



**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday December 21, 2022
Lucky Monk Restaurant
105 Hollywood Blvd, South Barrington**



1. **Call to Order** – President Evans called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. on December 21, 2022.

2. **Roll Call – (8 Voting Members* Needed for Quorum)**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>Present</u>
President Steve Evans*	Winfield	X	Affiliate Director Fred Friedl*	Beach Park	X
1 st Vice President Andy Dina*	Warrenville	X	Active Director Tracy Kenny*	Broadview	
2 nd Vice President Alan Wax*	Hoffman Estates	X	Active Director Paul Segalla*	Long Grove	X
Secretary Tom Gaertner *	River Forest	X	Active Director Gordy Nord*	Lyons	X
Treasurer Tom Deegan*	Retired Chief	X	Active Director Steve Norvilas*	Pleasantview	X
Immed. Past Pres John Christian*	Barrington	X	Retiree Director Dick Swanson*	Retired Chief	
Sergeant-at-Arms Randy Deicke	Retired Chief	X	Active Director Tom Styczynski*	River Forest	X
Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson	Retired Chief		Active Director Jim Walters*	Schaumburg	
Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Kuryla	Retired Chief				

President Christian declared there to be a quorum.

3. **Secretary’s Report – Secretary Gaertner**

A. Approval of meeting minutes of the November 16, 2022, Executive Board meeting

I. Secretary Gaertner thanked the board for his nomination and approval for the Secretary position. A motion to approve the November 16, 2022, minutes was made by Director Nord and seconded by Director Friedl.

a. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously (11-0) by voice vote.

4. **Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Deegan**

A. Treasurer Deegan presented the Treasurer’s Report. This report covered the period of 11/16/2022 through 12/20//2022.

I. The Report included starting and ending balances, revenues/expenditures, and the 2022 Budget status.

II. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Director Norvilas and seconded by Director Styczynski.

a. The motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report passed unanimously (11-0) by voice vote. The Report is enclosed as [Attachment A on pages 3-4.](#)

5. **President’s Report – President Evans**

A. **Correspondence Received** – None

B. **Thank You-** President Evans thanked the current board for helping him get up to speed on pending items with the organization. President Evans also mentioned that next months Executive Board meeting on January 18, 2023, will be held back at Aurelio’s Pizza, 1455 W Lake Street, Addison.

6. **Committee Reports**

A. **Bylaws** – No report.

B. **Directory/Website** – No report.

C. **Fundraising** – Chairpersons Deegan reported there will be the IFCA 2023 Golf Outing, including a location change. It will now be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. More details to come as they become available.

D. **IFCA/Legislation** – Chairperson Styczynski reported that there is no legislative activity this week on which to report. The Legislature is scheduled to be back in session starting on January 3, 2023 – and it is expected that they will be busy. They will be addressing issues with the Safe-T Act during this session. There also was discussion about the Opioid settlement monies and how they are distributed. Unsure of how many departments have received these funds.

E. **Symposium** – Co-Chairperson Evans reported that the Committee is still taking-in recommendations for topics, and any ideas should be submitted. Some possible suggestions discussed included Bartlett Fire Chief Bill Gabrenya speaking about their large warehouse fire this year and Highland Park Fire Chief Joe Schrage speaking about the active shooter incident on the 4th of July. Unsure if two “Incident” presentations would be too much for one session or split them up.

F. **Nominating** – No report.

G. **Programs** –Chairperson Styczynski advised that topics for 2023 are not yet scheduled. Pleas send any ideas to Chief Styczynski.

H. **Annual Banquet** – Chairpersons Friedl stated the event went extremely well. The banquet was the most organized in recent memory. Many thanks to Director Kenny and Kris Murphy, Administrative Assistant at Broadview FD for all their hard work with the event. The tarot card reader and psychic were a huge success. The event had 467 people paying attendees with \$20,070

collected as of today. Although a success the event did not make a profit but cost the association approximately \$13,554.00 according to Treasurer Deegan. A short discussion was had about raising the registration fee to \$50.00 per person and future events was sound-system concerns as well as purchasing a \$250.00 gift card for Kris Murphy as a thank-you for her hard work on the event.

- I. A motion to approve the purchase of a gift card not to exceed \$250.00 for Kris Murphy was made by Director Segalla and seconded by Director Christian.
- II. The motion to approve the gift card passed unanimously (11-0) by voice vote.

I. **Sick & Welfare** – Chief Terry Vavra of the LaGrange FD is retiring January 1st. Chief John Buckley has been contracted to serve as Interim Chief for the next 6 months. Chief Sam Molinaro of the Tri-State FPD is retiring sometime in February. Deputy Chief Rob Brill of the Wilmette FD has been named the new Fire Chief of the Wheaton FD.

J. **Metro Chiefs Association History** – No report.

7. **Unfinished Business** – None

8. **New Business**

A. **Director Nord** – President Evans thanked Director Nord for his contributions to the Board and the Metro Chiefs through the many years and expressed that Director Nord will be missed very much. He thanked his fellow Board members for the excellent collaborations and great friendships that he has developed as a member of the Board and expressed that he will greatly miss the involvement and the people. He wished his fellow Board members all the best as they move forward.

9. **Open Discussion**

A. **Sergeant at Arms Randy Deicke** – SAA Deicke offered to step down from his position as Sergeant at Arms if need be. The association currently has three Sergeant at Arms positions and Randy stated he would volunteer to step down if President Evans wanted to reduce that amount. President Evans thanked SAA Deicke for his concern but adamantly asked Randy to stay in his position on the board. He noted Randy's knowledge and dedication to the association is a huge asset to the Executive Board and the Association. Sergeant at Arms Deicke will remain in his current position.

10. **Future Meetings**

- A. General Membership: Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. – General Meeting - Empress Banquets, Addison
- B. Executive Board: Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. – Aurelio's Pizza, Addison

11. **Adjournment**

- A. A motion to adjourn was made by Director Styczynski and seconded by Director Segalla.
- B. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously 11-0) by voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Gaertner, Secretary

Metro Chiefs Exec - December 2022

11/16/2022 through 12/20/2022

12/20/2022

Date	Description	Memo	Category	Tax Item	Amount
BALANCE 11/15/2022					57,097.52
12/20/2...	1Secretary Of ...	Not for Profit Annu...	Charter-Filing		-10.00
12/2/2022	Transfer Money		[Paypal]		3,869.36
12/2/2022			Holiday Party Inc...		2,780.00
12/2/2022			Holiday Party Inc...		2,620.00
			Dues:Dues 2022		650.00
		Credit Card Fees	Fees & Charges:...		-116.99
12/2/2022	Transfer Money		[MB Financial Bank]		-3,869.36
12/1/2022			Holiday Party Inc...		2,130.00
		Sawyer Falduto	Holiday Party Inc...		200.00
		Midwest Air Pro	Holiday Party Inc...		100.00
12/1/2022	1Empress Ban... 467		Holiday Party Exp...		-25,411.50
12/1/2022	1Empress Ban... Gratuity for Staff		Holiday Party Exp...		-400.00
12/1/2022	1Sandy Cornwell Psychic		Holiday Party Exp...		-1,000.00
12/1/2022	1Deanne Joy Tarot Card Reader		Holiday Party Exp...		-1,000.00
12/1/2022	1G & L Trophy ... Christian Outgoing ...		Holiday Party Exp...		-131.70
11/30/2...	1Tracy Kenny Positive Promotions		Holiday Party Exp...		-365.70
11/16/2022 - 12/20/2022					-19,955.89
BALANCE 12/20/2022					37,141.63
TOTAL INFLOWS					12,349.36
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					-32,305.25
NET TOTAL					-19,955.89

Metropolitan Fire Chiefs - 2022 Budget as of 12/20/22

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	Notes:
<u>Income:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Dues	\$ 18,680.00	\$ 3,115.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 21,305.00	118.36% **
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Lunches	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 4,540.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,950.00	65.83%
Symposium	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,630.00	143.83%
Home Day	\$ -	\$ 4,930.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,450.00	161.25%
Holiday Lunch	\$ 140.00	\$ 21,905.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 22,220.00	79.36%
Secretary Lunch	\$ 630.00	\$ 3,990.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,815.00	111.83%
Misc Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 862.00	**
Total Income	\$ 23,995.00	\$ 41,790.00	\$ 67,200.00	\$ 69,232.00	103.02%
<u>Expenditures:</u>					
<i>General:</i>					
Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ 108.56	\$ 25.00	\$ 15.00	60.00%
Credit Card Fees	\$ 289.20	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,473.65	147.37%
Charter/Filing	\$ 11.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	100.00%
Lunch meetings	\$ 1,416.00	\$ 5,956.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,240.00	104.00%
Office Supplies	\$ 41.19	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	0.00%
Postage	\$ 55.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 127.60	127.60%
Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Printing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	0.00%
Legal Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%
Sick/Welfare	\$ 530.60	\$ 319.73	\$ 300.00	\$ 665.65	221.88%
Total	\$ 2,342.99	\$ 7,424.29	\$ 8,285.00	\$ 8,531.90	102.98%
<i>Executive Board:</i>					
Guest/Speakers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Lunch meetings	\$ 960.85	\$ 1,025.30	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,165.45	180.45%
Legislator Luncheon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 40.75	\$ -	\$ 287.00	0.00%
Total	\$ 960.85	\$ 1,066.05	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 2,452.45	34.06%
<i>Special:</i>					
IFCA Candidate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
IFCA Hospitality	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
IFCA Scholarship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%
Donations	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,001.00	50.03%
Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Website	\$ 5,830.00	\$ 5,830.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,830.00	97.17%
Directory Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total	\$ 5,830.00	\$ 6,830.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 7,831.00	55.94%
<i>Special Events:</i>					
Symposium	\$ 1,613.00	\$ 2,120.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,896.40	117.93%
Golf Outing	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	100.00%
Holiday Lunch	\$ 211.34	\$ 32,931.94	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 36,723.95	122.41%
Home Day	\$ -	\$ 1,435.20	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,835.20	91.76%
Secretary Luncheon	\$ 58.79	\$ 6,543.25	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,745.50	110.65%
Total	\$ 1,883.13	\$ 44,530.39	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 53,701.05	118.02%
Total Expenditures	\$ 11,016.97	\$ 59,850.73	\$ 74,985.00	\$ 72,516.40	96.71%
<u>Expenses Vs Income</u>	\$ 12,978.03	\$ (18,060.73)	\$ (7,785.00)	\$ (3,284.40)	

Metropolitan Fire Chiefs
Annual Installation Banquet - 2022

Income:

Paid Attendees \$20,070

Not Paid/ Invoiced:

Air Methods	\$100
Country Club Hills	\$100
Alsip	\$ 50
Richton Park	\$ 50

Total Not Paid \$ 300

Vendor Donations:

Railside Citrus	\$500
Foster Coach	\$250
FGM Architects	\$250
Ottosen Dinolfo	\$250
ARV	\$250
Sawyer Falduto	\$200
Midwest Air Pro	\$100

Total Vendor Donations \$ 1,800

Total Income \$22,170.00

Expenses:

Positive Promotions (Gifts)	\$ 5,849.60
Beach Park FD (Mailings)	\$ 59.85
Tracy Kenny (Mailings)	\$ 371.30
Gift Shoppers	\$ 2,500.00
Empress Banquets (467)	\$25,811.50
Psychic and Tarot Card Reader	\$ 1,000.00
G&L Trophies (Plaque)	\$ 131.70

Total Expenses \$35,723.95

Event Cost \$13,553.95