

Oct. 2, 2017

President O'Neil called meeting to order at 1115 hrs. Read names of recently deceased members. Moment of silence for military members and victims of the mass shooting in Las Vegas.

Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. Joe Healy gave a report on the annual picnic held this past Saturday, September 30, at St. Michael's church. Approximately 250 people attended. A motion was made and seconded to donate any profits to the church in appreciation for the outstanding work by the church ladies in preparing the main course items. Motion was approved.

Timothy Barnes was welcomed as a new member of the RFA. He retired from E-5 effective 10-28-17.

President O'Neil thanked all who helped at the picnic, especially Rip Gardiner and family.

Joe also gave a brief summary of recently passed bill that reduces Maryland income tax for Maryland first responders. Hope to have more clarification before end of the year.

RFA Directory: The new book is completed and should be in the mail soon. Printer is giving Joe the run around on where it is exactly.

He discussed the development of a supplemental handbook updating all the contact information in regard to benefits, who to contact etc.

Annuity Committee: Bill Mould gave a review of the annuity audit problem where 136 members were affected. The monies that were initially owed back to IRS have all be forgiven. The FOP and RFA retained an attorney to develop a brief to challenge the IRS issuance of a 1099C

to some affected members to pay taxes on the forgiven monies by the IRS. Bill received the response on August 18 and the ruling from the IRS stated that the taxes didn't have to be paid. This was a ruling for one individual but should be helpful in other challenges.

While this was a small victory there is still other issues to to work on, sick leave, COLA, and others.

President O'Neil gave a brief report of the constitution and by-laws. Almost completed and should be printed soon.

Rex Schroyer was appointed as chairman of the elections committee for the upcoming elections for President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary. Any member interested in running for any of these offices should contact Rex.

Vinny Austin gave a brief report on the funerals that were attended during the summer break.

Meeting adjourned 1230 hrs
Members present: 20

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