



Northern Virginia Firefighters' Emerald Society Pipe Band

Board of Directors Meeting

October 14, 2021

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:57 pm
- II. Members in Attendance: Matt Lopez, Bill Bryce, Tom Clappi, Matt Bickert, Lisa Heilbraun
 - a. Not in attendance: Jim Kraftchak, Jason Allen.
- III. Reports
 - a. Secretary: Motion to approve – Clappi, 2nd Bickert. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Treasurer:
 - i. Current bank account \$9,012.41.
 - ii. Money still coming in from NFFF, should go up by \$1K. There was an extra \$62 fee for last minute cancellation by Bickert at NFFF.
 - iii. Several donations – including Retirement Associ, \$120 and \$600 for parades.
 - iv. \$174 spent for FTD, \$2098 for hotel in NFFF, \$400.68 for Dinner at Gettysburg Eddies – board dinner.
 - v. Re-occurring fee of \$105 for storage.
 - c. Quartermaster:
 - i. Dispensa's uniform needs to be re-obtained.
 - ii. O'Brien still need the uniform.
 - iii. Cochrane is being allowed his uniform.
 - d. Pipe Major:
 - i. Chanters recovered: Dispenzea, Lacey, and Murphy. Still need Tarte, O'Brien, Cochrane.
 - ii. New chanters will need to be purchased during a fundraisers.
 - iii. We did very well at NFFF. Will send notes to Ivan about after action.
 - iv. Will sit down with our Pipe Sergeants – offer clinic from 4-6 pm before the cookout on pipe maintenance and tuning.

- v. Halloween Parade end of October.
- vi. Veterans Parade in November.
- vii. Christmas Walk in December.
- viii. Rehearsal was well attended. Jim Ryan attended and worked through tunes. Will do one Wednesday per month on Chanters.
- ix. The only set we have not played are the 2/4s.
- e. Uniform:
 - i. Boston Scally Cap – band is covering ½ cost. \$30 per person and then embroider NVESPB on right side and possibly Pipes or Drums in back. Waiting on member response for sizes.
 - ii. Black Ties – prices are \$14 - \$16 each. Allen will make purchase.
 - iii. Name Tags – band is covering ½ cost. \$8 per person. Will be first initial and last name with Virginia symbol. Allen will purchase.
 - iv. Bryce brought up the topic of long sleeve dress shirts. Will bring cost to next board meeting.
 - v. Clappi brought up the idea vests. Clappi will brought
- f. Membership Committee: Kevin from Amtrak is making progress. Bickert will present to the board a recruiting presentation to the board. Will share it through Google Drive.
- g. Fundraising Committee: Day before Superbowl Saturday, 2/12. Reserve Patriots from 6 pm to 8 pm. Band plays solo 1st time, then open it to others.

IV. Gigs:

- a. Vienna Halloween Parade – Polo Shirts / Sweaters, No Caubeens, band kilt.
 - i. Caboose Brewery for the post event – maybe?
 - ii. Beer Branch Tavern (across from Vienna Inn). At the 1st floor of 3 story commercial use.
 - iii. Have 6 pipers, 1 tenor, 1 bass and 1 snare.
- b. Rocky of Versachi – July 2022. Bikers Club event for the NFFF - 1000.
- c. Queens Jublie – two days before Virginia Fallen FFs Memorial.
- d. LDI – will be Garrett and Kahle will handle.
- e. Veterans Celebration in Mt Vernon on Nov 11.
- f. Christmas Walk – December 4.
- g. Chincoteague Parade – December 4.

V. Old Business

- a. Phil Nannery owes the band \$788 for bus from 2019. Motion by Clappi to have the Secretary send a certified letter to Phil about this payment. If there is no response in two months then we will drop the issue. 2nd by Bickert. Passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

- a. Allen proposed that members be allowed to place a department patch on their right sleeve of our dress shirt. Board will table until next meeting.

- b. Allen propose a memorial Ed coin be minted. One side will be a picture of Ed the other side some version of the buckle. Motion by Clappi to authorize up to \$1200 for the purchase of this coin. 2nd by Bickert, passed unanimously.
- c. Heilibraun propose purchasing a brick at Emmitsburg for the band – or a group of bricks for members. Big bricks are \$4000, the small ones with three lines – \$150, 8x8 Inscribed Brick with 6 lines \$300, 8x8 brick \$800. Lisa and Clappi will investigate and bring it to the next board meeting.

VII. Good of the Order

- a. None

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm with motion by Tom Clappi, seconded by Bickert and passed with a unanimous vote.