

## AFSA Chapter 872

February 9, 2016

### General Membership Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order at 1134 by SMSgt Mary Belt

Preamble was read by TSgt Steven Short

**42 members were in attendance; 7 were first time attendees.** A quorum was determined.

#### **Innvocation: SMSgt Mary Belt**

#### **Financial Report: Mr. Steven Zalesky (Mr. Michael Thyne, Chair, absent)**

- Current balance is approx. \$5913.58
- Budget released to general committee highlighting Inter-Service Enlisted Dining Out would have a budge of zero along with other items such as Chapter Bullet Writing Seminar, Boots on the lane, caring hearts and MissouriVeterans home support.
- Budget was cut down by over \$8,000.

#### **Membership: MSgt Eva Friend**

- Goal for the year is to re-recruit members with expiring AFSA membership or those that have lapsed in membership. We currently have 2,100 members.
- Ensure you check expiration of members who say they are members, sometimes they don't know they have expired (look on the AFSA website or contact MSgt Friend if unsure of expiration).
- FTAC recruitment dates are on 24 Feb at 1100, 9 March at 1100, and 23 March at 1100 in the FTAC building
- NCOPEs recruitment is 12 Feb at 1045.
- If you would like to attend a recruitment for AFSA please contact MSgt Friend at DSN: 576-6280, email [eva.friend@us.af.mil](mailto:eva.friend@us.af.mil)

#### **Ways and Means: SrA Robert Niebauer III**

- Last Blues game event raised \$400.00 (not counted in the financial report).
- Next dates for the Scott Trade Center is 20 Feb. The 20 Feb date is the sold out AC/DC concert and we are hoping to do really well at that event.
- Volunteers must be 21 years old and each event takes approximately 5 hours, if we have enough volunteers we can break that down into shifts. We host 2 booths and each booth needs about 10 volunteers.
- March dates for the Scott Trade Center have not been released yet.

#### **Legislative Update: MSgt Eva Friend and Mr. Steven Zalesky (TSgt Joshua Hite, Chair, absent)**

- Voter Voice, use this on the AFSA website to vote on items going on The Hill.
- If you see anything going on in one state that you would like to see happen in your state, like a disability exception on taxes, contact your Congressman and AFSA so we can help lobby for it.
- Survivor Comfort Act is currently on the hill to discuss the amount going to survivors
- Another plan to cut the Commissary budget by \$1.4 billion is out, it was cut \$1 billion last year.
- Maternity leave policies are coming out in the Med Group expect to hear words soon on that process

### **Plans/Programs: MSgt Cale Hollingsworth**

- Looking for new programs chairs to replace others. If you have program that is an interest to you, please volunteer.
  - **Meals on Wheels:** No updates
  - **Caring Hearts:** No updates
  - **Missouri State Veterans Home:** No updates
  - **Mississippi Valley Blood Drives:** Next blood drive is 25 Feb 16 at AMC.
  - **The Mission Continues:** No updates
  - **Exceptional Family Members Program (EFMP):** No Updates
  - **Hospice for Vets:** No updates
  - **Camp Hope:** No updates

### **Communications: TSgt Maria Bilbo and MSgt Mathias Gassen**

- AFSA Chapter 872 Website: <http://www.AFSA872.org>
- AFSA Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/AFSA872>
- AFSA EIM Site: <https://eim.amc.af.mil/org/375amw/afsa>
- Scott AFB Retiree Activities Office: <http://www.raolibrary.org>
- AFSA Capwiz: <http://www.capwiz.com/hqafsa/home/>
- Please submit any photos of all AFSA events, you can upload them directly to the AFSA Facebook account listed above. So they can all be posted to the AFSA 872 Website.
- In need of stories and pictures for the chapter newsletter. MSgt Gassen and MSgt Jennifer McIntosh are the POCs.
- If you have requested sharepoint rights they will be given out soon.

### **Awards and Recognition: SMSgt (Ret) Suzie Signore-Hayes**

- Please be sure you continue to keep track of all of your volunteer hours and input them onto the tracker on our website at <http://www.afsa872.org/index.php/information/volunteer-hours/>. These hours and awards are provided to the district quarterly to show what Chapter 872 members are involved in. Remember, these activities do not have to be AFSA activities- it can be anything you are volunteering in or with.
- Annual Awards are due Monday 15 Feb 16. We only have one submission so far and would really like a good showing at big AFSA for our chapter.

### **Retiree Affairs: Mr. Steven Zalesky**

- Remember to recruit. Anyone is a recruiter.
- GI Bill is now a 6 year service commitment but there is talk of moving that to a 10 year service commitment so transfer your GI Bill now.

### **Chief's Group Update: CMSgt Anthony Roane**

- New Chief's Group Executive Council was voted on; expect emails to come out shortly regarding the Chief's Group.

### **First Sergeant's Update: MSgt Kristy Gates**

- If there are questions regarding the new EPR system please contact your First Sergeant and ask those questions.
- Movie Trilogy planned for dorm residents, date is TBD

### **TOP 3 Update: MSgt Kenneth Robinson**

- Please attend Top III meetings and be on the look out for emails regarding the Top III.

### **Airman's Activities Coordinator: (member absent)**

### **Reserve/Guard Affairs: (member absent)**

### **First Four/Dorm Council Update: (member absent)**

### **NCO Council: (member absent)**

### **CGO Council: (member absent)**

### **New Business:**

**SMSgt Mary Belt opened the floor for discussion on the budget and requests for donations:**

- MSgt Weir suggested paying for one youngest attendee membership each month. For the person to attend their first meeting that is the youngest. This item will be taken to the executive council for further discussion.
- MSgt Gates suggested having AFSA pamphlets at the DFAC tables and other locations which gives non-members a visual in hopes to recruit new members. She also stated about giving the members who recruit the most members in a month a gift card. This item will be taken to the executive council for further discussion.
- The general membership discussed the amount not being contributed to the Inter-Service Enlisted Dining Out (ISEDO). After lengthy discussion MSgt Tennyson motioned that \$800 be moved from the projected under budget costs to the ISEDO, which was seconded, voted on and approved by the majority at 1225.
- The budget for 2016 was voted on and approved by the majority, pending the audit at 1227.
- Annual Awards Banquet committee requested \$250 to cover their negative budget costs. No other monetary contributions were made to the banquet. It was voted on and approved by the majority at 1228.
- SSgt Monroe requested \$200 for the “Stroytellers” lunch and learn hosted by the NCO Council on 15 March. The money will go to paying for a pasta bar, drink, and desert. It was voted on and approved by the majority at 1231.

**SMSgt Belt adjourned the meeting at 1234.**

**NEXT MEETING scheduled for March 8, 2016 at 1130 in the Dining Facility POW/MIA Room.**

JENNIFER M. McINTOSH, MSgt, USAF  
Secretary, Chapter 872

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MARY C. BELT, SMSgt, USAF  
President, Chapter 872