

# TARRANT COUNTY FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

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2750 Premier St.

Fort Worth, TX. 76111



September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Tarrant County Fire and Arson Investigators Association was held on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office with President Keith Ebel presiding.

The meeting was called to order, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation.

There were 28 members present.

Guests: None

## **Regular Business:**

Approval of the Minutes – Previous month's minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Joey Lankford and seconded by Doug Parks. All Approved; motion passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

- A. Treasurer Report – Stacy Singleton presented report. Total ending balance of \$15,760.01. With total \$3473.72 in dues deposited and \$1,053.67 checks issued. Full detailed report can be found on the website.
  
- B. Training Committee Report –Kenny Wilson reported the following:
  - a. Arson for Prosecutors class
    - i. Tentatively set for April 2019; each class will have an investigator and an attorney co-teaching.
    - ii. Multiple guest speakers will be set for the 3 day long class.
  - b. Fire Marshal Conference Austin, October 15-19
  - c. Quarterly Association Training will be scheduling a ATF electrical class in November, Dates TBD

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d. Quarterly Training – PR, Staging for media, social media, speaking to media.

Date: September 28<sup>th</sup>.

C. Social Committee Report – Mike Rehfeld stated that the Joe Pool Lake social get together went well. 23 people attended.

D. Law Enforcement and Prosecution Committee Report – Tracy Kapsidelis reported the trial of the Presbyterian Church fire in Forest Hill received a guilty plea.

a. However, there was an Insufficient Bond Hearing, will need to hear more on warrants being issued with low bonds or arraignments.

i. Could be due to Federal lawsuits regarding the use of high bond being place as a punishment and not just a promise to appear in court.

ii. Some form of standardization assessment needs to be put in place.

E. Legislative and By-laws Committee – Randy Renois had nothing to report.

## **Old Business:**

A. North Texas Fire and Arson Conference has asked the Association to be a sponsor. The different levels of sponsorships were presented to the group.

a. Joey Langford made the motion to do nothing this upcoming conference, but that we could assist in another capacity at the 2020 conference. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Rehfeld, one opposed, motion passed.

B. Doug Parks states that the 501.c3 has been approved. Donations can be taken up.

a. Non-profit committee is to be getting a general letter drafted to assist in collecting donations.

C. Inter-local Agreement – Need to have your city attorneys approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft and have signed by your local official.

a. Send all signed paperwork to Randy Renois.

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b. If you do not have the new one signed, you are still covered under the old agreement.

D. Association hats are still being sold. They are \$12 and are located at TCFMO.

## **New Business:**

A. Joey Lankford asked for a cost to put an awning on the South Trailer. Currently the North Trailer has one. A few other items requested were more chairs, new Easy up, buckets, and change the lights to LED. David Butler is still looking into this.

B. Kenny Wilson asked Cameron Novak to teach a Fire Investigator Electrical class. However, some changes may be occurring with his employment with ATF and we may have to pay him more if he was to be teaching through his private business. More information to come.

C. Kenny asked for a donation to the Azle Industrial Technology class that created the Sabino Vasquez Scholarship plaque.

a. Motion by Joey Langford to donate \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobby Davenport, all approved, motion passed.

D. Prior month the Association approved \$200 to go to Jamie Novak after his passing. We since learned that the family wished this be a donation to the Minnesota Chapter of IAAI.

E. Ken Rawlinson attended this months meeting and wanted to express his appreciation for the support he has received from the Association. He has a few more weeks before going back to work and is excited to get going.

## **Departments Reports of Incidents:**

Open discussion was held.

## **Adjournment:**

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Motion to adjourn was made by Sammy Cox, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joey Lankford. All Approved @ 11:10 am. The next meeting of the Tarrant County Arson Investigators Association will be conducted on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office.

Submitted By,

Jessica Eiswald

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## Meeting Agenda

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- I. Pledge
- II. Prayer
- III. Guests
- IV. Regular Business
  - a. Approval of Minutes
  - b. Treasurer's Report
  - c. Training Committee Report
  - d. Social Committee Report
  - e. Law Enforcement / Criminal Prosecution
  - f. Legislative & By-Laws Report
- V. Old Business
  - a. 501.c3
  - b. Inter-local agreement
- VI. New Business
- VII. Member Department Incidents Reports
- VIII. Adjournment