

# Thunderbird Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2006

1. Meeting convened at 1140 hours. President Pepin declared a quorum
2. **Opening Ceremonies:** Moment of Silence in lieu of Invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance: James Pepin  
AFSA Preamble: Greg Israel
3. **Members Present:**

James Pepin	Don Sullivan
Greg Israel	
Bernard Anderson	Tim Ossinger
Jim Howard	
Terry Turner	Robert Binard
Michael Crawford	
Jon Bennett	Josh Quirk
Shauna Quirk	
Tammy Snyder	Michael Devenitch
4. **Introductions:** President Pepin welcomed and recognized various categories of attendees CMSgts, new members, first time attendees, etc.
5. **Presentations:** Chapter Senior Advisor and new Division 9 Vice President Jon Bennett presented the Division Member of the Year plaque to SMSgt Mike Devenitch because he was deployed and unable to attend the Division Convention. He also repeated the presentation of the Division First Term Airman of the Year Award to SSgt Shauna Quirk and Division Individual Legislative of the Year Award to SMSgt James Pepin for the general membership.
6. **Reports:**

- a. **Legislative:** Jim Howard. Briefed and provided handouts of Chapter 985's Legislative monthly report for May 2006. Report will be available as an electronic version on our website.
- b. **Activities/Programs:** Jeff James - unable to attend today. President briefed they are currently updating the chapter's calendar of events from May 2006 – April 2007. May through October has been posted on our web site.
- c. **Communications:** Tim Ossinger. Article submitted to Tinker Take Off for our Toy Collection Drive for the OU Children's Medical Center. It won't appear in this Friday's edition, but he has requested it run for 2 weeks.
- d. **Awards:** Mike Devenitch. Advised that Treasurer Rob Binard represented the chapter at the Team Tinker quarterly awards held 4 May 06 for CY1Q06 where we furnished coin holder desk sets for the SNCO, NCO, Jr. Enlisted, and Senior and Junior Honor Guard Members of the Quarter. Our chapter provides a presentation to the enlisted winners. Also that we have finished AFJROTC presentations at the 6 high schools we support in the metro area.
- e. **Treasurer's Report:** Rob Binard. Provided a comprehensive briefing of the treasurer's report for April 2006. There were no questions. Tim Ossinger motioned to accept as presented, Don Sullivan seconded, motion carried.
- f. **Secretary's Report:** Don Sullivan. Minutes from Executive Council meetings April 12 and May 10 and General Membership meeting April 13 were summarized. Motion by Tim Ossinger to accept, seconded by Jon Bennett, motion carried.
- g. **Recruiting:** Sabrina Barfield/Carnita Farve unable

to attend. . President Pepin briefed we currently have 158 recruits and 37 retentions YTD and are leading Division 9 in both categories. We are working on the first 3 planned Skyhighers – one just 16 away from the 100 needed, one 50 away and the next in line 90 away. Trustee Barfield added that Jon Bennett challenged all Division members at the Div. 9 annual convention that if their chapter out recruited us, he would give them \$100 out of his pocket.

- h. **Reports:** Don Sullivan. Advised the AFSA fiscal year 2006 ended April 30, 2006. FY4Q06 How Goes It, Financial and Americanism reports (Feb-Apr) are due by May 15<sup>th</sup> and delinquent by June 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have them submitted by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- i. **Airman Activities Coordinator:** Kristi Binard unable to attend. President Pepin recapped the activities she reported at the Executive Council meeting yesterday as follows: Reported the following activities for April and the first part of May: (1) April 22 - 2 volunteers to help paint at the American Legion, (2) April 27 – 5 vols. helped stuff 400 goody bags for the Jim Thorpe Children Challenge (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders), (3) April 28 – Furnished 2 vols. for the MWC Parks Dept.'s Hershey Track event, (4) May 5 & 6 – 6 vols. to help in the March of Dimes Walk America, and (5) May 10 – 1 vol. to support a track event for the children at Taft Football stadium. She is checking with the Jesus House and Ronald McDonald House to see if they need any help in May. Coordinator Binard briefed she is developing collection points for a Toy Collection Drive for OU Children's Medical Center. She is also looking into expanding the AAC to trying a social event(s) to attract the Airmen. Currently, our program's mission is to just be the humanitarian/outreach arm of the chapter.

- j. **Web Site:** Nicholas Smith unable to attend. President Pepin advised that the site will be completely updated this weekend. In the meantime, do not access the Minutes link. The photos from the banquet were loaded into this link and crashed his computer twice because of the size of the folder. He will remove and upload the contents anew, the photos to their own link. Go visit at URL [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org).

## 7. Old Business:

- a. **Chapter Polo Shirts.** Mike Devenitch advised we still have ample chapter polo shirts for sale at a reduced price of \$15.00. **Item Open.**
- b. Spring Handicap Dance for the Adult Mentally Challenged. Mike Devenitch will be the POC since he has returned from deployment. The event will be held May 21, 2006 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM in the pavilion next to the golf course. We will need about 20 volunteers – an e-mail will go out next week advising same. We are beginning to get response/commitments from care homes already. **Item Open.**
- c. **Division 9 Convention, Minot, ND (May 5,6&7, 2006).** President Pepin briefed that we had 6 delegates attend and 77 votes. Chapter Senior Advisor Jon Bennett was elected Vice President, and Kristi Binard and Shauna Quirk were appointed Airmen Activities Coordinator and Secretary, respectively. A budgeted donation of \$200.00 was presented to the Air Force Enlisted Widows Home Director of Marketing, Cathy Landroche. The Chapter and/or its members won the following Division 9 Awards this year:
  - Member of the Year – Michael Devenitch
  - First Term Airman of the Year – Shauna Quirk
  - Chapter of the Year (Over 500 Members)
  - Humanitarian Chapter of the Year
  - Web Site of the Year

Individual Legislative of the Year – James Pepin  
Chapter Legislative of the Year  
President’s Award – Don Sullivan

All except the President’s Award will compete at the next level at the AFSA International Convention, August 13-17, 2006 in Reno, Nevada. Jon Bennett reminded the members that we are so successful because Don Sullivan is one of the best writers he’s ever seen and writes all the packages. **Item Closed.**

## 8. **New Business:**

- a. **International Convention.** President Pepin briefed the convention is scheduled for August 13-17, 2006 at Reno, Nevada. The chapter budgeted for a full page program ad, which this year will cost \$215.00 and is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Council likes the ad used for the Division Convention program, just changing references to International. President Pepin will send it and an alternate to the Exec. Council for comments/input. VP Devenitch reminded all that these conventions are informative and fun. Last year in Dallas, we had SecDef Rumsfeld as a speaker and plenty of well named entertainment. Item Open
- b. **VP of the Tinker POW/MIA Committee Annual Golf Tournament.** President Pepin advised he received an e-mail this morning requesting our usual support of sponsoring a hole for \$100.00. Mike Devenitch motioned we do so, Chief O seconded, motion carried. Item Closed.
- c. **OU Children’s Medical Center Toy Collection Drive.** Initially reported on under the Airman Activities Coordinator’s report above. An e-mail has been sent through our mailing list server. POC Mike Crawford in the Med Group said he is already getting heaps of e-mail from all across the base. Collections boxes will be placed at various locations, and who/how to deliver to the medical center will be determined. Mike briefed they have room at the Med Group to store collected items. He and President Pepin will coordinate transportation to

deliver the goods. Item Open.

d. **BX Recruiting Booth.** President Pepin and Mike Devenitch secured a recruiting booth at the BX for May 15, 2006 from 10:00 – 4:00 PM. They further briefed the membership how to approach and solicit potential members. Pepin's personal goal is 45 new members. President Pepin also reminded that he briefed 44 students at ALS on May 9, and we have a briefing scheduled for the only FTAC class of the month Friday, May 12, at 1345 hours. Item Open.

e. **Play Station Tournament.** President Pepin briefed that TSgt Hodges is interested in having a Play Station Madden Football Tournament for AFSA and Non-AFSA members in hopes of soliciting membership. TSgt Hodges indicated he would be the POC for this and anticipates holding it in August/September 2006, more to come. Item Open

9. President Pepin solicited comments from around the room. There being none further, Don Sullivan motioned to adjourn, Tim Ossinger seconded, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1220 hours.

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Donald Sullivan for//  
JAMES PEPIN  
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President

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Secretary