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From the Chairman:

On February 21st, over 40 founding members gathered at Martels to discuss how to make the Firefighters Museum a part of the fabric of the city's history and future. At the meeting, ten members pledged to donate \$600 each, kicking the year off on the right track. The Founding members also discussed both the financial report for the year ending 2017 and future plans for the Albany Firefighters Museum in 2018. With the successful 150th Gala in October, we saw an increase in founding members, sales and donations as well as increased partnerships and interest in the Museum. We also look to grow the monthly sustainer plan so we achieve all of our goals this coming year.

I look forward to working with you all,

Bill Tobler

2018 Plans, Developments, and Achievements

- Establishment of an oral history with the University at Albany, History Department
- Create a new set of panels to exhibit – highlight diversity of the Albany Fire Department as well as the history of the Department



- Establish a memorial site for our fallen brothers and have it for public viewing
- Received a \$1,000 grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation to attend the Museum Association of New York (MANY) Conference in Rochester April 8th to 10th.
- Work to partner with Historic Albany on walking tours of the Great Albany Fire of 1848
- Working with the head of the New York State Writers Institute on the development of media stories

Treasurers Report:

Beginning Balance January 1st, 2017: \$26,548.00
Ending Balance December 31st, 2017: \$88,033.00

The balance increase came from the 150th Gala (\$46,000) and sales and donations (\$15,485). The goal for 2018 is to increase by 3-5% over 2017.

Monthly Sustainer Program:

To reach the goal of \$36,000 over the course of 2018 we ask members to make a pledge for the monthly giving plan.

The goal is to have members commit to a 12-month commitment of \$5 to \$50 a month

Look below at what a difference your support makes!

\$5 a month is a **\$60** yearly pledge
\$10 a month is a **\$120** yearly pledge
\$20 a month is a **\$240** yearly pledge
\$30 a month is a **\$360** yearly pledge
\$40 a month is a **\$480** yearly pledge
\$50 a month is a **\$600** yearly pledge

Go to www.albanyfirefightersmuseum.org and click on [Donations and then Recurring Donations](#) or call Bill Tobler 518-428-1025 to make your pledge today!

In 2014, a group of Albany firefighters got together to talk about a dream they had to commemorate the long and proud history of firefighting in New York's capital city—one that spans the nearly 400 years of European settlement in Albany. In the following year, the Albany Firefighters Museum was chartered by the New York State Education Department and was recognized as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization by the United States Internal Revenue Service.

Since that time, the museum has begun to build a membership base comprised of both firefighters and civilians, to assemble a collection of artifacts, has held a successful fundraising gala to mark 150 years of the paid professional department in 2017, and has designed and created this series of exhibit panels to tell the history of the department.

For information on how you can become a member of the Albany Firefighters Museum and support this effort, go to www.albanyfirefightersmuseum.org.