

Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service

General Membership Meeting

March 24, 2015

Attendance: Leah Foodman, Deanna Hartog, William Min, Kenneth Blount, Rob Pocius, Brian Crane, Jaime Bairaktaris, Claire Grosogeat, Isabel Blair, Russ Blair, Yashasvi Jhangiani, Barbra Utting, Stephen Kos, Kathy Smith, Jay Paretzky, Kenneth Cordero, Martin Iselin, Amin Seirafi

1938 hours: Meeting called to order by Martin Iselin.

- Treasury:

Fundraiser has totaled \$112,558. Not all money has been deposited yet. Estimated total is \$120,000. Russ Blair's idea to send fundraising reminders later in the season has resulted in an increase in donations.

The finance committee has met with our Investment Advisor who is working on increasing the return on our investments. The Committee will meet again with him in May.

- Training:

Brian announced that there will be EMT refresher courses held in June and September. Individuals with certifications expiring within 364 days of the class are eligible to recertify. Mike Salvatore reminded everyone that he is not always able to check members' certification expirations, so please ensure that you register for one of the classes if necessary.

The new training mannequin has arrived and Mike will be holding a meeting with the instructors to go over its functions soon.

Mike announced that many members are not completing Centre Learn assignments and stressed the importance of keeping up with monthly online training.

The driving course is now entirely online and can be accessed via Centre Learn. Members need to send in a copy of their license to MarcHartog **before** beginning the program and will be disqualified if they have any violations on it. After receiving license clearance and completing the online courses, members can schedule a meeting with Mike to review the material before beginning road training.

Martin: Waiting on information from an instructor who would like to run an accelerated EMT class at WVEMS HQ from mid-May to mid-July. Class would total \$995, not including books, stethoscopes, or BP cuffs.

- House:

The pictures are hung up in the day room. Martin will be hanging brass plates on each frame to identify the year the photo was taken.

- CPR:

There will be a tri-town hands-only CPR class held from 10 am – 4 pm on Sunday, May 3 at the Westport YMCA. This will be hosted by Westport, Wilton, and Weston EMS with a goal to train 2,000 people. You do not need to be a certified CPR instructor to help out at the event. A hands-only refresher for members interested in teaching will be held at Westport HQ on Wednesday, April 29 at 1900 hours. Russ suggested that the Explorer Post distribute advertisements.

A hands-only CPR program has been initiated at Staples High School by students who are members of both the Explorer Post and the Staples chapter of National Honor Society. Jay and the other CPR instructors will also be going into other Westport schools to teach the same material.

Jay announced that the income from the CPR classes has been significantly lowered since he is now required to provide each student with a manual.

New Business:

- Audley Scholarship Fund:

This year's scholarship committee will be comprised of Ed Audley, Pat Audley, Jay Paretzky, Andrea Harman, Allie Mignucci, and Steven Kos. The scholarship money is awarded to various members of the service for use towards their pursuit of a career in the medical field. Members are invited to apply.

- Nominating Committee:

This committee will be meeting shortly to select a slate of board members who will be voted upon at the June meeting. Deanna Hartog and Rob Pocius both nominated themselves to the committee. Martin seconded both motions.

- New Car Stickers:

Members are welcome to take a new car sticker. They are now available in inside-window and outside (bumper sticker) variations. Per Marc Hartog's request, these stickers are for member-use only and should not be distributed to non-service members.

- Apparel:

Winter vests are still available. Please see Martin if you are interested. You may request a purchase order and bring it (with your vest) to ASF to have your first initial and last name embroidered.

There are still t-shirts available from last year's summer party if anyone is interested.

Knit hats are in. Please ask your Crew Chief if you would like one. We will also be placing another order for black baseball caps with the reflective stripes.

- Uniform Allowance

There has been an issue with member's using their uniform allowance for the purchase of non-regulation items. A more concrete policy on appropriate uniform items for purchase via allowance is TBA.

- Summer Party

This year's summer party will be a large event since we did not use the budget we set aside for a holiday party. Please speak with Martin regarding party ideas and suggestions.

Motion to adjourn made by Jay Paretzky. Motion seconded by Jaime Bairaktaris. Meeting adjourned at 20:14.