

Minutes of the
AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting

March 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order by treasurer Jim Hale at 7:30 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes. The minutes for the February 12, 2008 meeting have been posted to the website.

Treasurer's Report. Jim Hale. The treasury is solvent and we are wrapping up the AF Ball finances.

NORAD 50th Anniversary. Major Jessica Baker from NORAD explained the program to recognize this anniversary. The 50th anniversary is May 12, 2008 but there are events before and after the date. Details can be found at www.NORAD.mil/50.

Bernard Schriever Essay Contest. Roy Griggs. Ron Kriete reported that the essay contest is on track..

Veteran's Affairs. Dan Beatty. No report.

Community Partners. Debbie Estrem. We recognized a new community partner, Epsilon Systems, represented by Mike Passafiume, with a plaque. Renewals and new members continue to grow.

Internal Awards. Paul Burnett. The Chapter of the Year nomination package has been sent to the State. Individual National Award packages will follow.

External Awards. Don Knight. Don has been representing the chapter at various award dinners..

Aerospace Education. Phil Hamann. Scholarship applications are coming in. Decisions will be made the first week in May. We have five candidates for Teacher of the Year, all from different districts. This is the best turnout since the chapter began the TOY program. We intend to compete at the State level too.

Communications. Jeanin Damery. Inputs needed for the next newsletter.

Government Relations. Brian Binn. No report.

Professional Development. Roy Griggs. No report.

Membership. Cary Trafton. We awarded a one year membership to all local annual award winners. Tom Cavalli donated a one-year membership for the Junior Airman from the Air Force Ball.

Historian. Angela Fertig has agreed to continue serving as the historian although she now lives at Dyess AFB, TX. .

Reports.

- Quarterly Activity Report (Kevin Estrem). Submitted. Next report due Apr 15, 2008.
- Quarterly Financial Report (Jim Hale). Submitted. Next report due Apr 15, 2008.

Events.

- AF Ball (Dan Beatty). The final wrap-up meeting is March 12. There is one added clean-up charge of \$800 from the Broadmoor that Dan will dispute. There were 825 attendees, which is fewer than expected and below the norm. The long weekend had an affect on attendance. Next year the ball will be on Feb 20, 2009. Tops in Blue are not expected as they are going to a different schedule and will have completed their performances in January 2009. We need a chairman for the 2009 event.
- Space Warfare Symposium (Henry Baird & Kevin Estrem). June 23-25, 2008 at Keystone. The planning committee will meet with GEN Kehler on March 28 to finalize the theme and plan of attack. Jeanin Damery is leading the effort to enable attendees to charge their reservations through our website to our Wells Fargo account.
- IMAGE Golf. We received a check for \$9,021 as our share of the proceeds from the 2008 event. Need an AFA chairperson for 2009. NDIA will host on August 8, 2008 at Ft. Carson.
- Wing Open Boxing Tournament. Bob Cooper. March 2, 2008. Weather affected turnout but the Sijan sponsored pizza party raised \$1,375 towards the total charitable contribution of \$9,740.
- Victory Boxes. Major Jason Gross described this program that provides food, clothing, toilet articles, toys and educational materials to Iraqi and Afghan civilians through US military personnel. The website is www.victoryboxes.com. The chapter will consider sponsoring Victory Box drive.

AFA State.

- The Sijan chapter is responsible for hosting the State Convention and Awards Dinner on July 25. Kevin Estrem will lead the planning for this event. The quarterly meeting will be held at the Challenger Learning Center. The location of the dinner will be at the Marriott Hotel (formerly the Wyndham).

AFA National. September 22-26, 2008 in Washington, DC.

MOAA. Brad Butler. Brad told us about the MOAA Golf Tournament on May 11 at Ft Carson as well as a luncheon at the Peterson Officer's Club on April 3. The Ft Carson hospital commander will be the speaker.

The next meeting will be April 8, 2008.

Attendees

Jim Hale	Major JasonGross	Dan Beatty
Brad Butler	Hank Scarangella	Debbie Estrem
Mike Passafiume	Ken Bennett	Ron Kriete
Phil Hamann		

Submitted by:

Hank Scarangella
Secretary