

## **Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service**

### **General Membership Meeting**

**June 27, 2017**

Yves began the General Membership at 1934hrs.

Attendance: Carol Dixon, Jake Healy, Deanna Hartog, Nancy Surace, William Min, Larry Kleinman, Jonathan Huzil, James Bairaktaris, Russ Blair, Kathy Smith, Leah Foodman, Audrone Tarnok, Isabel Blair, Pat Audley, Dorrie Harris, Martin Iselin, Brian Crane, Yves Cantin, Claire Grosogeat, Nancy Sengstacken, Kaitlyn Fitzpatrick, Yashasvi Jhangiani, Jay Paretzky, Rob Pocus, Sandi MacPherson, Jerry Walker. Guests: Ed and Liz Audley, Marc Hartog.

Secretary's Report: Jaime made a motion to approve the May 23, 2017 general membership meeting minutes. Seconded by Leah. Pass Unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Larry reported that year to date we are doing very well. \$75,000 ahead of last year.

Committee Reports:

Fundraiser: Our final tally on the fundraiser was \$101,625.32. Job well done.

Membership: We welcomed Jerry Walker our new intern.

Training: Brian reported the EMT refresher test is on August 5<sup>th</sup>. We are going to have longer in-service classes with a light dinner provided. The EMT class has eleven people.

CPR/First Aid: Jay reported from January 1, 2017 to June 27, 2017 we have conducted 127 classes for 1220 students. We still have five more classes this month.

Website: Jaime is still researching help with the website.

Scholarship: Jay provided a re-cap on the Edwin A. Scholarship Fund. Formed 1990, to date 126 scholarships have been given out to 75 recipients for a total of \$114,150 over 28 years.

Within the group of recipients we show; 11 became physicians, 15 recipients are still in school or their final status unknown, 20 became nurses, 9 became paramedics, 5 became lab technicians, 2 became PA's. Others are working towards or have become physicians, social workers, sports trainers, hospital administrators, public health management, physical trainers or nurses.

Ambulance/Fly Cars: WPD is helping to purchase new fly car, trading in 604 and 605 for a good price towards a new vehicle would be an option. No recommendation is being made to the membership at this time.

Southwest Counsel: State EMS down to 2 Regional Coordinators from 5 due to statewide hiring freeze all hiring has been put on hold.

State EMS Advisory Board meeting tomorrow in Wallingford. No Advisory Board meeting in May due to the CT EMS EXPO.

PR: Yves said the upcoming special event the fireworks at Compo Beach on July 3 is a major events for WVEMS to be in the public's eye. We will have the Bike Team, Motorcycle, and Ambulances in plain sight. We need EMT's and Crew Chiefs' for this big event.

House: Martin is waiting for the Stop & Shop account to open. We still need to clean up dishes and food before your shift ends. Please help out.

Old Business: The new budget for the coming year July 2017 to June 2018 was presented at the May General Membership Meeting. Martin made a motion to accept the new budget for July 2017 to June 2018. Jay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Audley presented the scholarships for this year. They are as follows: Aaron Greenspun, University of Vermont, Claire Grosogeat, Boston College, Yashasvi Jhangiani, National Center of Homeopathy, and Hannah Bukzin, Cornell University. Congratulations to all.

Our annual elections of Officers and Board of Directors was held; the officers are as follows Yves Cantin – President, Martin Iselin – Vice President, Larry Kleinman – Treasurer, and Erin Finch – Secretary were unopposed. The membership voted on the following Board of Directors; Brian Crane, Andrea Harman, Jake Healy, and

Nancy Surace. They will serve for 2 years. The returning Directors are Russ Blair, Jaime Bairaktaris and Rob Pocus for 1 year.

Yves presented the President's Volunteer Service Awards. The bronze awards were presented to Carol Dixon, Yashasvi Jhangiani, and Kathleen Smith. The silver awards were presented to Chris Siano, Andrea Harman, Jaime Bairaktrais, Ruth Angrand, Audrone Tarnok, and Nancy Surace. The gold awards were presented to Larry Kleinman, Jonathan Huzil, Claire Grosogeat, Leah Foodman, and Kaitlyn Fitzpatrick.

Jaime made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Rob. The meeting was adjourned at 2028.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandi MacPherson, secretary.