

Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc.  
Minutes – April 13, 2022

President Bob Mordecai called the 49<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc. to order at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at the Hamden Elks' Hall.

The Chair opened the meeting by having members and guests stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Sanderson then offered an opening prayer. All in attendance remained standing for a moment of silence in memory of Honorary Members Jackie Kelo, widow of our brother member Bob Kelo, and Nancy Callahan, widow of our brother Robert "Ace" Callahan, both of whom passed away on November 19, 2021.

**MINUTES** – A motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the October meeting minutes.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – We have received email from Denise C. White, daughter of HFRA member Guy White, who was a career member of the department for several years in the 1970s. Guy is now 84 and living in a nursing home.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – The Secretary-Treasurer read the report for the first quarter.

2022 First Quarter - January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022

Checking balance as of January 1, 2022	\$ 1,313.03
Shares balance as of January 1, 2022	<u>2,974.76</u>
Total balance as of January 1, 2022	\$ 4,229.79
Income:	
Dividend (1 <sup>st</sup> quarter - Shares Account)	\$ 0.46
Dues:	
2021	15.00
2022	285.00
2023	<u>15.00</u>
TOTAL dues paid this quarter	315.00
<b>TOTAL income this quarter</b>	<b>\$ 315.00</b>
Expenses	
PayPal Commissions	
Dues	<u>1.84</u>
Total - PayPal Commissions	1.84
U.S.P.S. – P.O. Box Rent – 1 year	202.00
Sunshine - Flowers S&S (Marge Lostritto)	10.62
U.S.P.S. (9/8 - 100 forever stamps for Oct mtg reminder)	<u>58.00</u>
<b>TOTAL expenses this quarter</b>	<b>\$ (- 272.46)</b>
Transfers from Checking to Savings	\$ 1,000.00
Checking balance as of March 31, 2022	\$ 355.57
Shares balance as of March 31, 2022	<u>3,975.22</u>
Total balance as of March 31, 2022	\$ 4,330.79

A motion was made by Chick Manware, seconded by Jim Koutsopolos, to accept the first quarter report. Passed unanimously.

The Treasurer then presented the annual report for 2021

Checking balance as of January 1, 2021	\$ 505.94
Shares balance as of January 1, 2021	<u>2,973.28</u>
Total balance as of January 1, 2021	\$ 3,479.22

#### Income - January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Dividend Income (Savings Account)	\$ 1.48
Donations received	
Richard Carroll (1/21/2021)	\$ 50.00
Richard Carroll (12/13/2021)	<u>50.00</u>
Total Donations Received	\$ 100.00
Dues	
Dues: 2020	\$ 45.00
Dues: 2021	615.00
Dues: 2022	810.00
Dues: 2023	<u>15.00</u>
Total dues received	\$ 1,485.00
Website subscriptions (2)	\$ <u>20.00</u>
TOTAL 2021 INCOME	\$ 1,606.11

#### Transfers - January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

None

#### Expenses - January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Donation	
Local 2687 (11/20 - Thanksgiving Food Drive)	\$ 100.00
Office Supplies - Staples	
Small envelopes (100)	11.48
Stationery for Memorial Plaque family invitations (50)	41.47
Blank dues (business) cards	<u>24.98</u>
Total Office Supplies	77.93
PayPal Commissions	
Dues	7.38
Website Subscriptions	<u>1.43</u>
Total - PayPal Commissions	8.81
Plaques and Awards – Baker Specialties	214.95
U.S.P.S.	
P.O. Box (rental – one year)	162.00
Postage	
5/26/21 – 200 postcard stamps	72.00
9/8/21 – 100 Forever stamps (10/13 mtg. Inv.)	58.00
12/29/21 – 100 Forever stamps	<u>58.00</u>

Total – U.S.P.S.	350.00
Sunshine Committee	
Flowers from the Farm (11/20 - Lenny Lye Funeral)	100.00
Tax – CT Sales (Staples purchases)	4.22
<b>TOTAL 2021 EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (- 855.91)</b>
Check #186 – USPS - not cleared by 12/31	\$ 58.00*
Checking balance as of December 31, 2021	\$ 1,313.03*
Shares balance as of December 31, 2021	<u>2,974.76</u>
Total balance as of December 31, 2021	\$ 4,229.79

A motion was made by Carl Backus, seconded by Harold Mangler, to accept the treasurer's 2021 annual report. Passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEES – Benefits Committee** – The Chair urged members to attend by Zoom the June meeting of the Hamden Employees Retirement Board today at 3 p.m. The secretary has sent the Zoom link at all HGSRA members.

The Chair then reported on the progress of the lawsuit.

**Sunshine Committee** – The HFRA membership was shocked to receive word in November of the passing of Association's good friend and accountant, Leonard Lye, after a very brief illness. The Association sent a bouquet to his family at the funeral parlor.

Tom Doherty reported on a recent visit that he and the secretary had with department Chaplain Rev. Owen Sanderson, who is recovering following a broken hip.

The Association sent flowers to Marge Lostritto, who is recovering in a nursing home in Branford following surgery for a broken hip.

**History Committee** – Mayor Curt Leng honored Gil Spencer last October with a Mayoral Citation on the 70th anniversary of his application to join Co. 5, where he has been a member continuously since October 1951. Gil has been recuperating from a leg infection and will be presented with the citation from the Co. 5 membership when he is up and about once again.

In connection with Black History Month, WFSB reporter Wendell Edwards did an outstanding story on the department's newly established Samuel A. Jones Scholarship, for graduating Hamden High School seniors of color who wish to pursue a career in EMS and/or firefighting. Edwards interviewed Sam's son Ken, a Fairburn, Georgia career firefighter, as well as Chief Gary Merwede and Firefighter Larry Bowden, who will be mentoring those awarded the scholarships.

The secretary noted the ten new retirees who were provided with the customary first year's membership courtesy of the Association: Bernard Amatrudo, Gregory Bannon, Michael DeLine Sr., Edwin Evers, Victor Jackson, Charles Lubowicki Jr., Jay Matthews, John Spencer, Kim Talmadge, and Paul Turner. A total of 18 retirements occurred in 2021.

The Secretary also reported on Mayor Garrett's recent appointment of Capt. Jeff Naples to the Assistant Chief vacancy created by the November retirement of A/C Charlie Lubowicki who is now Assistant Chief of the Greenwich Fire Department.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – None

**OLD BUSINESS** – The members present formally voted to admit the following to honorary membership in the HFRA: Peter Laffin, Jerry "Fritzie" Keniry, Dustin Prescher, William Rahl, Helen McDermott, Christina Ramelli, and Richard Carroll.

**NEW BUSINESS** – There was a discussion on the possibility of having our Summer meeting as a family picnic at Brooksvale. The E-Board will investigate and advise the membership if it can be done consistent with the by-laws.

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION** – The Chair noted that the next meeting is scheduled for an evening in the second week of July. The exact date and location will be announced as the date nears.

The Chair thanked the in-person and Zoom attendees, as well as several guests of Bob Slater.

A motion by Jim Koutsopolos, seconded by Jim Leddy, to adjourn at 12:45 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



David G. Johnson  
Secretary

Members at the Elks (22): C. Backus, D. Berardesca, T. Doherty, W. Fitzmaurice, Pa. Frodel, C. Hurlburt, D. Johnson, J. Koutsopolos, J. Leddy, H. Mangler, F. Manware, R. Mordecai, O. Sanderson, R. Purificato, R. Slater, J. Spencer, P. Turner, R. Viglione, R. Westervelt, A. Williams. Honorary Members: J. Keniry, P. Laffin.  
Guests (9): D. Albert, H. Barron, E. Beale, R. Belcher, C. Bowe, Bob Carangelo, R. Ellis, V. Mitchell, and J. Nutter.  
On Zoom: Not recorded