

PFFMA ZONE 3 MEETING
Ambassador Hotel, Amarillo, TX
Saturday, January 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by President Craig Dubois.

Invocation was given by PFFMA Past President David Jusiak. Pledge was led by Lauren Hamilton.

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Board members present were President Craig Dubois; 1st VP Scott Nelson; 3rd VP Mario Garcia; 4th VP Kelly Vandegriff; Secretary/Treasurer Paul Hamilton and Past President Quint Brown. President Craig Dubois declared a quorum.

Board members absent were 2nd VP Billy Bonner; Chaplain Wyley Chaney; mascot Berkley Brown and sweetheart Braxton Turner.

Guests present were Jeri Hamilton, PFFMA auxiliary; Lauren Hamilton; Randy Finsterwald, PFFMA Past President; Ron Antalek, Spearman FD; Roger Close, Spearman FD; Craig Jusiak, Plainview Fire/EMS; PFFMA Past President David Jusiak; and Shaun Vandygriff.

Minutes of the October 19, 2008 board meeting were read. Motion was made by Scott Nelson and seconded by Kelly Vandygriff to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Hamilton gave the membership report. Secretary Hamilton reported that 45 member departments have paid dues for 2009 with 36 departments paying into the relief fund. 59 departments remained unpaid for 2009. Second notice statements are ready and will be mailed next week.

Secretary/Treasurer Hamilton then gave the treasurer's report. Bank balances as of January 30, 2009 were reported. Motion made by Craig Dubois and seconded by Mario Garcia to accept the sec/treasurer's report. Motion carried. Hamilton stated he was in the process of cancelling the current debit/credit cards issued to PFFMA and obtaining new cards. The current name and address on file with the credit card company is incorrect. These items will be corrected with the issuance of new cards.

Secretary/Treasurer Hamilton then reported that any by-law changes for consideration at this year's convention need to be submitted no later than March 14, 2009. By-laws will be available for download on the PFFMA website.

Next discussed were the fire grant writing classes being held in various areas throughout the Panhandle and eastern New Mexico. It was decided that each board member needs to attend at least one of the sessions. More information is available through FEMA's website.

Jeri Hamilton presented the board with an updated website developed through Synthasite. Discussion was held about changing our server to Ron Antalek from Spearman. Ron's company does website hosting and they will host our site for free. A motion was made by Scott Nelson and seconded by Kelly Vandygriff to continue with the preparation on the website and have the host changed to Antalek. Motion carried. The new website will be up and running by March 1, 2009. Jeri Hamilton will be in

contact with Ron to make these changes. Current service through 1and1 company will be discontinued.

2009 PFFMA convention items were then discussed. Location of Friday evening games will be at the Ambassador Hotel in the rear parking lot. MDA will be contacted about furnishing pizza. David Jusiak and Scott Nelson volunteered to look over the parking lot to ensure there was available space and places for events. They will report back at the next board meeting. Friday PA system will be provided again by Dalhart Fire Department members. Location of Saturday games was then discussed. A motion was made by Kelly Vandygriff and seconded by Scott Nelson to hold pumper races and polo competitions on Saturday at the Amarillo Fire Field. Motion carried. Secretary Hamilton will contact caterers for the Saturday evening meal closer to the event as no one wishes to bid this far in advance due to changing prices. Ambassador Hotel will be given an opportunity to bid the meal as well. Amarillo AMBUCS will be contacted by Hamilton about taking care of the poker tables and dealers for casino night. President Dubois has contacted and secured donations from Miller and Bud for beverages for the convention. 3rd VP Garcia stated he has contacted B&B in Dalhart for kegs again if needed. Jeri Hamilton will contact Happy St. Bank to see if we can secure donations for bottled water. Also to be contacted will be Amarillo Coca-Cola for soft drinks. Alcohol beverages will be in a separate area and anyone entering that area must have ID checked. This will be announced during the business session on Saturday morning as well.

Announcements for the following offices are due to Secretary Hamilton by Saturday, April 11, 2009. The following offices will be elected in 2009: 4th Vice President, chaplain, secretary/treasurer, sweetheart and mascot. Chaplain and secretary/treasurer are two-year terms. A letter from the candidates chief or assistant chief must accompany the announcement for 4th vice president.

Firefighter of the year nominations are due to Secretary Hamilton no later than March 15, 2009.

President Dubois talked about the annual SFFMA training conference and convention. This convention will be held in McAllen June 11-17, 2009. President Dubois will attend along with Secretary Hamilton.

There being no more old business, President Dubois moved on to new business. Ron Antalek addressed the board and presented information on a new website for Panhandlesield.com. This website has a lot of information and anyone wishing to post may contact Ron. Ron went on to ask the board their opinion of a regional volunteer fire academy. Next item of new business was the Fire Safety House. It is once again being stored outside due to space restriction and the board needs to find an indoor area for storage. David Jusiak will contact AFD Chief Steve Ross about a possible storage location for the trailer. The current Fire Safety House is in need of several repairs. Jeri Hamilton was asked to contact the Jr. League of Amarillo for information on assistance of obtaining a new trailer. Scott Nelson will also continue to write a grant for a new trailer. There being no more new business, the benediction was lead and meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm. The next board meeting of the PFFMA will be on Saturday, March 14, 2009 in Dalhart, TX.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer