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Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service

General Membership Meeting

January 26, 2016

Yves called the General Membership Meeting to order at 1939hrs. Prior to the meeting Martin provided a slide show of our new ambulances being built at PL Custom.

Attendance: Kathy Smith, Nancy Sengstacken, Jaime Bairaktaris, Aliza Gross, William Min, Anna Daytl, Emma Finn, Alexander Galvao, Amin Seirafi, Brian Crane, Rob Pocius, Carol Boas, Nancy Surace, Jay Paretzky, Yves, Cantin, Larry Kleinman, Leah Foodman, Martin Iselin, Yashaasvi Jhangiani, Sandi MacPherson. Guest: Mike Salvatore.

Secretary's Report: Kathy made a motion to accept the Minutes for the December 1, 2015 General Membership Meeting be accepted as posted. Jaime seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jay presented the current budget performance report and stated we are on schedule with the budget.

Committee Reports:

Fundraiser: As of this date the fundraiser is at \$74,181.

Training: Mike Salvatore reported the EMT refresher had to be rescheduled due to the snow storm. Testing will be on February 18 at 8:00am and 7:00pm. An email will go to the group for the hands-on session. Some members will not be here for the rescheduled testing date and will be sent to other locations to take the written exam. I am working with other program instructors to schedule this.

New reapplication process has begun with OEMS and passport photos are now required to recertify.

A notice will be sent on how to obtain the

OSHA training was conducted online, you must complete it by February 28.

February 10th in-service will be conducted by Physio Control, we will be doing a field study with the True-CPR device. All members must take the online centrelearn program prior to attending the in-service.

We want all members to attend the March in-service with MD Andruik. He will be doing case reviews, and we will be doing additional hands-on training.

April we will have another EMS and Police bike training program. Pass the work around and if you have intentions on trying out for the team please send Ben Frimmer and me an email. This program is very intense as Amin can attest to who fractured his elbow but sill completed the program.

CPR: Jay reported we taught 208 classes with 1832 students in 2015. We have taught 9,000 students in 6 years. Two families raised \$89,000 for AEDs to be put in the Westport schools.

Ambulance: The ambulance committee took a trip to PL Custom to check on the progress of our two new ambulances. Beginning of March we should see our first ambulance and the other the end of March.

Scholarship: We need someone from the General Membership to sit on the committee. Carol Boas volunteer from the membership, Leah volunteered from the explorers, and Kathy from the Board of Directors.

Old Business: Yves referred the membership to the copies of the audited Financial Statement distributed prior to the start of the meeting. He discussed the increase in net assets in FYE 2014 and 2015. He said to expect a completely different picture in 2016 with the purchase of two ambulances. Expenses in fiscal 2015 were within \$5,000 of 2014. Our cash position was reduced as funds were invested. Dividend and interest income grew nicely to \$35,000 from \$20,000.

Kathy reminded everyone about our Winter Party on Saturday and to let her know if you are planning to attend. Charlie and Aliza will help with decorating.

New Business: Carol Dixon's husband memorial service will be in Greenwich on Saturday.

Thank you to Mike Salvatore for cleaning out the refrigerator. When the cleaning staff is cleaning the day room could the crew find somewhere else to go in the building. Please clean the ambulance inside and out when coming back from a call. There are brooms and brushes to clean the inside and especially the power track. It is quite important we clean the track to cut down on service call for items getting caught in the track.

Please hang up intern jackets when your shift is over.

Leah Foodman was accepted to West Point, congratulations.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy and seconded by Jaime. The meeting was adjourned at 2030hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandi MacPherson, Secretary