



PFFMA ZONE 2 MEETING
Fifth Season In, Amarillo, TX
Sunday, August 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:11 pm by President Scott Nelson

Invocation was given by PFFMA 2nd VP Mario Garcia. Pledge was led by PFFMA Sweetheart Lauren Hamilton and Mascot Maryah Garcia.

Board members present were President Scott Nelson, 2nd VP Mario Garcia, 4th VP Tim Smith and Secretary/Treasurer Paul Hamilton. President Nelson declared a quorum had not been met.

Board members absent were 1st VP Billy Bonner; 3rd VP Kelly Vandygriff, Past President Craig Dubois and Chaplain Wyley Chaney.

Guests present were Jeri Hamilton, PFFMA auxiliary historian; Craig Jusiak, Plainview Fire Dept; Ron Antalek, Spearman FD; PFFMA Past President David Jusiak; Gail Jusiak., PFFMA auxiliary president; and Billie Smith, PFFMA auxiliary vice president

Minutes of the May 17, 2009 board meeting were read.

Secretary/Treasurer Hamilton gave the treasurer's report. Hamilton then asked the board to approve a letter of recommendation to run for SFFMA secretary position in 2010. President Nelson signed the letter to be sent to SFFMA. Secretary Hamilton stated he would not relinquish the secretary/treasurer position of PFFMA.

Hamilton presented the bank signature cards to be filled out and signed. Since all officers were not present to sign, this item was tabled until a later date. Hamilton reported on the status of the 501c3 paperwork. Board needs to determine which status to file for.

Hamilton discussed the deadlines for convention. Announcement to run for 4th VP Zone 2, Sweetheart and Mascot are due to Secretary Hamilton by April 15, 2010. Firefighter of year nominations are due by March 15, 2010 and by-law changes are due April 1, 2010. Hamilton asked for articles from VP's for a newsletter to go out.

4th VP Tim Smith reported on the SFFMA Convention held in McAllen in June. Smith reported on the district officer's meeting.

SFFMA Planning conference is in January 2010 and will be held in Corpus Christi. PFFMA needs to send a delegate to attend the district officer's meeting.

Starter pistols are in need of repair. Dalhart FD has the pistols and will have a gunsmith in Dalhart look over them. If the cost of repair is same as purchase of new pistols, then purchase new. It is also recommended by the board that the ammunition be replaced annually.

Convention items were then discussed. President Nelson would like to have the bouncers again at the fire field. Jeri Hamilton was asked to contact Ginger at Parties, Picnics and Promotions to reserve bouncer. Board would also like to use AMBUCS again for the casino night. Jeri Hamilton was also asked to contact AMBUCS to get tables reserved. Board would like to have 3 craps, 2 poker and 5 blackjack tables. Have this information put in writing and signed by both parties. AMBUCS will be invited to eat at 6pm and games tables will be set up and ready to go at 8pm.

Ron Antalek then addressed the board and discussed the Volunteer Fire Academy. Grant information is still not available. Ron would like to have all four SFFMA vice presidents on administrative board. Several meetings are coming up regarding the academy. Amarillo Area Foundation is in the process of making a decision on a challenge grant and a decision should be made by early September. Ron will make a presentation at the next County Judges meeting. There will be a board development meeting held at Canyon Fire Station on September 21 at 7:30 pm and officers of PFFMA are encouraged to attend. All information will be posted on panhandleshield.com.

Anthony Leal from Fifth Season Inn addressed the board with information for hosting the 2010 PFFMA convention. As of this time, the ballroom is not available on the dates. Leal suggested using the atrium of the hotel instead. This area would be similar to what was offered at the Holiday Inn. If Fifth Season Inn is selected as the host hotel for the convention, the Atrium Hotel would be available only to members of PFFMA. This would include the indoor swimming pool, all suites, and the atrium. Parking areas are available for Friday night games as well.

Benediction was done and meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm. Following meeting, a tour of the hotel was taken. Next board meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2009 2:00 at the Fifth Season Inn.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Hamilton
Secretary/Treasurer