

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY

COMPANY AUXILARY MEETING

(April 9, 2014)

PRESENT: Debbie Dieffenbacher, Rachel Greenlee, Kim Greenlee, Kelly Hoyt, Donna Kerila-Glover, Barrilyn Polhamus, Erin Belensky, Ashley Greenlee

ABSENT: Brianna Bealo, Shelia Bealo, Cindi VanKuren

NON AUXILARY PRESENT: Chief Chris Hoyt, Fire Company President Mark Henry

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 18:37 pm

MINUTES FROM (March 19, 2014) ACCEPTED

TREASURER'S REPORT

None

HEALTH/SAFETY: Because the Auxiliary is part of the fire department and under the company by-laws all members of the Auxiliary are required to have physicals. Each member is to call Lourdes Occupational health office and schedule a physical with a fasting blood test. The Physical kit is found on the company member website to print and fill out and take to the physical. A new contract is being discussed with Lourdes. Regardless we were told by the chief and the president that we need to get these done.

TRAINING: Live Burn : May 3, 2014 Meet at Station 1 at 8:30am. Kelly will invite Maine's Fire Company's, potential Auxiliary members, to this live burn training. The Auxiliary to provide food, for the Fire Company, after the live burn training at Station 2.

SOCIAL: Kim Greenlee will be working with Bill Frantz.

Donna Kerila-Glover took on the task of finding dates for the Christmas party. She contacted Atrio and have the dates of 12/5, 12/12, and 12/6, or 12/13. At this auxiliary meeting, all dates were open.

OLD BUSINESS

Can and Bottle drive – A date for the can and bottle drive will be April 26, 2014 during the open house. Both stations will be open and can accept the cans and bottles. Ashley and Rachel Greenlee will work on the advertising using the Chicken BBQ display board with the assistance of Kelly Hoyt for needed materials for the signs.

Bylaw committee- After going over the email sent by Bill Frantz with the proposal. The following questions were discussed With Chief Chris and President Mark.

1. We make a bylaw change making the Auxiliary a class within the company
Auxiliary: Members under the Auxiliary class shall be required to perform the duties of Auxiliary Services, including services at fires and other emergencies, attendance at meetings, and other occasions pertaining to Auxiliary services and duties. Members under the Auxiliary class must abide by the guidelines of the Auxiliary and will be governed by the bylaws of the fire company.

The Auxiliary agreed to this.

2. The Auxiliary will make up their own set of guidelines dictating what they can or cannot do within their membership class (ex, required training, meetings attend,)

The Auxiliary agreed to this.

3. The Auxiliary's power within the Fire Company is restricted to itself. They do not have rights as it pertains to voting for officers, board members. They are welcomed to attend meetings and have a right to voice and present issues that affect the auxiliary.

The Auxiliary agreed to the following change. The Auxiliary's powers within the Fire Company is restricted to itself. They do not have rights as it pertains to voting for line officers. They are welcomed to attend

meetings and have the right to voice and present issues that affect the auxiliary.

4. We assist the Auxiliary in any way to help them set up some basic rules.

The Auxiliary agreed to this.

5. We remove the Auxiliary from the guideline dictating required quarterly hours

The Auxiliary will have to maintain the required quarterly 10 hour minimum. The Auxiliary agreed to this.

Chief Chris stressed getting to him and Kim if we need to make up hours before the end of the quarter. This is a by-law requirement.

President Mark will put together a best case member requirement based on the past Auxiliary rules. This will have to be posted for 10 days and the Member class voted by the Company. The plan is to reintroduce parts of previous Auxiliary by-laws.

It was also stated that anyone who moves out side of the district can remain members based on company vote.

Antique auxiliary jackets: Erin Belensky volunteered to create a shadow/memory box for two antique auxiliary jackets that were dropped off at the fire company. Rather than create a new display case she will rearrange an existing case and place the coats in it.

Auxiliary clothing: Donna Kerila-Glover brought jackets for us to try on. We are working with Calleo. The order was NOT placed and an email was sent to the Auxiliary members who are not present at the meeting. The Black color and jacket style was agreed upon. Each jacket will have the first name of the Auxiliary member on it.

Chief Chris showed to the Auxiliary fleece clothing both sweat pants and shirts that he wants to make available through the incentive

program.

Items for the incentive: The Auxiliary's' next task is a list of items for the incentive program. Bring suggestions to the next meeting.

New Business

Guidelines for Auxiliary: The plan is to adopt the following, this is a work in progress.

1) Auxiliary members must go to the Office of Emergency Services and get County badges. The address is 153 Lt. Van Winkle Drive Binghamton, NY 13905

2.) Need to come up with procedures on what to do when called to a fire scene.

Fire Station Website: The Auxiliary would like to see more of them represented on the website. Donna Kerila-Glover will work on a mission statement. They are looking at adding pictures of events that they participate in as well as names of the Auxiliary officers.

Up coming community events: Maine Fire Company, will have their Chicken BBQ on Sunday April 13, 2014.

Harpurville Fire Company as invited us to participate in their parade on July 12. 9:30am.

April 26th Parade for Little League: Will be in the town of Maine. The all who want to participate will meet at station 2 at 9:30am.

New Members

None

TIMED ADJORNED: 20:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 14, 2014 at 6:30P.M. Station 1

Respectfully Submitted by *Debbie Dieffenbacher Secretary*