

# MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 30th, 2024

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**CALLED TO ORDER:**

M. Spence @ 0901

**Members Present:** 14

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

President: M. Spence  
Secretary: L. Hubka  
Treasurer: M. Zimmerly

**General Fund:** XXX

**Legal Defense:** XXX

**Charity:** XXX

**Comm Outreach:** XXX

**Death Benefit:** XXX

**ROLL CALL:**

Not Read

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Not Read

**Motion:** To dispense

**Motion made by:** B. Weber

**Second:** B. Demry

**Result:** Passed

**Motion:** To dispense

**Motion made by:** B. Weber

**Second:** B. Abraham

**Result:** Passed

**NEW BUSINESS**

**History Books** – Due to additional pages being added, there is a \$1700 outstanding bill to get them all printed. Discussion was whether the Local will cover the cost, reach out for an additional \$7 from every member, or cover the cost with the previously earmarked \$5000 for departmental equipment as part of the sauna purchase. Motion by Weber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abraham to have the Local pay the \$1700 to get them printed, but recoup the cost by contacting everyone who ordered for an additional \$7. Motion passed unanimously.

**Goose Bracelets** – Jon and Tiffini Kieler designed bracelets for Goose. Cost is \$250.66 for 500. Money would go to the Gesie family. Motion by Abraham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eastman to cover the cost.

**Duttlinger Seminar** – October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in DSM. Spence and Hubka to attend. Motion Weber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elliott for NTE \$500 for costs associated. All ayes, motion passes.

**2<sup>nd</sup> District Symposium** – October 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> in Independence, MO. Info was just put out yesterday and they want registrations today. Motion by Eastman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Demry for NTE \$1500 for costs. All ayes, motion passed. This will cover up to 3 people attending. We don't anticipate 3 people attending, but this covers the bases. If you are interested, please let Spence know today!

**Town Hall Recap** – Discussion around the recent IAFF political survey, the results, and the town halls for discussion. See email attachments for survey results and Town Hall transcript. Spence and Eastman have both been in contact with CVP Woolbright and expressed the opinion that the IAFF should remain neutral and not endorse a candidate this cycle (endorsement decisions are made by the 16 district vice presidents). Spence indicated that through discussion with Woolbright, he feels that is the way the IAFF is leaning, but he obviously can't guarantee that. As you are reading the results of the survey, it should not be inferred that Local 66 is trying to tell you who to vote for. A member asked that this information be distributed, so it will be. Only about 6% of members responded to the survey, and you can use that information however you wish. The intent of the survey was to gauge feelings of the membership, so the information may be of no interest to you. That's for you to decide.

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While AFG and SAFER grants are important to us as firefighters (WFR has directly benefitted from these programs), it is not the only issue that makes a candidate “firefighter friendly.” As a reminder, that is what the IAFF is focused on, not any other issue. Other issues include bargaining rights (pay, time off, potentially staffing, other benefits), pension protection, and safety (cancer research, etc), and other things. There is also a lot of nuance and garbage that goes into getting appropriations bills passed (any bill for that matter). The information in the attached picture is a small part of the full picture. Again, an endorsement by the IAFF (or not), does not affect how you vote personally. It is up to you to make the best decision for you and your family and you decide which issues matter to you. Just so there isn’t any confusion, this information is being provided because of a request from one of our members. The E-Board is not, and will not, tell you which candidate you should vote for. If anyone feels that way, feel free to reach out or attend a meeting.

**FOOLS Classes** – There may be an opportunity to attend classes in Florida. Class cost would be covered, you would be responsible for travel and lodging. Elliott will talk to Chief Beck about the time off coverage, but nothing is set in stone just yet. Reach out to Elliott if interested for more information.

**ADJOURNMENT - TIME: 0954**

**Motion:** To adjourn

**Motion made by:** J. Heller

**Second:** B. Demry

**Result:** Passed