

# AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2011

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## **Welcome**

President-Elect Brian Binn opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30.

## **President's Comments (Brian Binn)**

Brian asked everyone to introduce themselves before we start the meeting.

He has sent a chapter roster with the four new elected officials (President Brian Binn, Executive Vice President Dave Shiller, Treasurer Barbara Binn and Secretary Tom Ocvirk) to the state, region and national offices. We will review the roster at the December meeting to confirm the appointed chapter officials.

Tom Cavalli is the new Colorado State President and Gayle White is the new Regional President.

## **State President (Tom Cavalli)**

Tom was not present but Brian reported that the date for the next State Quarterly meeting will probably be the day after the AF Ball, Jan 21, 2012. The annual state awards banquet will be in Denver in June 2012.

## **Secretary's Report (Hank Scarangella)**

The October minutes are posted to the website.

All chapter files have been given to the Secretary-Elect, Tom Ocvirk.

## **Treasurer's Report (Dave Shiller)**

The quarterly report has been completed and will be signed by the current officers for submission to AFA National.

The chapter received an additional \$280 from the IMAGE golf tournament, bringing the total chapter revenue from that event to \$8,680. The chapter contributed \$1,400 sponsor 4 local high schools, \$500 for the Pearl Harbor Remembrance, and \$1,000 for SnoFest. The chapter has incurred \$2,600 in Air Force Ball related expenses thus far. The chapter also contributed \$400 to the storage locker shared with NDIA. The chapter will contribute \$1,000 to the Peterson Museum on Nov 9, 2011. The chapter is financially very sound.

## **Cyber Patriot Program (Ray Ragaller)**

There are 39 Colorado high schools and 20 Colorado Springs area high schools registered for the Cyber Patriot program.

The chapter paid the registration fee for four area schools and Joan Sell has asked that we do the same for a school in Wyoming.

Rags will arrange for a Cyber Patriot presentation at the teacher's Boot Camp next summer run by Tracey Tomme at CCESE in conjunction with its Educator's Workshop.

Rags is still trying to get the USAFA Cadet Cyber Club involved. (See item about meeting with Brig Gen Born in the Aerospace Education section below)

## **Community Partners & Sponsorship Program Report (Renee Siemiet)**

Renee was not present but Brian reported that she is fully engaged, is soliciting sponsors for the AF Ball as well as the symposium and has signed up Thrifty Rental Car as the newest CP..

The Community Partner Reception and Chapter Awards Presentation will be Thursday, Nov 10 at Red Nolan Cadillac, 990 Motor City Drive from 5:00 – 7:30.

## **External Awards Report (Ray Powell)**

Ray was not present but Donnie Bowen reported that he and James Wood will issue free membership certificates in coordination with Ray.

## **Membership Report (James Wood)**

James was not present but Donnie reported that he is trying new techniques to advocate for AFA and to solicit new members. He worked the tailgate parties at the AF-Army game on Nov 5, educating parents and cadets about AFA and providing membership certificates. He plans to do the same at USAFA hockey and basketball games.

Neither Donnie nor Brian had any new information about the AFA National Membership Test Program. Brian plans to research the topic.

## **Communications Report (Jeanin Damery)**

Jeanin has published her final newsletter before resigning her position. We discussed whether and when to publish the annual hardcopy version of the newsletter without reaching a conclusion. Brian will consult with Kevin.

## **Aerospace Education Report (Roy Griggs)**

Brig Gen Dana Born was awarded the Lance P. Sijan award by AFA National, sparked her interest in the Sijan chapter. Brian, Linda and Roy will meet with the general to educate her about Sijan chapter activities. Roy will arrange for that discussion.

Linda's review of the scholarship criteria have led to a few clarifications and changes:

- The final year of eligibility will be the junior year of college
- Applications will now include a Special Considerations section. Applicants may describe circumstances that affect the quality of their credentials. For example, a student with a lower GPA or few extra-curricular activities may explain that the need to work fulltime to support the family while going to school limits their time.
- Scholarships are only available to members in good standing of the Sijan chapter. Options to consolidate scholarship programs with NDIA, AFCEA, etc. were not favorably considered.
- Topics still under discussion are:
  - o The appropriate mix of scholarships between graduating high school seniors and enrolled college students
  - o How to account for high school AP courses
  - o What emphasis, if any, to put on students pursuing STEM vs. Non-STEM programs

## **Professional Development Report (Charlie Bryant)**

Charlie was not present but reported via e-mail that Col Shaw is thinking about holding the essay contest in Summer 2012. Since essays had been published in the High Frontier journal, which is no longer being produced, the venue for the winning essays has to be redefined..

## **Air Power Advocate (Brad Butler) No Report**

There is much uncertainty over this program – who participates, what it does, how it works. Brad Butler is said to want to continue in the advocate role. Brian will speak with Brad and people at AFA National to clarify these uncertainties.

## **Veteran's Affairs (Estrem/Hale)**

Hank explained that the issue we are having with the Veteran's Affairs committee is that they were not interested in hosting a Memorial Hospital information event. Kevin asked for a copy of their charter and by-laws, which they have not provided. We pay \$.10 per chapter member to belong to the Pikes Peak Veteran's Association. We discussed whether to leave the association but first need to determine whether the chapter can still participate in the Memorial Day commemoration if we are not members.

## **Events**

### *Air Force Ball (Hank Scarangella)*

The details of the Ball are coming together. The Broadmoor contract will be signed this week and we have signed contracts for both music and graphics. We expect to see menu options in a week or so. Tickets will go on sale Dec 5. Corporate table sales have begun and the sponsorship program is being advertised now. We are headed to another great event on Jan 20, 2012.

### *Deployed Families Quarterly Dinner*

The chapter donated \$250 to this event. The date of the next dinner is unknown.

### *SCWS (Tom Ocvirk)*

Tom was not present but Hank reported on the results of the Nov 3, 2011 committee meeting. Tom visited Cheyenne Mountain Resort and is now waiting for their proposal. Dates are being deconflicted with several other events and may be moved to July from June. We can expect support from AFSPC and will present some ideas about the program to them very soon. One possible part of the program could be a look back at AFSPC's history over the past 30 years with a panel of former commanders and other key officials. Bob Cooper will serve as Tom's deputy and the rest of the committee is coming together.

### *SnoFest*

Brian will support the event by manning an AFA information table.

### *Wing Open Boxing Tournament*

Mike McCoy has agreed to chair the committee for this event. It will be held March 4, 2012.

## **Other Business**

NORAD-NORTHCOM is hosting a JAG discussion about permissible government involvement with activities sponsored by organizations such as AFA. This discussion will take place on November 21, 2011.

The inclement weather policy as regards chapter meetings was established as follows: If Harrison School District #2 (in which the YMCA resides) is closed then the chapter meeting is cancelled. If District #2 has a delayed opening the chapter meeting will proceed as usual at 0730. Members should also check the YMCA website ([southeast.ppymca.org](http://southeast.ppymca.org)) or local TV stations to ensure that the YMCA building will be open.

## **Next Meeting: December 13, 2011 at the Armed Forces YMCA at 0730 hrs**

### *Attendees*

Brian Binn	Dave Shiller	Barbara Binn
Fred Bell	Linda Aldrich	Dan Arey
Mike Kloenne	Roy Griggs	Hank Scarangella
Donnie Bowen		