

WESTPORT VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

Board of Directors Meeting

February 3, 2015

Martin called the Board meeting to order at 1905 hrs.

Attendance: Jaime Bairaktaris, Russ Blair, Yves Cantin, Brian Crane, Erin Finch, Martin Iselin, Jay Paretzky, Chris Siano, Kathy Smith, Sandi MacPherson.

Treasurer's Report: Yves mentioned that pursuant to the last board meeting and the budget, \$45,400 was transferred from the checking account to the Vehicle Replacement Fund account. The balance in that account is currently \$132,942. The monies in that account can be transferred back into the budget next year under Other income pursuant to the current budget structure.

Committee Reports:

Finance: The finance committee will be meeting next week.

Member Relations: Chris reported that Jay developed a certificate to give out to the Golden Life members, this was voted in at the last meeting. Board felt there should be some wording change and resubmit certificate at next board meeting. Martin has a source for years of service pins. A booklet with new member information has been made up.

Fundraiser: Russ reported the Fundraiser is \$91,494 at this time. Second mailing going out end of next week.

Training: Brian reported we have four students in the current EMT refresher. This month's in-service topic is Hazmat. Pat Salvo said the class is going well. They will start riding this month, so, let the members know that they should welcome the students. Pat also remarked that most of the students want to become members of WVEMS. We should include some 1 on 1 promotion of the service during the ride time. Two request for reimbursement came from Amanda Wildstein and Dorrie Harris. Amanda completed the CPR refresher in Stratford and requested \$250 reimbursement. Motion was made to reimburse Amanda \$250 by Erin and seconded by Jaime. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made

by Brian and seconded by Russ to reimburse Dorrie for \$175 upon completion of refresher course. Motion passed unanimously.

CPR: Jay reported the state is considering to pass a bill that all students have CPR to graduate. March 5th we are starting our first Hands-Only CPR classes at Staples High School.

New Business

Jay requested we order more WVEMS pens for a cost of \$590. Martin made a motion to spend up to \$600 for the pens, Jaime seconded the motion. After a discussion board voted unanimously in favor.

Martin reported that a new ambulance committee has formed. There are some questions regarding the new ambulance to be built; 1) what kind of chassis (Chevy, GMC, Dodge), and 2) who will build the new ambulance. Board feels we should put out for bid and get 2 competitive bids.

Board had a discussion for who should control the classes being taught at WVEMS.

We will have a link on Fairfield County Giving Day website. People can click the link to donate to WVEMS.

We received a check for \$500 from the organization Network for Good.

We are out of car decals – a motion was made by Russ and seconded by Erin to spend up to \$700 for new WVEMS car decals. Passed unanimously.

May 3rd Tri Town Hands for Life will take place at the YMCA.

The board is looking into alternative ideas for the File of Life.

The Explorers are getting together to teach CPR at Staples.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jaime and seconded by Erin. The meeting was adjourned at 1934 hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandi MacPherson, Secretary