IABPFF EXECUTIVE BOARD

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

APRIL 22, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm (EST) by President Carrie Edwards-Clemons

Prayer by Sister Rita Francis

Roll Call by Keisha Wilson, Recording Secretary

President - Carrie Edwards-Clemons – President

V.P. - Gary Tinney - Present

Recording Secretary – Keisha Wilson –Present

Executive Director – Kenny Adam – Present

Corresponding Secretary – Seat Absent

Sgt-At-Arms – Tonia Reed – Present

Treasurer – Gwen Sistare – Present

Financial Secretary – Shawn Gary – present

Immediate Past President – Addington Stewart – Absent

SWR Director – Lionel Newby – Present

SCR Director – Alvin Douglas - Present

SER Director – Brenda Brooks – Present

NWR Director – Bruce Bouyer - Absent

NER Director – Frank Tidwell – Present

NCR Director – Tony Jones, Jr. – Present

IT Chair – Darren Hyson - Present

IT Co-Chair – Robert Pearson – Present

Quincy Scott – Executive Director’s Team – Present

Khalilah Yancey – Executive Director’s Team -

Rita Francis – Communication’s Chair – Present

Kenyatta Smith – Executive Director’s Team – Present

Lance Blakely – Charlottesville

Julius Walker - Dallas, TX

Liz Ison – PFAC, Miami-Dade, FL

Ch. Johnny Brewington

John Reed – Memorial Committee

Charles Mitchell Sr. – Vulcan Pioneers of New Jersey

Tracey Broadnax – FLAME

Felicia Bryant – BWFS

Michael White – Rise

Sharon Mathis - SER

Franz Edwards – SER - Retiree

Wanda Butler – SER - Retiree

Crissy Nicholas

George Collins - Historian

Gary Wiggins - PFFADC

Eric Peele – Vulcan Pioneers NER Flame

Isaac Toliver – Shreveport, LA

Joseph Hewitt – Flame

Frank Cotton – Retiree - SER

We have a quorum.

Minutes from the Previous Virtual Executive Board Meeting. A correction was requested by Brother Adams, Executive Director. Correction was made and submitted.

A motion was made by Director Tony Jones, NCR to accept the minutes with the correction needed. Second by Quincy Scott. No discussion

Approved by membership.

Committee Reports

The reports are online and if there are any committee chair that would like to give a highlight of their report. Please do.

No Reports

Brother George Collins asked if everyone can please look at his report. He received a lot of positive report from the newsletter.

Brother Hyson shared where to find the reports online.

Our 50th Anniversary which will be our Golden Anniversary for July 24-29, 2022 in Hartford, Connecticut report is online. This will be our Convention and Training Conference.

Brother Brewington gave a brief report about the Foundation. All living Presidents are members of the foundation. They were trying to assist with Brother Adams sponsorship donation through the 501C3 which was marked for educational purposes for the convention. The people that sponsored that money allowed it to continue without any restrictions.

Brother Washington asked when will the commemorative coin be available?

Brother Brewington has some, but they will have to come to him directly. A lot of members were sent the coin without sending any money in return. The Past President Stewart and Past President Hill should have some coins, but he is not sure. You can contact him via his number at 216-702-4395.

SWR Director Newby advised the Shirley Smith of Atlanta Fire Foundation is interested in helping with our foundation.

Brother Brewington reached out to every entity in this organization and the SER was one that allowed him to function as the President of this organization. He was forever grateful, and the other entity was BCOC which gave him conversation but no finance.

Chief Pryor submitted a report about EDI online. They donated $1,000.00 to Houston Black Firefighters Organization to assist them in providing needed water to the citizens in the black community. They will be hosting the BCOC Education Symposium and Conference July 11-17, 2021 at Weston Ft. Lauderdale Resort, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

We had a moment of silence for Brother Norwood. He will be missed. When the information is available for his service it will be shared to the membership.

Brother Adams, Executive Directive spoke about the Urban League. It will be a positive move with them. He spoke about the EMT scholarship. The deadline is May 14, 2021. A fishing opportunity out of the Washington State area. Its relaxing fishing opportunity for 1st Responders. They are looking for sponsorship. The shopping mall is open, please use it. This is for non-members who are looking to become first responders.

Brother John Reed was notified that the Assist. Chief Donald Jones in Birmingham has passed away.

Unfinished Business

Brother Adams spoke about all regional committee chairs will automatically be apart the IABPFF committee and he would like for that to be a policy.

Gwen Sistare, Treasurer spoke on how many chapters that have not submitted their membership dues. She is waiting on the rosters as well. 2022 is an election year and you must be current for a year to vote.

New Business

Brother Darren Hyson spoke about the website and all its functions. We need to update our website.

Retired Firefighter Span, NER – question about the dues and they have not received any membership cards yet. Sister Sistare addressed that and will email him with the resolution of that issue.

Brother Newby, NWR Director directed a question the Brother Hyson about getting in on the zoom and issues his members are having.

Vice President Tinney advised everyone about the workshop that Brother Brenton Burton will be conducting, and everyone should login on April 29, 2021 at 7 pm est.

Brother Neal is asking if the Zoom can be more assessable.

Good and Welfare

Sister Brooks, SER Director advised us that the service for Brother Leroy Norwood will be May 1, 2021. It will be at the John P Franklin Funeral Home, 1101 Dodds Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404. Flowers and plants to the same address or donations to the Hospice or EDI Scholarship Fund.

Brother Brewington would love to do a scholarship in Brother Norwood name.

Sister Regina wanted to give a shout to Brother Wilber Hutchins. He turned 100 years old, who may be the oldest living firefighter in New York. Please keep him in your prayers.

For the meetings in the future, he will put a direct link, so we will not have any issues.

Brother Wiggins advised us that the island of St. Vincent was hit by the eruption of a volcano. The ambassador reached out asking for some assistance.

Brother Adams advised the membership that when addressing the organization while on zoom, your face must be seen.

Madam President introduce Emily Elise to the membership from Charleston Fire Department along with Capt. Gause and Chief Meeks, South Carolina.

Madam President acknowledged Frank Cotton.

Sister Rita Francis closed out meeting out in prayer.

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm