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**The mission of the PFPD Foundation is: To support the community through scholarship, service, & honoring members of the Plainfield Fire District family in life & loss.**

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Vice President Vito Bonomo called the meeting of the Board of PFPD Foundation to order on, Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the PFPD Headquarters, 23748 W. 135<sup>th</sup> St., Plainfield, IL, with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance were board members Vito Bonomo, James Melaniphy, Lorin Eichelberger, Jered Zubaty and Nicole Irwin. Treasurer Scott Moore and President Vince Baudek were absent.

**A motion was made to accept April 23, 2025, meeting minutes, with the correction of Director to Vice President Vito Bonomo, by Lorin Eichelberger, seconded by Jim Melaniphy; all in favor.**

No bills or matters from the public. Treasurer Report: As of 6/30/2025 – balance: \$45,741.65

**Old Business: A motion was made to update the John Eichelberger Public Safety Scholarship wording for the Plainfield School of Excellence and to email it to Kelly by Lorin Eichelberger, seconded by James Melaniphy, all in favor.**

A discussion was held regarding the establishment of the Tim Murray Honorary Scholarship, created to support PFPD Firefighter Cadets. Supporting documents were developed outlining the scholarship's purpose, award amount, eligibility criteria, and application process. The scholarship will provide a total of 25 one-time awards of \$500 each to eligible cadets. The funding for these scholarships was made possible through donations totaling \$12,500, generously collected by Tim Murray following his retirement. His intent was to support aspiring firefighters by helping offset the cost of tuition. In addition, a new sign will be created to replace the missing plaque, both to recognize scholarship recipients and to honor Tim Murray's contribution and legacy.

**New Business:** The committee discussed the personalized "Welcome" bear traditionally given to new babies. It was noted that the bears are no longer available for purchase. As an alternative, the team proposed a baby blanket embroidered with the PFPD scramble and the message: "Welcome to the family!" The group expressed openness to exploring additional gift ideas.

Documents were signed to authorize the acceptance of donated vehicles. When vehicles are donated to the police, they may be used by the Fire Department for training purposes. After training, the vehicles will be scrapped. If the vehicle is donated to the Police Department, proceeds from scrapped metal will be returned to the Village of Plainfield. If the vehicle is donated directly to the Fire Protection District and used for training, proceeds from the scrap metal will be donated to the PFPD Foundation.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at HQ. **There being no further business, a motion was made by Lorin Eichelberger to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m., seconded by Jered Zubaty; all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Irwin, Secretary