

AFSA Chapter 872

January 12, 2016

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Induction of the new council members occurred at 1137 by Mr Steven Zalesky, who was the last standing member on base from the previous council.

The meeting was called to order at 1140 by SMSgt Mary Belt

Preamble was read by SMSgt Keith Closs

37 members were in attendance; 6 were first time attendees. A quorum was determined.

Innvocation: (member absent)

- Not conducted

Financial Report: Mr Michael Thyne

- Current balance is approx. \$5913.58

Membership: Steven Zalesky (MSgt Eva Friend, Chair was absent)

- Membership dues have increased to \$36 a year.
- Everyone can recruit and should be recruiting. Recruiting of new individuals is expected to be harder since the \$25 for 5 year promotion is over.
- Goal for the year is at least 300 new personnel to be recruited.
- Sign up your family, officers, and etc if able
- 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).

Ways and Means: SrA Robert Niebauer III

- Last Blues game event raised \$800.00 already accounted for in the financial report.
- Next dates for the Scott Trade Center for fundraising is 6 & 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.

Legislative Update: MSgt Chris Tennyson (TSgt Joshua Hite, Chair, absent)

- Take time to look at Congress.gov and check the ones that start with a HR and S in front of them to know what are bills that going to be or have been voted on.
- 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.

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:** AFSA is looking to take over this as their community out-reach program. We will work with other organizations on base to see if we can take it over and what all is needed.
 - **Missouri State Veterans Home:** No updates
 - **Mississippi Valley Blood Drives:** we collected 27 units and saved approximately 81 lives at the last blood drive. Next drive is 28 Jan 16 hosted by AFNIC
 - **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.

Awards and Recognition: SMSgt Mary Belt

- 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.
- They are due 16 Feb 16 but we need them by end of January so we can look them over and send forward.

Airman's Activities Coordinator: (member absent)

- No Update

Reserve/Guard Affairs: (member absent)

- No Update

Retiree Affairs: Steven Zalesky

- The state of Illinois has a property tax break for Illinois disabled veteran state residents.
 - 70%--above: free property taxes
 - 60%--69%: \$5000 tax break
 - 40%--59%: \$2500 tax break

Chief's Group Update: CMSgt Anthony Roane

- No current updates but Chief said he'll bring more chiefs with him next time.

First Sergeant's Update: MSgt Kristy Gates

- First Sergeant's Group (FSG) is working on a lot of ideas and are working out date and time details before releasing those ideas to the public. Be on the look out for events.
- FSG is willing to help with the Caring Hearts program just as they have in the past. The details will be worked with AFSA and 375 AMW.
- There will be an awards and decorations briefing on 29 January at 1400 in SFS. This briefing will be open to all ranks and is 41 slides long. The briefing is to establish more consistency in the 375 AMW.

TOP 3 Update: SMSgt Mary Belt

- Top 3 Executive Council (EC) Positions will be voted on Friday, 15 Jan 16 at 1500. It is too late to submit your name for an EC position but you can vote!
- Please come out if you are interested in heading an event position as well.

NCO Council Update: (member absent)

- No Update

First Four/Dorm Council Update: SrA Alexandra Cardwell

- First Four now meets on Wednesdays at 1500 in the FTAC building.
- New committees are forming for upcoming events and First Four would like to encourage supervisors to have their Airmen attend the meetings or get in contact with First Four if they are interested in heading a committee/event.

New Business:

SMSgt Mary Belt:

- Our budget is getting cut in half this year. As soon as we work out the details, we will bring it to the general membership meeting for it to be voted on.
- Key Spouse Group requested \$200 for a luncheon to help pay for meals, door prizes and etc. MSgt Callahan motioned for a \$300 donation. 21 members voted in favor, 0 voted nay, rest did not care to vote at 12:20.

MSgt Wier:

- Would like for members or organizations that are requesting money talk at our meetings so we can ask them questions and present their case.

Mr Michael Thyne

- AF Cool is no longer a certification process it is now considered a credentials process. It now allows you to get 1 credential based off your career field. Functional managers used the 80/20 rule when creating these; that is because 80% of the credential has to do with your current career field. SNCOs can obtain another credential withich is "Leadership and Management". Contact the Education Center for any questions or concerns.
- Ensure you transfer your GI Bill because you never know when that is going to run out. Keep 1 month for yourself because you can always change the amount of months you want to dedicate to each individual-as long as you put them on the initial transfer. Contact the Education Center for any questions or concerns.

SMSgt Belt adjourned the meeting at 1225.

NEXT MEETING scheduled for February 9, 2015 at 1130 in the Dining Facility POW/MIA Room.

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