

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2011

Welcome

President Kevin Estrem opened the meeting with a hearty “Happy New Year” and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 and then introductions of those in attendance.

President’s Comments (Kevin Estrem)

We are working on the 2011 budget and activity plan.

Meetings for the AF Ball and SCWS have begun and planning is underway.

The general membership reception scheduled for January 14 has been postponed to January 21 to allow more time for planning and advertising.

The Air Force Memorial in Memorial Park is in need of repairs. Hank offered to take on that project.

We decided to buy a table for \$1,500 at the 25th Anniversary Dinner Space Shuttle Challenger at Antlers Hotel on Jan 27, 2011. All proceeds go to the Challenger School.

Kevin will meet present “AFA 101” at the AFSPC Chief’s meeting on Jan 13.

Secretary (Hank Scarangella)

Hank reported that the minutes of the December meeting have been posted to the website.

Treasurer (Dave Shiller)

The chapter finances are in very good shape with \$135,000 in the checking account, which is inflated due to deposits for AF Ball sponsorships with no corresponding AF Ball expenses.

Dave is working to establish the chapter as a 501(c)3 organization, which will result in substantial cost savings for the AF Ball and the Space and Cyberspace Symposium.

Dave discovered that the chapter’s past tax returns have been incomplete and therefore not recognized by the IRS as having been submitted at all. The penalty of \$3,800 has been forgiven. He is finding a new tax preparer. Our return is due Feb 15 since AFA’s new FY is now Jan – Dec.

The chapter needs a certificate of good standing from the state, which Dave has obtained. The chapter is now reinstated with the Business Division of the Department of State. We are also missing

registration as a charitable organization, which Dave is working. Not having these registrations is what caused the post office to deny the chapter reduced mailing fees for the newsletter.

The official name of the chapter is AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter #125 and will be used on all official correspondence.

Cyber Patriot Program (Jim Ragaller)

The Pizza Party on Jan 8 was well attended and very successful. Air Academy, Colorado Springs CAP, Cheyenne Mountain High School and Mitchell High School Cyber Patriot teams participated.

The chapter will host a pizza party on January 9, 2011 for all the local schools and organizations that participated in Cyber Patriot II.

Community Partners & Sponsorships (Debbie Estrem)

Renewals are coming in. The cost increased to \$90 per year.

Debbie welcomed Mike Kloenne from the Southern Aerospace Company as our newest Community Partner.

AF Ball sponsorships are filling up. Lockheed Martin has taken the Platinum sponsorship. Northrop Grumman, Honeywell, Booz Allen and Scitor have also purchased sponsorships.

SCWS sponsorships are also beginning to form. Northrop Grumman will sponsor the dinner and Microsoft the luncheon.

External Awards (Ray Powell)

Ray is obtaining the names, ranks and home addresses of all Quarterly Awards program winners.

Other Awards (Kevin Estrem)

Kevin is working with USAFA and HQ AFSPC to present the National Awards earned by those two organizations.

General Edwin Rawlings Award, Management Division to Ms. Tammie Boyd, USAFA

AFMC Management Award, Junior Division to Captain Robert Carden, AFSPC

Operational Excellence

Don Knight will again chair the committee, assisted by Elaine Knight and Usto Schulz.

O'Malley Award

Gayle White will soon be calling a nomination committee meeting.

Veteran's Affairs (Dan Beatty/Brad Butler)

No report.

Membership (James Wood)

Membership remains over 2,800. Thirteen new members joined in the July – September quarter and 22 joined in the April – June quarter.

Communications (Jeanin Damery)

The Christmas edition of the newsletter was delayed because the post office could not verify the chapter's non-profit/charitable organization status and so would not mail the newsletter at the discounted rate. (See comments in the Treasurer's section.) The newsletter was mailed Jan 8, 2011.

Jeanin is having surgery and will be less able to support the chapter. She has enlisted her sister to assist with the web site and other graphics work. Please pray for Jeanin's speedy recovery.

Poster with new AF Ball art was sent out Jan 7.

Aerospace Education (Roy Griggs)

Roy is working with Chuck Zimkas of the National Space Foundation to evaluate 56 applicants for Teacher of the Year.

Scholarship information is not yet on the web site to advertise the program. The plan is to select members in May.

Professional Development (Charlie Bryant)

Charlie is looking for another champion now that Brig Gen Raymond is leaving.

The Schriever Essay Contest may be revitalized so that the winner can be recognized at SCWS. Colonel Shaw has volunteered to sponsor the contest.

AFA National Field Council (1LT Leanne Babcock)

Vanguard is the program within AFA aimed at members in the 18-35 age range.

Leanne is working the AFA National committee that is looking at ways to increase membership, especially among younger airmen. The committee is exploring establishing a Facebook page.

Events

Air Force Ball (Tim Lemons)

Ticket sales and sponsorships are going well. All other arrangements with the Broadmoor and Tops in Blue are in place for February 18, 2011.

Sno Fest (Kevin & Debbie Estrem, Brian Binn)

Kevin, Debbie and Brian will represent the chapter at Sno Fest at Keystone on Jan 28 – 30.

JROTC Drill Meet

The committee decided to sponsor this event with a \$600 donation. Eight of nine JROTC units in the state will compete at the event hosted by Mitchell HS.

Wing Open Boxing Pizza Party (Mike McCoy)

Bob Cooper will assist Mike organize this year's event. We are grateful to Mike for volunteering to lead this worthwhile charitable activity. The date will be March 3, 2011.

Space and Cyberspace Warfare Symposium (Hank Scarangella & Tom Ocvirk)

Planning for the event continues. Lt Col Reagan will brief Gen Shelton in February and, hopefully, gain his support and commitment to participate.

IMAGE Golf Tournament (Joe Kahoe)

The 2011 event will be sponsored by NDIA on August 12 and Joe has agreed to represent AFA on the committee.

State Convention (Jim Hale)

Jim is organizing the agenda and logistics for the event that will occur in late July.

Next Meeting – Feb 8, 2011

Attendees

Kevin Estrem	Debbie Estrem	Jim Hale
Dave Shiller	Roy Griggs	Mike Kloenne
Charlie Bryant	Dan Beatty	James Wood
Ray Powell	Leanne Babcock	Fred Bell
Hank Scarangella	Gayle White	Sharon White