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Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service

General Membership Meeting

November 29, 2016

Yves called the General Membership Meeting to order at 1935hrs.

Attendance: Yves Cantin, William Min, Nancy Sengstacken, Jaime Bairaktaris, Todd Smith, Tanmay Mehta, Thomas Heisler, Jay Paretzky, Annika Morgan, Emma Baxley, Willa Grimes, Kathy Smith, Brian Crane, Larry Kleinman, Ben Frimmer, Andrea Harmas, Yashasvi Jhangiani, Sandi MacPherson, Kevin Doherty, Martin Iselin. Guest: Marc Hartog.

Secretary's Report: Jaime made a motion to accept the General Membership Meeting minutes for September 2016 as posted. Kathy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Larry went over our audited financial statement. Larry handed out the current budget performance report. We are on target so far at this point. He feels confident we will not have to use our line of credit.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Andrea reported the Finance Committee will meet in a few weeks.

Yves mentioned that the cash flow projections presented by Larry suggest that we are below the \$135,000 cash operative reserve required under the Investment Policy adopted previously. The Finance Committee, however, has decided to postpone the reinvestment of the proceeds of a note (\$50,000) that matured recently.

Fundraiser: So far we are up to \$30,000 as this point. Andrea Harman, Jay & Gretchen Paretzky, Donna Patchen, and Carol Dixon are helping in processing the fundraiser.

Member Relations: The incentive program will be up and running in January.

Training: Brian reported all the students taking the last EMT refresher passed. Our next refresher will be held in April. Our next in-service class will cover the new protocols set to go into effect on January 1st.

CPR: Jay reported from January 1, 2016 to November 28, 2016 we held 189 classes with 1708 students trained.

Ambulance: There is still a problem with the 603 frame repairs. These repairs are being paid by town insurance.

Scholarship: Audley scholarship will start in January.

State/Counsel: Connecticut OEMS is in the process of hiring a new Education and Training manager. The budget for this open position has been approved.

PR: WVEMS presence was at Touch a Truck, Craft Fair, and the Turkey Trot. Westport EMS spoke to the Y's Men group. Matsu Sushi made a very generous donation of a food platter for Thanksgiving. They also support us by sponsoring the DNR benefit concert.

Old Business: As discussed at the last General Membership Meeting a resolution was presented to amend the bylaws wording regarding the Explorer Post. Martin made a motion to replace bylaws Article VI: Membership Section 1. To read

In order to be eligible for membership a person shall be at least fourteen years of age. Applicants shall provide information as requested by the WVEMS Board of Directors. Article VI: Membership Section 1.1 WVEMS Explorer Post Members to be deleted in its entirety. Brian seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ben Frimmer made a motion to change the name of the Explorer Post to WVEMS Youth Corps. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Beneficiary forms are going to be sent out so members can identify their loss of life beneficiaries under the Department of Justice Public Safety Officers Program, the VFIS policy and the town coverage (CIRMA). Forms should be returned to Yves.

Yves presented two President's Volunteer Service Awards - Yashasvi Jhangiani received the 2015 Bronze Award. Benjamin R. Frimmer received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Jaime made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Andrea. The meeting was adjourned at 2030hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandi MacPherson, Secretary