



**DVFA Officers Meeting
Thursday, August 26, 2021
18:30 hours – Sta. 75, Ellendale**

DVFA ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

President Jay Jones
1st Vice President Dan Carrier
2nd Vice President Ken Ryder
Secretary Elmer Steele
Treasurer Terry Whitham
Assistant Treasurer Ray Stevens
Executive Manager Warren Jones

New Castle Director Tom DiCristofaro
New Castle Director Richard J. Perillo (absent)
Sussex Director Ron O'Neal
Sussex Director Jim Arrington
Kent Director Jim Woznicki
Kent Director Gerald Manley

LADVFA OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

President Karen Workman
1st Vice Pres. Pam Ingle

2nd Vice Pres. Deb Lawhead

ASSOCIATIONS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Fire Commission Chairman Ron Marvel
Fire Chief's President Steve Deery

Conference Chairman Dave Ruff
Foundation Chairman Lynn Rogers

- President Jones called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM
- Invocation given by Ron Marvel -- Pledge to the flag led by Ken Ryder
- Broke for dinner -- Called the meeting back to order, thanked the Ellendale ladies for a fine meal

ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

LADVFA President Karen Workman:

- Congratulations to Jay and the DVFA Officers on a successful 2 years
- 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents are also in attendance

DSFCA President Steven Deery:

- Congratulations to Jay and Karen on a successful term
- State Chief's Conference dinner meeting will be in Mill Creek

DSFPA President Ernie Layfield: absent

DSEMSA President Chris Blackburn: absent

OFFICER REPORTS:

President Jay Jones:

- Thanked everyone for their support over the past 2 years, especially during this COVID crisis
- Been a wonderful journey, truly an honor and privilege to have served

1st Vice President Dan Carrier:

- Congratulated Jay and Karen on a successful 2-year term
- Looking forward to the new year

2nd Vice President Ken Ryder:

- Thanked Jay for his time and effort this past 2 years

Secretary Elmer Steele:

- Thanks to everyone for their support the past 2 years.
- Looking forward to the new year

Treasurer Terry Whitham: **(copied and pasted from written report)**

1. Revenue since July 1st are:
 - Dues- 165,500.00.
 - Misc. Revenue- \$ 318.00.
 - 100th Anniversary Sales- \$ 475.00

Total Revenue- \$ 166,293.00

Total Expenses for the period- \$ 20,471.82

2. As of July 31st, we show the following balances:
 - a. Checking- \$ 258,703.34
 - b. Money Market- \$ 163,084.96
 - c. Crawford Financial Account- \$ 261,731.29.
3. Dues are still outstanding for the following companies; Citizens Hose, Harrington, Georgetown and Memorial.
4. The FY21-22 Operations & Special Programs budgets have been prepared and proposed by the F&B Committee for adoption by the board and membership quorum. You have a copy before you.
5. Crawford Financial Services is changing brokers from Honor, Townsend & Kent, Inc. to Kestra Financial Inc... We have completed all the required paperwork for the transition.

Motion by Tom DiCristofaro and second by Jim Woznicki to accept the FY21-22 budget with the minor changes that were discussed. Motion carried

Assistant Treasurer Ray Stevens:

Current Account Balances are as follows:

Conference Checking Account	\$53,199.43
Conference M/Mkt. Account	\$80,783.43

REVENUES: Both the DVFA dues totaling \$30,500 and the LADVFA dues totaling \$11,000 have been received. Also received \$31,350.00 to date in Partners-in Progress/Corp. Sponsors and \$8,972.00 in Vendors/Exhibitors.

EXPENSES: A few big-ticket items to mention are:

1. The Chase Center on the Riverfront was paid the initial Security Deposit of \$20,750.00 on June 22, 2021. A second payment was paid to Chase Center on Friday, August 13, 2021 in the amount of \$20,750.00.
2. The new Conf. App has been paid totaling \$2,699.00
3. The deposit to the D.J. for Meet your host and Ladies Hospitality Night has been paid.
4. Riverfront AV Contract totaling \$7,773.26 was paid.
5. Delaware Stadium Corp. (Contract for Parking) was paid \$3,250.00

Elmer and I are still working from a "Proposed Conf. Budget" as some of the attendance numbers won't be finalized until August 30th

Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission Ron Marvel:

- Congratulations to the out-going Officers and to the new in-coming Officers
- Discussed traffic ticket money and alderman's courts
- This is an issue that the DVFA should be involved in

Conference Chairman Dave Ruff:

- Thanked everyone for their help with the Conference
- Reminder that mask will be required at the Chase Center

DVFA Foundation Lynn Rogers:

- Back to in-person live meetings again. Meeting in Smyrna
- Looking to do a fund raiser

Foundation report by Ron O'Neal: **(copied and pasted from written report)**

- The Foundation received 19 applications for scholarships for the 2021-2022 scholastic year. Upon review by the Scholarship Committee, 17 applications were found acceptable and those applicants were notified by the Committee Co-Chairs of the results. This year there were 8 successful applicants from New Castle County, 4 from Kent and 5 from Sussex County, each receiving \$1,200 towards furthering their education. Checks were issued on June 30, directly to the selected institutions to be deposited into the students' account to be utilized as necessary.
- As of 2001, this brings the total of scholarships provided to 542, for a total of \$763,070.

Recruitment & Retention report by Ron O'Neal: **(copied and pasted from written report)**

- The Firefighter.Delaware.gov website is still somewhat active, with 7 inquiries being registered since the 1st of July. Thank you to Warren who has been making the first contacts with those who make inquiries thru that site. The committee will continue to work at contacting those for follow-up progress tracking.
- Still working with Terry Ayers from WBOC on ideas for not only R & R activities, but that of Fire Prevention as well.
- The Kent County R & R Committee, headed by Theresa Taylor, has been working extremely hard at participating in activities around the County. They had R & R business cards printed and had a

banner made for some of their events, focusing on State-wide R & R, not just Kent County. One of their members paid for the banner out of their own pocket. Since there are funds available for R & R, would it be possible to submit this invoice for the banner to the DVFA Treasurer in order to reimburse for this expense?

Mutual Relief Chairman Steve White: absent

Director reports:

New Castle County Director Tom DiCristofaro:

- **Motion by Tom DiCristofaro and second by Ron O'Neal to have the DVFA and the Fire Commission pursue all avenues regarding the 6 alderman's courts and the traffic ticket funds that were discussed by Commission Chairman Marvel. Motion carried**

Sussex County Director Ron O'Neal:

- Kent County R&R committee has done a great job with banners and information on State wide R&R. They have spent \$312.00 out of pocket on materials. Since we have R&R money are we able to reimburse them for their materials. **Motion by Tom DiCristofaro and second by Dan Carrier to reimburse Kent County \$312.00 for their out-of-pocket expenses. Motion carried**
- HB193 – SCVFA President Arrington has put together a committee to work with Sussex companies in obtaining letters of support/rejection, and comments/suggestions from each organization in order to assist in the understanding of the Bill.
- Thank you and congratulations to President Jones for all his hard work for the DVFA over the past two years.

Sussex County Director Jim Arrington:

- Thanks to everyone for a great year. Truly an experience

Kent County Director Jim Woznicki:

- Congratulations to Jay and Karen for a great year

Kent County Director Gerald Manley:

- Congratulations to Jay and Karen
- Next Kent County meeting will be Sept. 8th at Hartly, Sta. 51

Executive Manager Warren Jones: (Discussed the following items;)

- Conference numbers. They keep changing
- R&R – Up-date on wrapping the car that was previously discussed
- Sen. Pinkney/Hanson with reference to the foam bill
- Sen. McBride with reference to SB1 for family medical leave
- Talked about no-show policy with the pandemic still going on.

There being no other business to come before the group, President Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM and gave the benediction

Respectfully submitted,

Elmer B. Steele

Elmer B. Steele, Secretary
Delaware Vol. Firefighter's Assoc.

Attest to: Warren Jones, Executive Manager

Jay Jones, DVFA President