



MINUTES
FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION of NEVADA
Wednesday, August 24, 2011

Location: Las Vegas: College of Southern Nevada, Cheyenne Campus
North Reno: Regional Training Center
Elko: Great Basin College

Attendees: Available Upon Request

Meeting was called to order at 13:04 by FPAN President Reggie McCollins.

VISITORS

Bobby Tavakoli from Onguard Fire Protection
Rodney ? from Onguard Fire Protection
Patricia Mieszala from NFPA

New Members: Don Wilkins, Bureau Chief, DPS Nevada State Fire Marshall Division
Patty Blakely, Fire Inspector, Storey County Fire Dept.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Steve Deiter to accept the minutes from the June 22, 2011 meeting and seconded by Dennis Bergquist. With no objections, the motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - *Sylvia Lee*

Sylvia gave the treasurer report through July 31, 2011. The bank account amount is available on request.

MEMBER AGENCY

International Fire Marshals Association
National Code Services Association
International Code Council

National Fire Protection Association

Patricia Mieszala was present and spoke about many of the online resources available on their website www.nfpa.org. This year Fire Prevention week is October 9th to 15th. This year's theme is "Protect Your Family From Fire" and will focus on three areas:

- a) Escape Plan
- b) Smoke Alarms
- c) Residential Fire Sprinklers

NFPA made this year broad to allow individual communities to tailor the program to their specific needs. To help facilitate this, NFPA has three additional websites loaded with information: www.fpw.org, www.sparky.org and www.nfpacatalog.org. Some of the information online includes fact sheets, a planning calendar, "how to" guides, media section, fundraising support, campaign safety tips, and lesson plans.

Amy Le Beau is contact for anything regarding the website. Her e-mail address is: alebeau@nfpa.org.

Also on the NFPA website is a place to nominate "Fire and Life Safety Education of the Year" and apply for the "Rolf H. Jensen Memorial Public Education Grant".

Patricia announced that LVFR's Tim Syzmanski is the state of Nevada contact for NFPA.

NFPA's 2012 Conference and Expo will be June 11-14 and held at Mandalay Bay.

Patricia's contact info: (818)767-6782 and pmieszala@ca.rr.com

Tim Syzmanski reminded everyone that there are three events in the valley for remembrance of 9-11. Please visit www.911remembrancelasvegas.com for more information. He also noted that Firehouse Expo will be at the Las Vegas Convention Center next week. If anyone needs passes, let him know. Harvey Eisner, a friend of Tim's, has written a special collector's book titled "WTC In Their Own Words". It is available for \$39.95 and Tim highly recommends it. It has some never before seen photos and exclusive interviews; online purchases only at www.firehouse.com/WTCBook.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fireworks - *Dennis Bergquist*

No report given

Training - *Ed Kaminski*

Ed was not present so Michelle gave the report. The training committee will soon be meeting to work on next year's calendar for the odd month training. Please go to www.fpaneveda.org and tell us what you need/want for training.

Public Education – *Bev Bolton*

Bev deferred the Sesame Street report to Steve Dieter. As they continue to work on a cost effective site location for the program, they will be meeting with Opportunity Village as a possible location. He hopes to have more information for us by next meeting.

Sylvia noted the Sesame Street program has been updated on the website with a description of the program and pictures.

Golf Tournament –

As our golf tournament has been put on hold again, we do not have an active committee or report.

Website – *Sylvia Lee*

The new committee has met once and will be meeting again soon. They are working on website improvements. One of the improvements that are looking at implementing is a “Quarterly Spotlight” newsletter.

ASSOCIATION CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS**Membership Dues –**

If you are a new member, your 2011 dues will be prorated. The 2012 invoices will be coming out soon and if you are a that is past due, you will have to pay your 2011 & 2012 dues together. The e-board and strategic plan committee will be meeting soon to put our 2012-2014 plan in place. If you are not paid, you will be removed from the mailing list and will be required to pay the non-member price for any training classes.

NEW BUSINESS**Strategic Plan Meeting –**

As just mentioned, the strategic planning committee will soon be meeting to develop our plan for 2012-2014 to increase the role of the association. This will include benchmarks in training, fireworks, public education, Sesame Street, and community outreach. This is going to take a lot and we will need volunteers! Ideas on how to make the association better is welcomed, just contact one of the board members. Our association is on the road to being better.

Michelle noted that Sparks Fire Dept is holding their annual Pancake Breakfast/Open House on October 8th. The northern region had a successful golf tournament and also received another grant for their smoke detector issuance program. Michelle also thanked Bev for coordinating use of the kitchen fire simulator, which will be used during the pancake breakfast and possibly Fire Shows in Reno.

GOOD AND WELFARE FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Reggie wished Sylvia good luck on her upcoming surgery and thanked everyone for their attendance. He thanked everyone for participating. This association is here for the members and we value your input – so if you have any, PLEASE send it! We are open to ALL suggestions.

Reggie went on to thank Patricia for the NFPA updates.

Michelle thanked the new committee volunteers saying the new energy is good and very much welcomed.

Mike Wheeler mentioned that the California State Fire Marshals Office is looking to hire 15. He believes that Ernie Piaz is the contact. Their website is www.osfm.fire.ca.gov.

Michelle said the “Courtroom Testimony” class had about 23-25 signed up in the southern region but only 7 in the northern region so the Carson City class might be cancelled.

Michelle also asked to make sure your name is clearly written on the sign-in sheet so the training certificates could be issued.

ADJOURNMENT

Janice Carr made a motion to adjourn was made at 14:10 and was seconded by Kris White. Meeting adjourned.

At 14:25, Duane Lemons began the class Part IIA of Fire Protection for Storage Facilities Series, “Flammable Liquid Storage Rooms”, Code Specific to IFC Chapter 34.

Next FPAN meeting: October 26, 2011