meeting of the  
Old Fire Farts of York County

November 10, 2018, 10:00 am at the York County Fire Museum

- **Meeting was called to order** by Pres. Roy Gentzler at 10 am with 17 members in attendance.
- **A Moment of Silence** was held to honor those in the military and public service who have given the ultimate sacrifice and a thoughts and prayers to those fighting the California wild Fires and the citizens who are in harms way.
- **Last Meeting Minutes**, Secretary, Bob Straw read the minutes of our Sept. 5th meeting held at Hoss's on White St. The minutes were approved by Kraig Herman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Newbould.
- **Treasurer's Report**, Treasurer, Greg Witmer submitted a Muster Report for 2018. Our Revenue was \$7,836, however there was a \$1,000 donation from the Rodney Miller Fund that was in Greg's report that belongs in the Scholarship Fund not the Muster. Also, the revenue from the toy trucks of \$ 1,380 belongs in the Scholarship Fund. This lowers the revenue to \$5,456. After further review the with Expenses of \$1,591 giving us a profit of \$3,865. It was suggested to bring back the Firefighter Skills Challenge next year. The Treasurer's report was approved by Bill Newbould and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Sells.
- **Communications**,  
Bob read a Thank You Note from Rebecca Parsons who received one of our \$1,500 scholarships.  
He gave a report on membership which shows 43 Active Members, 17 Life Members, 1 Organization for a total of 61 Members. We have 10 Members who didn't renew their memberships from 2017.  
The new Website, run by Greg Halpin and the Facebook Page, run by Bob Straw are keeping our social media up-to-date. We need to create a Tweeter link yet. Bob will work with Chief Michaels on getting something set up for Old Fire Farts on Tweeter. The York Fire Museum has requested volunteers to help at the Museum.
- **Members-At-Large**, Dolly Hoover and Bill Newbould had no report.
- **Vice-President**, Kraig had no report.
- **President**, Roy had no report.
- **Committee Reports:**  
**Scholarship Report**, Bob reported that we did receive a grades statement from Leslie Garner for her National Certification as an EMT-P. She was given a scholarship back in March. Bob stated that two \$1,500 Scholarships were given out. One to Rebecca Parsons from Airville Fire Co to attend Eastern Kentucky University to study Arson and Fire Investigation. The second one went to Christopher Hoagland from Dover Twp. Fire

Dept. to study psychological and Social impact of Disasters on victims. He will be attending Alvernia University in Reading, PA. John Senft from the Scholarship Committee was approached by the Local IAFF Union who would like to give us money for two scholarships in honor of Ivan and Zach. We have been working with them to put this in place for 2019. The Scholarship Committee need to meet with the Union representative again to settle any issues.

Preservation & Historical Report, the fix for Old Friendship Eng. 14 fell apart so the Museum is looking at Thaddeus Stevens Tech School in Lancaster and with York Technical School in York.

Public Relations / Communications Report, will be setting up a Tweeter Account with Chief Michaels help.

- **Old Business:** SPAAMFAA has a new Restoration Awards Program. President Roy opened the floor for recommendations for this award from our Club. Dallastown's Mack was suggested by the group to be recognized. Bob will work with them to fill out the proper paperwork. We agreed to hold our Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Bob was approved to spend no more than \$250 on the party.
- **New Business:** It was reported that Hahn will be having a Reunion in Hamburg on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> next year. Bob suggested that our York Fire Muster date will be Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. He suggested that we tie in with the Hahn Reunion and have Hahn as our featured truck for 2019. The membership agreed with that idea so the 2019 York Fire Muster will go forth with that in mind.

A discussion was held on the Rescue Monument that was moved from Penn Park to the Museum back in 1981. It is in need of major repair and the Old Fire Farts have agreed to help the York History Center make some of the repairs. John Senft gave us a history of the monument and its intent. A motion was made and the group agreed to work with the York History Center to repair the Monument and suggest some ways to honor all LODD at the Museum and fix the Monument for its original purpose. More follow up will be coming on this project,

Nominations for open positions were opened by President Roy for the 2019 elections. There are openings for Secretary, Treasurer, one Member-at-Large.

The following is the slate of officers for 2019: **President**-Roy Gentzler, **Pres.-Elect**-Kraig Herman, **Secretary**- Bob Sells, **Treasurer**- Beginning 7-1-19 Paul Hoover, **Member-at-Larger**- Jeff Stauffer & Dolly Hoover

It was suggested by John Senft that we look at term limits for our Secretary and Treasurer after the election. It was also recommended that we have an independent financial review done by an outside firm.

- **Open Floor Discussion:** We received donations of products from the Springetts Firebabies for us to sell. We got both hot & cold mugs and glass mugs.

John suggested we contact the York Convention & Visitors Bureau to help us with promoting our York Fire Muster.

Bob and Greg will be manning a table at the York History Center's History on the half-shell at the Industrial & Agricultural Museum.

- **Next Quarterly meeting** is tentatively Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be our Christmas Party and it will start at 1 PM. We will have a Cookie Exchange where everyone brings 1 dozen of their favorite cookies. They are put out on a large tray or pan. Ugly Christmas Sweater attire is suggested. At 2:30 PM we will eat our lunch which will be Fruit Cup or Apple Sauce, Salad, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Turkey and Ham, Rolls and Butter. Every family will bring a dessert to share with others. Beverages will be Lemonade, Ice Tea, Coffee, and some adult beverages. Santa will appear and he will be checking his naughty and nice list. More details will be forthcoming as soon as we firm up the location and date.
- **Adjournment** was asked for by Dick Lehr and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Maletz at 12:15 and our President Roy adjourned.