

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019

Bertrand Twp. Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:27 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 15 departments represented with 37 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$91.25. The 50/50 was \$25/\$50.

The December minutes were presented. A motion was made by Chris Huston with support from Denny Sexton to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of December was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$6,227.81 and the money market is \$8,741.80 for a combined total of \$14,969.80. All checks written have cleared for 2018. A motion was made by Ryan Klaer with support from Chris Burks to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- A bill for \$461.24 towards the purchase of ten memorial Bibles was presented by Chief Stover. The BCFCA splits the cost with the BCFA. The payment requested to the BCFA is \$230.62.
- A bill for \$317.41 towards the food purchased for Berrien County Dispatch meal on New Year's Day by Chief Stover. The BCFCA splits this cost with the BCFA. The payment requested to the BCFA is \$150.00. The \$17.41 over budget cost was also added to the BCFA total.
- A motion to pay Bruce Stover the total of 398.03 for the two bills presented was made by Gerry Kabelman with the support from Chris Burks to approve the payment. Motion carried. Payment was presented to Chief Stover.

Communications:

- Denny Sexton and Bill Long have offered to serve on the 2018 Audit Committee.
- Update on Dave White from Bridgman Fire, he is home and recovering well. Dennis Graham read a card from Dave thanking everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and visits during his hospital and rehab stays. Dave is looking forward to see everyone in Bridgman at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee:

- No Report

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams

- No Report

DNR: Steve Schrader

- No Report

Chief's Association: Chief Mike Davidson

- Happy New Year
- Next meeting is January 16th, at 6:30 p.m.

Landing Zones: Steve Shedd

- No report

EMS: Frank DeLaTorre

- No Report

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- Working with First Net and doing Next Gen upgrades

Training Committee: Cory Burks

- Jan. 19th - Informational Meeting – Q & A Session and State updates – Location at the BCYF Youth Memorial Building – 10 A.M. til noon – Chief Dave Glotzbach and Chief Mark Cleveland representing The Michigan Association of Fire Chief are the speakers Each fire department is requested to send at least 1 (maximum of 3) representatives!
- Jan. 19th – 20th Incident Command and Resource Management for the Fire Service class – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Berrien Springs-Oronoko fire station.
- Feb. 9th – VFIS Drivers Training (classroom only) 8 am to 5pm – Berrien Springs-Oronoko fire station – Sign-up on SMOKE (LIMIT 30 STUDENTS)
- Feb. 13th - Globe CARES NFPA 1851 Class – 6pm – Berrien Springs-Oronoko fire station – Advanced Inspections, cleaning, and repairs to fire gear

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- Check the web site for updates and upcoming trainings.
- Visit the Page of Honor Memorial section – Contact Gerry if you have someone that should be added to this section.

HazMat: Cory Burks

- New member in training.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- A Safe and Happy New Year

OLD BUSINESS:

- Non Profit 501C3 has cleared the first step.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

Host Chief Knisely thanked everyone for a great turn out this evening and thanked his crew for their help with the preparations for the meal and meeting. The program was presented by the Berrien County Narcotics Division.

- The 50/50 winner was Mike Essig and he donated the \$25 winnings back to the BCFA.
Thank you Mike.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ryan Klaer and supported by Denny Sexton.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 21:06 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

Sec/Treas

**The next meeting will be held on February 6th, 2019
Bridgman Fire Department
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**