

## Oneida County Firefighters Association

Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2007

Meeting held at Little Rice Fire Department

Members in attendance: Little Rice, Tomahawk, Monico, Pelican, Pine Lake, Crescent, Newbold

Meeting called to order at 6:58 pm

- **Minutes of pervious meeting:** Were not available
- **Financial report:** Beginning balance \$2,873.84. January, 2 checks in the amount of \$83.35. February, 1 check of \$44.10. March, 7 checks in the amount of \$2,131.83. April, 1 check of \$125.00. Total Expenditures \$ 2,384.58. Income \$2,178.00. Ending balance \$2,667.26. Savings \$300.34. Banquet: Tickets sold, \$1,800.00 Income \$2,350.00, Expenditures \$2,644.73. Loss \$294.73, Sold 51 OCFA Patches totaling 153.00.

Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the financial report as read.

- **Committee:** \$294.73 we lost for the dinner. However, everything turned out great. There were no bad comments. We are going to do it again next year, but in April. We will pick a date at July's Meeting
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:** On the tow vehicle, we have someone that will paint it for \$175.00. A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to go ahead with the painting.

Put the fire safety house in the parade this year. Tom will be doing this.

On the robot there is no changes as of yet.

The fire safety house check list will need to be filled out when it gets checked out and returned. The reason for this is there has been some damage to it in the past and the Association has been left with the bill to fix the things that other departments have damaged. And a lot of empty soda cans and other things have been left behind.

Still waiting to hear from the IRS on the non profit status. When we do get it we can apply for some grants. We are hoping it will be in soon so we can get going on this.

Monty has applied for some free smoke detectors from 1<sup>st</sup> Alert. At the time you apply they look to see if there is any overstock, and then determine if they can give you what you request. Monty requested 500 of them for a program he wants to implement. We can give a new smoke detector to families that have new babies in Oneida County, including the Tomahawk area through Sacred Heart Hospital.

Then the families contact us and we would go install them free of charge as a service to the residents of the area.

In August we are going to have a pig roast. The association will provide the pig. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass around. There will be games and etc for everyone. Bring the family and children.

The date for the Pig roast is August 25, 2007 at noon at Pioneer Park. We will discuss it more at July's meeting.

- **Open Floor:** The Honor Guard got together. Their next meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Pelican Fire Department.

Bob Reimert from the State Association was at the meeting. We talked about changes to the HAZ MAT techs. Also driver operations and fire inspections. FEMA is cutting grant money up to \$4,000.00. State is also requesting schools to keep track of fire drills and weather drills to be logged and sent to the fire departments.

The IRS is starting to crack down on taxing fire departments for their reimbursements to members. And going back and auditing the departments. The State Association has been working on legislature to get the IRS to back off on this.

Also we were given information on a sign language pamphlet that helps to communicate basic signals to deaf people in case we are on scene and have to deal with this kind of situation. Bob gave Monty a copy of the handout. If anyone is interested in it, contact Monty.

Greg's web site is <http://systesamtic.witch.system.edu> for anyone that wants more information.

Greg Hamster is the person who made up hand sign books to sell to area fire departments. The cost of the book is \$400.00 and up, depending on the type you need.

Zach Nick of Tomahawk fire department and Dan Kroll of Newbold fire department both received \$250.00 each for the Firefighter scholarships. Photos will be placed on Pelican Fire Departments website. ([www.pelicanfire.com](http://www.pelicanfire.com))

Motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn at 7:44pm

**NEXT MEETING  
PINE LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 1  
JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2007  
7:00 PM**

Tom White  
Secretary