



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES Thursday, February 11th, 2010

CFFCA President Jim White called to order the regular CFFCA meeting at 11:56am. Roll Call confirmed that a quorum was present under the adopted bylaws. After a request for any special prayers, CFFCA Chaplain Ragan Vandegriff gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. John Pedalino [FDNY ret] collected lunch payments and 50/50 tickets for the Secretary/Treasurer. All members and special guests in attendance were welcomed.

Member Agencies/Corp Partners Attending (16 Agencies + 2 Corp Partners + 0 guest agencies): Altamonte Springs [ret], Winter Park, FDNY [ret], Central FL Fire Academy, Sanford, Seminole County, Orlando [ret], Winter Springs [ret], Mount Dora, Osceola County, Lake County, Winter Garden, Tavares, Lake Mary, Longwood [ret], and Clermont.
Corporate Partners and/or Guest Agencies: Bennett Fire Equipment and TargetSafety.

Members and Guests Present (22 Members + 7 Guests): Steve Gaston, Jim White, John Pedalino, Richard Stilp, David Nummela, Jerry Ransom, Ivan Mustafa, Randy Tuten, Chuck Holzman, Skip Kerkhof, Mike Kelly, Rich Collins, John Jolliff, Matt McGrew, Richard Keith, Craig Haun, Charles Chapman, Carle Bishop, Diane Ashe, Paul Anderson, TJ Lyon, and Ragan Vandegriff. **GUESTS:** Jeff Green [Estate Business Planning], Jim Halsey [Troy, MI Chief ret], Jeanette Eddy [Osceola County], Harold Burns [OFD ret], David Kilbury [Clermont], Richard Stover [Seminole County], and Jeff Green [Estate Business Planning].

Those in attendance enjoyed a roll-in buffet lunch provided by Lofton's chef and staff.

Consent Agenda (listed below) approved by motion of retired Chief Charlie Chapman, seconded by Chief Haun to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion unanimously approved by membership vote.

1. Approval of General Meeting Minutes of January 14th, 2010.
2. Approval of January 2010 Treasury Report.

Note: 50/50 was collected in the amount of \$92 with \$46 going to the winner Chief Collins [Osceola County] and with the remaining balance of \$46 going to the CFFCA Treasury.

Committee Reports: Chief Jim White advised that a joint multi-agency meeting hosted by Central FL Fire Academy and the CFFCA would be called for to discuss the Light Weight Truss Law and Rule Making. The meeting will be in the form of a workshop focusing on "Enforcement" and "Operational Tactics" with the purpose being to develop uniform practices. Steel bar joist assemblies were removed from the Rule.

Chief Ransom reported that the Professional Development Committee has planned for Barry Baker [State Fire College] in March and a round table for April.

No other standing committee reports...

Election of New Officers: John Jolliff [Nominations and Election Ad Hoc Committee Chair] presented the 2010 Slate of Officers to the membership [Slate attached to minutes]. President White in accordance with the bylaws, OPENED THE FLOOR for nominations and announced such twice. Hearing no further nominations from the floor, President White closed the floor to nominations and asked for a motion to accept the Slate of Officers as presented. Under motion by Chief Bishop, seconded by TJ Lyon, the Slate was approved by unanimous vote of membership quorum present. Based on the approved clean slate, President White requested a motion for single cast ballot electing new officers. Motion made by Chief Bishop and seconded by TJ Lyon. Motion unanimously approved by membership vote. President White extended his CONGRATS to the newly elected officers for 2010 followed by a round of applause.

Old Business: Installation of New Officers for 2010 will take place at the March 11th meeting with the official terms of office commencing on April 1st, 2010 and ending on March 31st, 2012. FFFCA President McElhaney will administer the Oath of Office ceremony.

No other old business...

New Business: No new business.



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Good of the Organization: Deputy Chief Matt McGrew brought forward recent reports of stolen FDC in the area with a recommendation that each agency perform area windshield surveys to insure FDC's are present and accounted for.

Chaplain Vandegriff announced that GOAA Deputy Chief Duane Kann will be officially appointed as the new GOAA Fire Chief at a ceremony next Thursday at 3PM. CONGRATS are in order!

Chief Keith informed that Chief Sargent is recovering well at home and reminded all that his retirement gathering is on March 19th. A flyer will be distributed via e-mail from the CFFCA Secretary/Treasurer in the very near future.

Announcements made that Chief John Williamson is running for 1st VP with the FFCA and that Chief Jim White has submitted a letter of interest to the FFCA Board of Directors for filling the EC Director position by interim appointment when director position is vacated by John Williamson.

Hearing no further business, President White adjourned the Business Meeting at 12:34pm.

PROGRAM: Retired Chief Charlie Chapman [District 5 Director] announced that this was the annual round up of our CFFCA retirees with the offer of "lunch on us". Prior to introductions of retirees, Chief Chapman asked for all to remember Chief Tim Lallathin [Winter Springs FD] and Chief Gene Reynolds [Orlando FD] who are no longer with us. The following retirees were recognized and gave a short brief on themselves: Tuten [Orlando FD], Kelly [Orlando FD], Burns [Orlando FD], Lyon [Orange County Fire Rescue], Holzman [Winter Springs FD], Chapman [Longwood FD], and Gaston [Altamonte Springs FD]. A special retiree guest was also recognized as a special CFFCA friend: Retired Chief Halsey [Troy FD, MI] and Past President IAFC.

Chief Jerry Ransom introduced Jeff Heard and Jeff Green from Estate and Business Planning whose firm specializes in Fire/Police retirement planning. They were also recognized as a returning speaker and given special thanks for covering the lunch subsidy overhead through a gracious contribution to the CFFCA treasury.

An informative program on personal finances was presented covering tax law changes, pension protection act, early withdrawals, and many other financial planning tips. For more information or contacts, please visit their website at www.JeffandJeff.com.

At the conclusion of the program and a Q and A period, President White presented the speakers with a CFFCA logo paper weight.

EQUIPMENT DISPLAY: None

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