



MINUTES
FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION of NEVADA
Wednesday, February, 16, 2011

Location: Las Vegas: College of Southern Nevada, Cheyenne Campus
Elko: Great Basin College
Attendees: Available Upon Request

Meeting was called to order at 13:01 by FPAN President Reggie McCollins.

VISITORS

No visitors present.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve as the last “meeting” was the annual luncheon and minutes were not taken.

TREASURER REPORT - Sylvia Lee

Sylvia gave the treasurer report and she has been working on catching up the balance sheet. The bank account amount is available on request.

MEMBER AGENCY

International Fire Marshals Association
National Code Services Association
International Code Council

Applicable information is distributed to members via E-mails from these agencies so notices are received in a timely fashion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fireworks - Dennis Bergquist

Testing commences tomorrow and will be progressing for a few months. Any problems found will be addressed to the proper people.

Training - Ed Kaminski

Ed is working on the next training which will possibly be with Simplex Grinnell but no date has been set yet. Ed is trying to set up good quality, true training, and quarterly classes. Reggie is in agreement with the high quality classes but suggests monthly. The training classes will also help members with their recertification requirements.

Public Education – Bev Bolton

After Sherri Wilcox stepped down, FPAN looked for a volunteer to fill her spot. Bev Bolton was the only person that expressed interest and the e-board voted to appoint her. As FPAN looks forward to getting the Sesame Street program started again, we will be needing volunteers to help Bev and Ed with this.

Golf Tournament - Doug Sartain

Doug was not present and there was no report. Reggie reminded everyone that the golf tournament is FPAN's major fundraiser and we will need member's assistance with it. A committee planning meeting will be scheduled soon.

ASSOCIATION CORRESPONDENCE

Reggie reiterated how he screens e-mail prior to sending them out in an effort to prevent duplicate e-mails from being sent. Members requested to have all of them sent because not all of their chiefs are forwarding them out.

OLD BUSINESS

FPAN E-board positions President, Secretary, Southern and Northern Regional Representatives and Industry Representatives are up election this June. Please start thinking of nominations for each position and send those nominations to Reggie prior to the April meeting.

Membership dues will be going out next week and we are hoping to have payments prior to the April meeting.

We are once again asking for volunteers for a committee to help revise our bylaws. This has been asked for several meetings now and we still have had no volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

Bev Bolton spoke about re-starting getting the Sesame Street program back April 30th. They are in need of a venue that will accommodate about 150 people. There is a meeting next Wednesday to discuss the available options. If they do not find a venue, they might have to postpone getting the program started. Funds are limited, so if you know anyone willing to sponsor, please let her know. The program has been dormant for 3-4 years now and there has been an increase in the number of children playing with matches since the program stopped. We **need** to get it up and running again!

Also needed for the Sesame Street program are the FEMA teaching books. FEMA will only send 2 books per request (1 English version and 1 Spanish version). We need all members to order a copy of the books. The request can be made on FEMA's website and an e-mail will be forthcoming.

Another program that has been discontinued is the Partnership for Youth & Risk (Juvenile Fire Setters). Henderson Fire was the primary partner for this program. They met three Thursdays per month, then had to make it four and even had to start turning away participants due to demand. FPAN initially supported the program until grant money started coming in. The grant money ultimately ran out and the program ended. FPAN would love to see this program started again. The floor was opened to discussion whether FPAN should get involved again and the overall vote was in favor of it. Bev will be contacting Kathryn Hooper to see what they would need to get it running again.

Sylvia Lee wanted to commend Chief Blackmon for encouraging Clark County inspectors to attend the FPAN meetings. Reggie then thanked everyone who showed as it was good to see some old faces again.

GOOD AND WELFARE FOR THE ASSOCIATION

"Let's get rollin'" We can do a lot of good! If people pay their dues, FPAN will have money to maintain life-saving programs.

Clark County Fire Dept. recently had their inspectors participate in the valley wide hi-rise training drills. Inspectors role played and critiqued and were exposed to suppression tactics/strategy. This could be useful if/when they are called to scenes and be able to anticipate what questions they might be asked. This can help bridge the gap between suppression and inspection.

Julia Staples asked whether some public information could be released about what fire inspectors do since this is the anniversary time of the MGM and Hilton fires. Maybe this could combat some of the negative press FD has been getting lately.

Henderson's Health Fair Safety Day is coming up; FPAN is looking into getting a booth.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2010. **Please note the change from the normal third Wednesday to the fourth, this month only to accommodate Spring Break schedules.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made at 14:14 by Steve Deiter and seconded by Kris White.