

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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December 1st, 2021

Niles Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:17 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 2nd Vice President Craig Brent, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$138.

Roll call of departments indicate 16 departments represented with 40 members present.

Minutes for the month of November were presented. A motion made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Travis Munday to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of November was presented as follows. At the time of present meeting our accounts at Huntington Bank are still in the process of being transferred to Honor Credit Union The balance in checking is \$8,744.91 and the money market balance is \$.07 at Huntington. At Honor Credit Union the balance in checking is \$6,580.96 and nothing in the money market at present, the for a combined total of \$15,325.94. The Car Show has its own savings account, and that balance is \$600 at present. A motion was made by Tom Wicker with support from Denny Sexton to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A \$100 donation from Southshore Enterprises to BCFA was received.
- A \$250 donation from LECO Corporation towards the Car Show was received.
- A \$1,000 donation from an anonymous donor to be split between the BCFA and the BCFTC. A motion was made to issue a check to the Berrien County Firefighters Training Committee in the amount of \$500 by Ted Nitz with the support of Jim Jonatzke. Motion Carried.
- The purchased Smoke Detectors and Smoke/ CO detectors have been delivered to area departments by SERVEPRO.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Chief's Association:

- Next meeting December 15th At Lincoln Twp.
 - Chikaming Fire Chief Mike Davidson has suffered a mild stroke and our prayers toward a speedy recovery being offered.

Training Committee:

- It is very important that every firefighter be familiar with how to register in SMOKE to view and maintain the documented trainings and check on local available trainings being held.
- The 36-hour documented training over a 3-year period includes all firefighters (even those of us who were grandfathered in).
- Fire instructors needs 12-hours per 3 years.
- Fire officers need additional 12-hours per 3 years.
- In order to advance in officer training the officer needs to have instructor 1.
- Eau Claire is offering a free Basement Fire training being instructed by Fire Marshal Brian Kazmierzak Dec.20th from 1900 – 2200. RSVP at csposato@pbtec.org
- Training Committee Meeting Sunday Dec. 5th at fairgrounds.
- In need of help during midterms Jan. 11th- 14th. Must have the volunteer from filled out.

Sherriff:

- Rocky's been very busy with employees out sick and a meeting with Palisades officials on things that need to be done for FEMA.
- All 13 school districts are well prepared and have emergency plans in place.
- There are 7 resource officers in place.
- All threats are taken very seriously, investigated, and will be sent to the prosecutor's office.
- If you see something suspicious, say something to local authorities.

Old Business:

- December elections, in search for a new 1st vice president, have been tabled for the January meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cory Burks and supported by Chris Burks. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:55. Christmas Auction Followed the meeting!

**Thank you to everyone who participated in the
2021 auction!
This year we raised \$2,446.**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham
Sec / Treas

**The next meeting on January 5th
North Berrien Sta. 1
6:30 meal
7:00 meeting**