

**Union Center Fire Company**  
**Monthly Business Meeting**  
**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Activity Checking	\$18,017.75	Activity	\$9,513.21
General Checking	\$11,237.92	2% Money	\$8,504.54
Total	\$29,255.67		

Motion to accept: Belensky and B. Bealo

**Bills and Communications:**

- Donation of \$100 from Union Center Christian Church

**Board Communications:**

- We sent 3 certified letters last month to the members who have not been around lately. We received back 2 of the 3 signed cards stating they were received, we are going to make contact to see what their status is.
- We are looking for quotes to get the floors waxed.
- We looked into getting credit cards however, we are having difficulty due to our address. We did get an electric bill with our correct address and sent it to them. We are now waiting on them.
- Regarding OSHA classes, Secretary Sulger will be sending emails with read receipts letting them know they have one week to complete the class.
- We have received a letter of resignation from K. Serowik for her Board position.
- We have received a letter of resignation from C. Haight for his Captain position
- We have received a letter of resignation from Gurley for his Lieutenant position
- We have received a letter requesting a leave of absence from Gurley effective immediately.

**Officer Report's**

**Chief:**

- When Maine gets fire, station 1 trucks need to be the ones going to the scene. If you do not carry your gear, I advise you to start carrying your gear as a green tag to help get our trucks out faster. If you do not want to carry your gear, feel free to stop at Station 2 and get your gear and bring either the EMS or the Utility down to Station 1 to get the trucks out. With the exception of MVA with entrapment, the Squad is what goes.

**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief:**

- I met with a couple of inspectors from the State at the BDC houses on Taft Ave. (Taft 1 and Taft 2) regarding their combustible gas detectors. I did receive updated floor plans. When responding, please remember no lights and sirens when coming in there.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief:**

- With the cold weather, please make sure you are dressing appropriately.
- Please make sure to turn the Jake Brakes off on the trucks if the road is slippery.
- Chimney fire season is upon us so practice your roof and ladder work.

**Day Captain:**

- No Report

**Night Captain:**

- Vacant

**1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant:**

- No Report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant:**

- Vacant

**Fire Police Captain:**

- Its getting dark early, please make sure you are visible. Make sure to check your high beams so everyone is visible.

**Maintenance:**

- The jake break is OOS on PT it will be addressed this week
- The body warning lights on E53 are not working it is still in service but it is being addressed. There is an issue finding where their power is coming from.
- Part are ordered for Squad 53 repairs. We are the second week for parts. I will let everyone know by email when it goes out. It shouldn't be more than 5 days
- John Mill's electric should be here Wednesday to address the outlets in the back room, the siren and the light on the flag pole at St2
- The skid on the brush truck will be pulled out soon
- The bumper has been replaced. The dents have not been taken care of because the paint less dent removal could not be done. The only way to fix it now would be to replace the panel.
- Valve stems on Squad 53 used to have extensions on them on the back duries have been removed. They were rotted. The tires have held so we are confident that was the issue.
- The 4 gas meter on the Squad will be OOS for the day tomorrow for calibration and will be returned around 6 PM

**Air/Cascade:**

- 44 bottles went and got hydro tested this month. Thank you to those who helped.
- Pack 14, the regulator has been fixed.
- Cascade bottles might be going this month; I have to find out from the board.
- Fit testing is going well tonight.
- Makeup date will be scheduled depending on how many do not get done tonight.

**EMS:**

- No Report

**Training:**

- The NYSA of Fire Chiefs seminar is 11/15 at 7 PM please send me an email if you would like to attend.
- Saturdays and Wednesday are going well
- We turned in 2 contracts to the Board for the Maine Training Tower.
- We are going to be looking for someone to conduct Wednesday Trainings out of St 2 beginning 11/24

**Safety:**

- No Report

**Fire Marshal:**

- No Report

**Committee Report's**

**Audit:**

- No Report

**Parade:**

- JC holiday parade is 12/2
- Endicott Holiday parade is 12/4

**Social:**

- The Christmas Party is going to be held on Saturday December 11 at the Elks Lodge.

**By-Law:**

- We have not met lately

**B.C. Fire Fighters Association:**

- No Report

**Website:**

- No Report

**Retention/Recruiting/Membership**

- No Report

**Election of New Members:**

- None

**Sunshine:**

- Flowers were sent to Neal and Heather Haight for the birth of their son

## *Business*

### **Old Business:**

- We are looking for input from the membership on how to spend the 2% money. Please send your ideas to Secretary Sulger. It can be for **ANYTHING**.
  - Driver Safety Class
  - Good Xmas party with Open Bar
  - Coats for members
  - Transportation Home after Xmas Party
  - Exercise or Weight Equipment
  - Summer Picnic or Ice Cream Social
  - Mechanical Bull for the Christmas Party or the Station
  - New Furniture for the day room at Station 2
  - Entertainment Center for Stations....TV/PS3/ETC
  - Roof Training Props (<http://www.vententersearch.com/?p=929>)
  - UNIFORMS
  - Driver for Christmas party, and or other events
  - New location for Christmas party
  - A new Quint to replace the Engine
  - Purchase land next door to Station 2 for Parking/Training
  - Hockey Night – BSENS
  - Dog Kennels
  - Babysitters
- Green is going to get a price for letters for the front of the station
- By-Law proposal: Motion made by N. Haight, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Miga

### Changing Article IV Section 4:

#### From – Member Not in Good Standing

These members have failed to meet those requirements as set out in these bylaws for Active Member Status. These members shall be allowed to speak and vote at Company meetings and attend calls and trainings.

#### To – Member Not in Good Standing

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8 Yes    1 No    4 Abstain

- Vote on the leave of absence for B. Haight

9 Yes    0 No    3 Abstain

**New Business:**

**- DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING IS AT STATION 2**

- Suggestion for a long range plan for parking at Station 2
  - Marci to look into it
- We are going to move forward to purchase the tools for the workroom at Station 1.
- 53A is asking the Board to look into placing another key fob box at Station 1 for the “workroom” and place a key fob box on the cage at Station 2.
- Due to the opening of 2 officers position’s and a Board position
  - Board Position has been announced as an opening. We will elect a new member next month, if you would like to make a nomination, please send it to Secretary Sulger.
  - Officer Positions have been announced. We will elect new officers next month. If you would like to make a nomination, please send it to Secretary Sulger. The openings are for a captain and lieutenant position.

**Refreshments for next month:**

- Mark Henry

Attended: 14

Voting: 12

Minutes accepted by:

- Hill and Hardik

10 yes 0 no 2 abstain

Meeting Adjourned: 20:57