

Executive Committee Meeting
South Carolina State Firefighters' Association
Association Office
March 25, 2009

In Attendance: President John Bowers, Jonathan Jones, Billy Gibson, Scott Loftis, Butch Womack, Mike Sonefeld, Alvin Payne, Morris Russell, Ken Kerber, Executive Director Joe Palmer, Ashley Boltin, Zorrina Harmon, Gerald Mishoe, Marcia Greer, Jenny Temple (SLED), Phill Jolley (guest), Bonita Walters (Greenville Tech) Phillip Hill (Greenville Tech), Kyle Milner (George Johnson Insurance) Kyle Yaworsky (George Johnson Insurance)

Doug Eggiman joined the meeting via conference call.

10:00 am meeting began.

Invocation was given by Jonathan Jones; Pledge of Allegiance was recited

President John Bowers welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the first speaker Jenny Temple from SLED.

Jenny Temple of SLED presented a power point on the structure of Homeland Security and responsibilities of each area.

Phill Jolley gave an update on the SC Firefighter's Credit Union. Phill asked the Executive Committee if the Firefighters' Association will defer rent payment from the Credit Union until such times as the Credit Union stabilizes.

Motion made by Butch Womack for the Firefighters' Association to forgive the Credit Union from rent until the end of July 2009 and to credit \$400.00 from Association receivables, seconded by Jonathan Jones. The motion carried with the approval of eight members and opposition by two.

Bonita Waters and Phillip Hill with Greenville Tech spoke about a new Associates Degree program available; Associates of Applied Science with a Major in Fire Science. Information will be available on the Greenville Tech website. Courses can be taken on line and some financial aide will be available.

Motion made by Ken Kerber to endorse the program from Greenville Tech, seconded by Alvin Payne. Approved by all.

Lunch 12:00 pm to 12:50 pm

Meeting reconvenes with Zorrina Harmon introducing associates of the George Johnson Insurance Company, Kyle Milner and Nick Yaworsky. Kyle gave background on the company and what will be their affiliation with the Firefighters' Association.

Scott Loftis gave an update on the Finance and Audit Committee. Scott handed out finance related materials to the Executive Committee members and asked them to review the material and give any feed back they may have.

Gerald Mishoe gave an overview of the ongoing progress with the Peer Counseling Group in Charleston. Gerald also told the Executive Committee about a race car that the Peer Counseling Group is operating in honor of the Charleston Nine.

Motion made by Alvin Payne to accept the minutes from the February 25 meeting, seconded by Mike Sonefeld. Approved by all.

Joe Palmer went over the following subjects in his Executive Directors Report;

- Upcoming Legislative Event of April 29th
- The Higher Education Evaluation Forms
- IFSTA Price Listing
- Fire and Life Safety Group cooperative efforts
- Roast for Ray Chandler at the July conference
- June 2, 3, & 4 2009 Work Session

Zorrina handed out the list of suggested awards and recipients recommended by the Benefits Committee for the 2009 year and asked for the Executive Committee's input.

Motion made by Ken Kerber to approve awards list presented by Benefits Committee, second by Scott Loftis. Approved by all.

Doug Eggiman gave an update on the Safety and Health Committee meeting. Doug gave the tentative dates for the Safety and Health Conference for January 22-24, 2010.

Old Business; Zorrina went over the CFSI agenda.

Zorrina presented information on the Insurance Company offering an Association Health Plan through BCBS.

The Executive Committee held a brief discussion on the 16/17 year olds training program.

Motion made by Morris Russell that the Executive Committee supports and commends the action of the DSFM in the expansion of the 16/17 year olds training program. However, the Executive Committee further wishes to explore in greater detail the items as discussed in the letter of the SC State Fire Marshals office, dated February 24, 2009, seconded by Billy Gibson. Approved by all.

Ken Kerber brought the Executive Committee up to date on the actions taken at the last Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

New Business; President Bowers spoke briefly about the Alliance for Change Committee and mentioned the desire for a one day summit to be held on May 20 2009, at the SC Fire Academy.

Motion made by Morris Russell for the Firefighters' Association to earmark no more than \$10,000.00 towards the Alliance for Change, second by Mike Sonefeld. Approved by all.

Joe read an appeal from a member department to waive the payment of the \$100.00 late fee for that department for the 2009 year.

Motion made by Morris Russell to deny the appeal of the late fee, seconded by Scott Loftis. Approved by all.

Motion made by Morris Russell to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jonathan Jones. Approved by all.

4:45 pm meeting adjourned.