

PFFMA ZONE 1 MEETING
Ambassador Hotel, Amarillo, TX
Sunday, March 29, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm by President Craig Dubois.

Invocation was given by PFFMA Chaplain Wyley Chaney. Pledge was led by PFFMA Sweetheart Braxton Turner.

Board members present were President Craig Dubois; 1st VP Scott Nelson; 3rd VP Mario Garcia; 4th VP Kelly Vandygriff; Secretary/Treasurer Paul Hamilton; Chaplain Wyley Chaney; and Sweetheart Braxton Turner.

Board members absent were 2nd VP Billy Bonner; mascot Berkley Brown; and Past President Quint Brown.

Guests present were Jeri Hamilton, PFFMA auxiliary; Lauren Hamilton; Wyatt McIntire; Ron Antalek, Spearman FD; PFFMA Past President David Jusiak; and wife Gail Jusiak.

Minutes of the January 24, 2009 board meeting were read. Motion was made by Scott Nelson and seconded by Wyley Chaney to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Hamilton gave the membership report. Secretary Hamilton reported that 56 member departments have paid dues for 2009 with 40 departments paying into the relief fund. 48 departments remained unpaid for 2009.

Secretary/Treasurer Hamilton then gave the treasurer's report. Bank balances as of March 31, 2009 were reported. Motion made by Craig Dubois and seconded by Mario Garcia to accept the sec/treasurer's report. Motion carried.

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.

Pres. Dubois discussed replacing Mikie Kelley on the Resolution committee. Randal Simms of the Floydada Fire Dept. has asked to take over that committee. Motion and second made to accept Randal Simms. Motion carried.

2009 PFFMA convention items were then discussed. Location of Friday evening games will be at the Ambassador Hotel in the rear parking lot. David Jusiak will contact Monte Owens from Amarillo Fire Department about having rocks moved at the games location. MDA will be contacted about the Friday evening meal. Location of Saturday games will be at the Amarillo Fire Field. The Saturday evening meal will be catered by the Stockyard Cafe. Amarillo AMBUCS will be 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. 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.

John Pope has stepped down as the games chairman. Curtis Brown from Dalhart Fire Department has asked to take over this position. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Curtis Brown as the games chairman. Motion carried.

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. Secretary Hamilton has announced he will again run for this position. Chaplain Chaney has also announced. Lauren Hamilton has announced she will run for sweetheart and Tim Smith from West Carlisle has announced to run for 4th Vice President.

Ron Antalek then addressed the board concerning a volunteer fire academy. He asked the board for support of this endeavor. A motion was made and seconded for the PFFMA to endorse the Panhandle Volunteer Fire Academy proposal. Motion carried.

Dalhart Fire Department has contacted the board and asked them to assist with bonuses for a Biggest Loser contest that they are conducting within their department. This item was tabled until the next board meeting.

Canyon Fire School is being moved to a Saturday. Anyone needing additional information is encouraged to attend the Canyon Fire School planning meeting to be held on Friday, May 15, 2009 at the Ambassador Hotel.

There being no more business, the benediction was read and meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm. The next board meeting of the PFFMA will be on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo Texas.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer