

## **April 2009 Minutes R.F.A.**

Vice President Ben Self called the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 1945 hours with 38 members present.

**Deceased members** - Ed Flynn: Eddie reported that there were 2 deceased members since February's meeting; Clement Williams and Kenneth Martin. A moment of silence was held for them.

**The minutes of the Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting** – George Kenney: Read and approved.

**Applications for membership** – None.

**The Secretary/Treasurer report** – George Kenney: Read and approved.

**Sick Committee** - Ed Flynn: Ed added Dominick Adriani, Richard Bassani, Joe Fiore, Hunter Hetzel, Leo Raulerson, Al Size and Richard Sweeney to our list of Wendy Baden, Hugh Barnes, Ed Beller, Jim Bojalad, Charlie Burger, Butch Carpenter, Dan Collins, Tim Connors, William Coughlin, Ralph Creel, Fred Davis, Doug Dillard, Ed Dougherty, Tom Francella, Charles Graham, Keith Grimes, Ralph Kennedy, Joe McDermott, Jim McIlvaine, Dan Norman, Wayne Preddy, Skip Ramsey, Pete Schlosser, Walter "Steamboat" Smith and Kenneth R Stevens.

**Vocal Alarm** - Joe Healy: He hopes that everyone has already received their March issue of the Vocal Alarm.

**Entertainment Committee** – Don't forget the Emerald Society's Fishing Tournament which will be held May 7<sup>th</sup>. Also their Golf Tournament is June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Potomac Ridge Course.

**Honor Guard** - Joe O'Neil: Our members and Honor Guard attended Clement Williams, George Orme and Donald Buckler's funerals last month. Also attended active member Victor Rollins' funeral.

**Members attending their first meeting** – None.

**Local 36** - Ben Self: Ben has window decals and 2009 work schedules. Ben also talked about the last L-36 general membership meeting. Local 36's contract status: mediation. L-36 has picked their arbitrator and is waiting for the city to pick another one. The cities' first pick had previous dealings with L-36; the second mediator had problems, so another should be picked. A March 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from L-36 and Hawkins from the MPD Union was sent to the mayor. Delegate Norton was contacted and was asked for her help. The Locals' website is [www.IAFFLocal36.com](http://www.IAFFLocal36.com) for up to date details. The arbitrator ruled in favor of L-36 on the time and one half over time issue. The ruling went back to October 2001. The City Council is having a meeting tomorrow April 7<sup>th</sup> re: The PERB Board and how the board is shorthanded. The Mayor appoints members to the board and the City Council doesn't approve them.

**Old business** – Longevity problem is still stalled. Butch Oliff is still working on it. Check web sites [www.DCFD.com](http://www.DCFD.com) for updates. Associate membership was brought up and discussed (again). Tabled until next meeting. Life membership was bestowed on Butch Oliff, Ed Flynn, Vinny Austin, Joe Healy and Joe O'Neil.

**New Business** – Jim Embrey mentioned how The Friendship Fire Association (FFA at Engine 3) is coming out around Christmas 2009 with a hardcover ~200 page book, *Washington, D.C. Fire Department, Pictorial History Book*. At 9" x 12" hopefully the print will be large enough for us to read! To save P/H and shipping, one can pick it up at the museum or hopefully at our monthly meeting! Pre-order date is April 30, 2009 for \$39.95 or Super Deluxe Leather Edition for \$74.95. See end of this for the flyer or go to [www.WashingtonEmeralds.org](http://www.WashingtonEmeralds.org), then click on the "Retired Gang 2" link to see our Retired Page.

John Harney brought up the plans for the next RFA – DCFD Reunion which will be held on the last Saturday in September – the 26<sup>th</sup>. Again it will be held at the Circle D Ranch as it was so successful last year. (Except for the rain part). Sonny Mulligan will again help out. I believe there were almost 400 people who attended last year’s get together.

It was also mentioned how another pictorial book about the DCFD will be out in the future. It is being done by Elliott Goodman using some of his pictures that he has taken in his DCFD career.

**Good & welfare** – 2009 dues of \$40 are due. It was brought up that the monthly luncheon will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 12 o’clock at Station 7 Restaurant, Pittsville, MD. I believe Pittsville is a suburb of Salisbury MD. All are invited to attend. Let Bob Gilbert know that you’re coming [RPGilbert1@mchsi.com](mailto:RPGilbert1@mchsi.com). Check the menu and directions <http://www.Station7Restaurant.com/>. There is another monthly luncheon that is held at the Frederick Elks, 289 Willowdale Dr, Frederick MD at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of the month. It’s just minutes from I70 and Rt. 15. See you there on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Call Sandy Gourlay or Paul Stottlemyer for further details.

Also lastly Engine 9 and Truck 9 will be having their Grand Reopening on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Call them for details and to make sure it hasn’t been cancelled like a few previous times.

The remaining RFA meeting dates for 2009 are:

May 4	Jun 1	Oct 5	Nov 2	Dec 7
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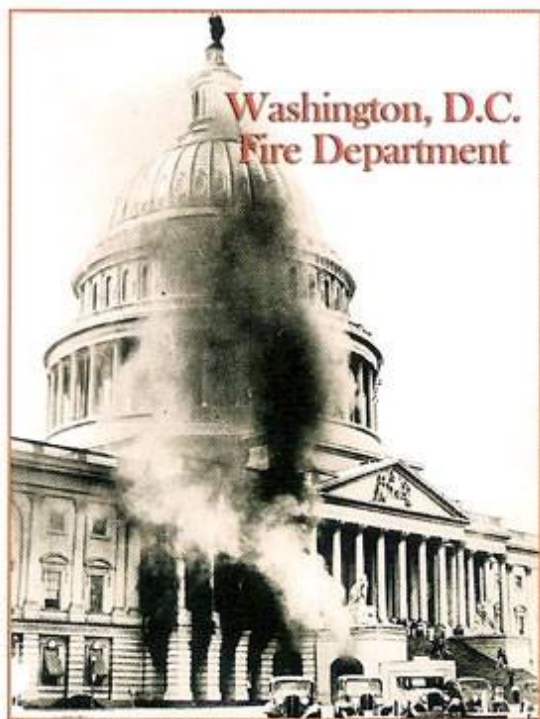
There being no further old or new business, Vice President Ben adjourned the meeting at 20:30 hours.

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