

Minutes from the February 5, 2018 RFA Meeting

President Scherer called the meeting to order at 1102 hours.

A moment of silence was held for the passing of the following members as well as military personnel serving our Country:

Bill Kelly
Stuart Lockett
Mike Garrott
Cliff Bates
William Willingham

All of whom passed away in January.

Sick List additions:

Vinnie Austin	Cancer
Tommy Reed	Stroke
Elliott Goodman	Eye Surgery

The previous month's minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted and approved.

The following new members were added to the rolls:

Steve Gilbert
Paul Gryskevitz
Kirk Wilson
Bruce Faust

The following members attended their first meeting and were recognized:

Danny Tyler
Mike Bashore

1st VP Ventura thanked Treasurer Healy on his years of work handling the memberships. He also reported on the ongoing work to bolster the membership

Annuity Committee: 1 issue has been resolved still working on several others. Progress is being made.

By-Laws Committee: The final draft is coming out soon.

Vocal Alarm Newsletter: Still gathering items for next edition. Please forward all possible article ideas and pictures to Treasurer Healy.

Local 36: President Hudson spoke on the following items:

Contract: Is headed to arbitration. Waiting for all briefs to be filed.

FD Issues: Apparatus delivery, new breathing apparatus, new gear replacement.

New Union Building: The Local received a substantial offer on the current building. They have found a suitable building at 12th and Hamlin Streets NE. If deal is made Local 36 will own the building outright and have money to bank. Parking issues were talked about at length for the new location. Deal is currently in the negotiation phase.

New Business:

The State of Maryland Hometown Heroes Act amendment to include DC Firefighters is still not out of Committee.

The Fall reunion date has been set for September 22, 2018. To be held at St Michael's Hall in Aquasco, MD. Thanks to Rip Gardiner.

A letter regarding membership in the RFA will published in the next issue of the Firefighter Magazine.

Jimmy Embry reported on the FFA Museum activity. 2017 visitation was 979.

Jack Moore from WTOP Radio will be present at the March 5th meeting. He is conducting research for a report on the 50th anniversary of the 1968 riots. He wants to get the perspective the firemen who were on duty during the riots. He will interview those members willing to reminisce after the meeting.

The meeting was attended by 29 members.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy Partridge
Secretary

