

WESTPORT VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2015

Martin called the meeting to order at 1930hrs.

Attendance: Jay Paretzky, Kathy Smith, Barbra Utting, Michael Croker, Alexander Galvao, Joseph Bairaktaris, Amin Seirafi, Todd Smith, Rob Pocias, Russ Blair, Isabel Blair, Jaime Bairaktaris, Aliza Gross, Yves Cantin, Brian Crane, Andrea Harman, Shelby Marcus, Martin Iselin, Sandi MacPherson.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the November 25, 2014 General Membership Meeting were accepted as posted. Motion to accept the minutes were made by Jaime and seconded by Isabel. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: \$45,400 was transferred from the checking account to the Vehicle Replacement Fund account. We are on target with the budget to date.

Committee Reports:

Member Relations: Anyone needing a vest needs to get a P.O. from Tod Keenan and let Martin know the size. WVEMS membership packets have been made up to hand out at orientation.

Fundraiser: We have raised so far \$91,494 to date. Russ also reported that a second fund raiser letter was mailed February 5th.

Training: Brian reported 4 students in the EMT refresher class. Hazmat training is the subject on Wednesday night. Jay reported Mahika has taught Hands Only CPR classes for the faculty in the twenty Norwalk Schools. March 5th we will teach Hand Only CPR at Staples High School. On May 3rd Norwalk Hospital is the sponsor for the Tri Town Hands Only CPR at the YMCA in Westport. The hospital received a \$15,000 grant for this purpose.

Website: Kathy and Jaime are working on the website and have everything covered.

Council/State: Jay reported the Southwest Regional Council meets the first Thursday of the month. There are 19 services that comprise the council. Andy Dinitz is our representative on the council.

Old Business: We received a donation from the estate of Special Police Officer Fred Kellogg. We discussed at the last membership meeting to look into a new training mannequin. Brian did some research and reported on several types of mannequin. Brian made a motion to spend up to \$8,000 for a BLS/Trauma training mannequin. Robert seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: We need to purchase a new ambulance 2015/16. Pat Salvo, Ben Frimmer, Marc Hartog are on the ambulance committee. Martin reported we are going to do some research to see what's out there and consider whether to continue with PL Custom Body or go with a different manufacturer. There are several questions we need to know, 1) what kind of chassis (Chevy, GMC, Dodge), 2) who will build the new ambulance. The police department has a new Humvee, we are will investigate replacing our oldest fly car with a Humvee. Martin would like to have a summer party in July.

A motion to adjourn was made by Russ and seconded by Jaime. The meeting was adjourned at 2005hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandi MacPherson, Secretary