

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

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November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

## **Galien Fire Department**

Meeting called to order at 19:20 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Craig Brent, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Donnie Johnson, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll call of departments indicate 10 departments represented with 25 members present. Donations collected at the meal totaled \$156.00.

The minutes for the month of October was presented. Motion made by Matt Johnson with support from Brian Dawn to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of October indicated the balance in checking is \$10,443.28 (Treasurer's NOTE; an outgoing check made out in the amount of \$9,804.48 to cover the HOME DEPOT bill for the smoke detectors and CO detectors purchased in October has not cleared yet.) Money market balance is \$21,265.21. A balance of \$115.67 in the car show account. Combined total of \$31,824.16. A motion made by Joe Dynieaski with support from Denny Sexton to approve the report. The motion carried.

### **Bills Submitted and BCFA Announcements:**

- No new bills submitted.
- Donation received from SERVPRO of BERRIEN COUNTY in the amount of \$2,500 towards smoke alarm community sponsorship.
- Donation received from Centsible Heating and Air Conditioning II LLC of Coloma in the amount of \$2,500 towards CO detectors.

### **Communications:**

- North Berrien Toy Drive Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 pm at Sta. 1.
- Niles Twp. Pancake Breakfast Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. 8-11am
- Benton Harbor offering a classroom only driver training course (check our web site for more information).
- SMCAS hosting a K-9 resuscitation kit class Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Chief's Association:**

- Next Chief's Meeting is on November 15th. (This is a 8:30 am morning meeting.)

### **Training Committee:**

- FF I & II class starts in Dec.
- Ice Rescue class in Jan.
- Instructor I class in March
- Company Officer class in April
- RIT class in May
- Check on SMOKE for more information and to register. Many trainings listed in our local area on SMOKE and our web site.

### **Resource Directory/Website:**

- QR code department available to show applications online
- Need updates on equipment changes
- Saint Joseph Twp. Sta. 2 has received their new mini pumper pictures are up on the web site.

**Old Business:**

- Nominating committee for all four running positions in December through August 2024. Matt Johnson and Pat Corteville have volunteered to serve on the committee.
- Committee reports no new candidates opposing the running positions currently being held.
- Need help on collecting gifts for the annual auction. Surplus Trading was a big donor to our auction every year. Show them our support.
- The Dunes Club donated a auction gift.
- Smoke alarms and CO detectors have been delivered to the departments that were on the list.

Host Chief Ted Chase thanked everyone for coming and introduced our evening program presented by Chief Allen Weich explaining the new County Wide MAYDAY Policy.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Matt Johnson and supported by Brain Dawn Motion carried meeting adjourned at 19:44.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

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**The next meeting December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Lake Township (Fire Station)  
6:30 Meal  
7:00 BCFA Meeting / Election  
Annual Auction to follow**