

Metro-Dade Fire Fighters

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Executive Board Minutes (A-shift)

June 3, 2019

0830

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

President Omar Blanco(present)
1st Vice Pres. Brian Lynch(absent)
2nd Vice Pres. Michelle Steele(absent)0935
Secretary Gabe Nemeth(present)
Treasurer Paul Blake(absent)

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Ralph Fernandez(present)
Lisa Bullard(present)
Christian Chuck(present)
Andre Cruzeta(absent)0937
Dan Cuoco(present)
Nick Digiacommo(present)
Billy McAllister(absent)

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Richard Andrews(present)
Bridget Keating(absent)
Rocky McAllister(present)
John O'Brien(absent)1030
Lazaro Pereda(Present)
Tim Porter(present)
Rick Ramirez(present)

Executive Assistants: Chris Fink(present), Felipe Lay(present)

Benefits Officer: Claudine Buzzo(present)

Trustees: John Askham, Randy Brown, Jeff Hackman

Meeting called to order at 0917:

Member/Guest: None

Previous Meetings Minutes:

Motion by Bullard to approve the previous E-Board meeting minutes. Second by Ramirez, motion passes.

Member/Guest Presentation: None

Correspondence: None

Reports of Officers:

Omar Blanco: President's Report – 0920

- Fire OPS – May 10th. Successful event, great feedback from those attended. Thank you to committee and all that participated.
- Department transfer of authority – Holmes acting until 6/3, Mayor Gimenez will re-interview 5 to 6 individuals. The local looks forward to an update soon.
- iFly team building event was a success, we should look at doing them quarterly. Thank you Cuoco.
- Dive pay settlement on 5/24 paycheck
- Contract discrepancies – a letter sent to Mayor reference discrepancies.
- CBA Re-opener – getting information and assistance from IAFF. Contract team to meet 6/27 and meeting with county TBD.
- Longevity Arbitration (held 4/9/19)- Local awaiting proposed settlement agreement including a list of eligible members.
- Paul Chang ULP – scheduled for 7/30
- Grievance Database – Dept moving to an online form and database. The process will be electronic and will be implemented on 6/10. Members that have questions should contact their Battalion reps.
- Paul Bacon – Officially retired from Local 1403 after many years of service to the building and our members. Looking to do a recognition event for him.
- Temporary help – looking to bring possibly some temporary help for the summer to help update our membership database.
- High Pines/Little Gables Annexation – Extensive mutual aid for a large mansion fire in the Gables. Letter sent to Gables Local 1210 stating our position.
- Bond Referendum- need to do research reference items for station improvement for our members health.
- Cancer Coverage- working on synopsis for the membership
- PPF President election – Tolley and Bernoska both addressed the South Florida Council last month.

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Metro Dade Fire Fighters IAFF Local 1403

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, AFL-CIO, CLC

Motion by Steele that Local 1403 support Wayne Bernoska for the 2019 FPF presidential election. Second by Bullard, motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Andrews that Local 1403 block vote at the 2019 FPF Presidential election. Second by Bullard, motion passes unanimously.

Paul Blake: Treasurer's Report – none

Gabe Nemeth: Secretary's Report – Update on By-Laws, will bring present changes in the July meeting.
Asked the board to look among their battalions for anyone that would want to participate in the local's election committee to possibly becoming co-chair.

Brian Lynch: 1st VP Report – none

Michelle Steele: 2nd VP Report – Grievance /Discipline report

Report of Committee:

- **By-Laws** - The committee has developed some changes (clean up language, meeting dates, electronic voting, notification to members) and will bring them to the July meeting for discussion and a vote.
- **Benefits Officer** – Cervical cancer study for women a success, 24 women participated, and they are looking to do it again.
- **Safety Committee** – Facilities is not giving Ch Hernandez the support and authority he needs to be effective with the emergency repairs. We will start taking steps backwards if the department goes back to their past practices of repairs and vendors.

Unfinished Business:

Nemeth – FPF Convention in June – verified with Eboard any last-minute changes and verified travel days.

New Business:

Motion by Cruzeta for \$1403 towards sponsorship of the MDRF Training Symposium in late June. Second by Porter, motion passes.

Cruzeta- Members have still not received half steps - Personnel continues to advise they are backed up but working on them.

Nemeth – IAFF Health and Safety/EMS Conference – President Blanco advised the Health and Safety Committee will first have the opportunity to attend along with principle officers. The principle officers will be asked to go since this conference is named after Dominck Barbera and the IAFF will be having a special ceremony recognizing him.

Nemeth – IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial – Local 1403 will have 3 members placed on the wall this year. Preliminary discussion on who is available and would like to represent. Further discussion is needed before selection.

Motion by Cruzeta for \$500 per member up to \$2000 to go to bagpiper school/seminar. Second by Chuck, motion passes.

Motion by Bullard to purchase a table at \$450 to the South Florida AFL-CIO Legislative Breakfast on July 27th. Second by Obrien, motion passes.

Good and Welfare:

Congratulation to Chaplain Mario Gonzalez for winning the Miami Chamber of Commerce Health Care Heroes First Responder Award. Great Job well deserved.

Once again great job by the Fire OPS Committee.

Motion to adjourn at 1207 by Bullard. Second by Ramirez motion passes.

In Unity,

Gabe Nemeth, Secretary

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