

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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October 2nd, 2019

Spectrum Health Lakeland Saint Joseph

Meeting called to order early at 19:03 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll of officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Dave Albers, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham. 2nd Vice President Craig Brent was absent.

Roll calls of departments indicate 11 departments represented with 23 members present.

A donation of \$500 was presented to the Firefighters Association from Albemarle Corporation of South Haven. This was made possible through the Albemarle Foundation, Baton Rouge, LA.

The September minutes were presented. A motion was made by Jeff Krolzick with support from Frank DeLaTorre to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of September was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$4,065.29 and the money market balance is \$8,745.07 for a combined total of \$12,810.36. The checks written for the month of September have cleared the bank. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Mike Essig to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for the month of October.

Communications:

- 2020 Association Meeting Schedule being laid out and waiting on host department verifications.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 / Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- Doing a remodel in their office area and it may be harder to reach by email, phone into dispatch and the call will be directed accordingly.

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams.

- The spraying for Eastern Equine Encephalitis has begun in targeted areas and a very low dose has been used. Health Dept. reminds people to apply insect repellent when doing outside activities and that this will continue to be a threat till a hard frost.

DNR: Ben Osterson

- No Report

Chief's Association: Chief Mike Davidson

- Next Chief's meeting is in the morning on October 16th.
- No new updates on the Radio Grant.

Mi-TRT5: Allen Weich- Frank DeLaTorre

- Presentation from MI-TRT5 at North Berrien Hagar Station on October 14th, starting at 1900hrs. This informational meeting is for all fire departments to send representatives. Please RSVP at Delatorre-01@comcast.net

Landing Zone- Mark Berger

- Med flight willing to do trainings on landing zone set-ups.

EMS: Frank DeLaTorre

- No News

Training Committee: Cory Burks – Dave Albers

- FF I & II Classes starting
- Next RIT class Nov. 21-24.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- Check your department equipment listings and send in the updates
- Check out your department station page also to update pictures of the trucks that are in service and the ones that have been retired.

HazMat: Cory Burks

- No Report

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- Cooler weather coming, and to stay safe!

Old Business:

- 501C forms have been updated and waiting approval on solicitation rights.
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New Business:

- The request for an election nominating committee was presented. Jeff Krolzick was appointed to the committee. We need one more person on this committee by the November meeting.

Announcements:

- Oct. 10th- Quarter Auction - North Berrien Sta. 1 – preview starts at 1800hrs - action starts at 1830hrs. Come and support the North Berrien Ladies Auxiliary.
- Oct. 19th – Buchanan Township Firefighters Fish Fry – Buchanan Twp. fire station – 1500hrs-2000hrs. All you can eat fish or chicken strips.
- Burn Trailers will be at Saint Joseph Public Safety Fire Station Oct. 21st-23rd. Please contact Pete Fister for details and reservations on attending so instructors can be present during the specific trainings.
- Steve Torres has taken a job at LMC and has plans to restart the EMT classes.
- Reminder the Annual (Christmas) Auction/Elections Meeting will be held at the Galien Fire station December 4th.

Host Al DiBrito who is the Deputy Chief Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness welcomed everyone to the new addition cafeteria area where our meal and meeting was held. Following the motion to adjourn the meeting, Al introduced Jay Haynes who led the attending members on a very informative tour throughout the new addition that is under construction.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Donnie Johnson and supported by Frank DeLaTorre. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:31.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham
Sec/Treas

**The next meeting will be held on November 6th
Eau Claire Fire Department
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**