

# Thunderbird Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2006

1. Meeting convened at 1145 hours. President Pepin advised we did not have a quorum. Don Sullivan motioned to waive the quorum requirements, Jon Bennett seconded, motion carried.
2. **Opening Ceremonies:** Moment of Silent Reflection in lieu of Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance: Jon Bennett  
AFSA Preamble: Veronica Marshall

3. **Members Present:**

Don Sullivan	Kristi Binard
Veronica Marshall	
Michael Brown	Sheva
Jones	Tim Ossinger
Jonathan Bennett	Jeffrey
James	Tabitha Nixon
James Pepin	Nicholas
Smith	Eddie Compton
Tammy J. Snyder	Joanne Compton

\* Denotes New Attendees

Guests: None

4. **Introductions:** President Pepin welcomed and recognized various categories of attendees CMSgts, new members, first time attendees, etc.
5. **Presentations:** Senior Advisor Jon Bennett presented Chapter President CMSgt (Select) James Pepin with an AFSA Chief's Creed showing his #385 promotion line number.
6. **Reports:**

- a. **Legislative:** Jim Howard – Unable to attend. President

Pepin advised Howard had e-mailed him the Chapter Legislative Report for November 2006, and he will e-mail to members via our list server - a lot going as a result of the elections. We now have a Democrat controlled US Senate and US House, also Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld resigned, etc.

- b. **Activities/Programs:** Jeff James- Mary Kramer briefed the First Sergeants Council on the month-long AFSA Gift Wrap fundraiser and need for volunteers.
- c. **Communications:** Tim Ossinger – Briefed we continue to have articles announcing our meeting published twice a month in the Tinker Take Offs.
- d. **Awards:** Mike Devenitch – Unable to attend. President Pepin advised we supported the Annual Honor Guard Banquet with a Newcomer of the Year Award on 2 Nov 06, and the Base Quarterly Awards for 3Q06 on 3 Nov 06 with awards and letters of appreciation for the SNCO, NCO, Jr. Enlisted, and Senior and Junior Honor Guard Members of the Quarter.
- e. **Treasurer's Report:** Don Sullivan for Rob Binard – Provided a comprehensive briefing of the October 2006 Treasurer's Report, there were no questions.
- f. **Secretary's Report:** Don Sullivan for Mike Crawford – Summarized the General Membership Meeting minutes for October 2006 (they had previously been distributed via our web list server). Also reviewed the minutes (no quorum – more like a memo for record) for the November 2, 2006 Executive Counsel Meeting. There being no issues, motion was made by Eddie Compton to accept as written, seconded by Jeff James - motion carried.
- g. **Recruiting:** President Pepin briefed that Jon

Bennett now has 63 new members recruited, and that the 27 November FTAC is the only recruiting opportunity currently available for November.

- h. **Reports:** Don Sullivan advised AFSA 2nd quarter FY2007 ended 31 October. Required reports are due by November 15<sup>th</sup>, and are ready to go as soon as they can be reviewed by the President and Treasurer.
- i. **Airman Activities Coordinator:** Kristi Binard reported: She obtained 15 volunteers October 7 to repaint the upstairs residence area of the Jesus House. The Jesus House is a food pantry and shelter for homeless people with dual diagnosis. Dual diagnosis indicates that they have a mental disorder and an addiction of some sort. She obtained 19 volunteers for the Saint Ann's Retirement Center Dinner and Dance for retiree residents on October 26. She obtained 6 volunteers for Midwest City Parks and Recreations Trick-or-Treat City October 26-31. This is a safe trick-or-treat alternative that hosts a carnival and candy stop for the local children. She obtained 6 volunteers for carpentry trim work for Habitat for Humanity on October 27. So far in November we have volunteer opportunities Nov 10 – Ronald McDonald House, Nov. 17 – Habitat for Humanity, and Nov. 30 – Saint Ann's Retirement Center Dinner and Dance. The Jesus House "bag-drag" is in the works, Our Chapter would like to collect toiletry items to support the residence of the Jesus House. Jeff James has requested First Sergeants aid, but the response has been slow due to so many holiday projects. Kristi may solicit help from her base of unit representatives or wait until after the holidays for this project.
- j. **Web Site:** Nicholas Smith - advised he is currently putting a link on the opening page of our web site to

our Gift Wrap Project, which will include POCs and the schedule. Check out our website [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org)

## 7. **Old Business:**

- a. **Chapter Polo Shirts.** President Pepin advised we still have shirts for sale at \$15.00. Chief O advised that VP Devenitch has ordered the two of them long sleeve pull over shirts with chapter logo. If anyone else is interested in purchasing same, please contact VP Devenitch so he can order. No inventory will be maintained on these shirts. **Item Open**
  
- b. **Network 5/6.** VP Devenitch requested we give network 56 \$50.00 a quarter. Chief Ossinger advised he had discussed this request with the Network 56 President, and our one-time \$750.00 donation a couple of years ago to help them get started. They still have \$500.00 of this donation. They further discussed some various options available to them, and they are no longer asking for a donation. Chief O motioned to close this item with no further action, motion seconded by Tabitha Nixon, motion carried. **Item Closed**
  
- c. **City Rescue Mission Project.** VP Devenitch was unable to attend, so we have no update on this project. He had advised previously that the donor he had lined up had reduced their potential commitment from \$2,000 to \$1,000 – we initially approved to supplement with a \$500.00 donation if the remaining \$2,000 could be secured from other means to buy a commercial freezer for the facility. Jeff James asked if VP Devenitch ever solicited other base private organizations, but no one knew. Chief Ossinger motioned that since the contingency was not met, that our approval for the \$500.00 be withdrawn and the matter can be reopened at a later time if necessary. Jon Bennett seconded, motion carried. **Item Closed**

- d. **Annual Holiday Gift Wrap.** A1C Jennifer Montes, 552 MOS, is the Scheduler POC. She advised the booth will be set up at the main BX on 22 November. The booth will be open from 24 Nov- 24 Dec 2006 from 0900-2100, with volunteers working 4hr shifts; 360 volunteer slots need to be filled with 50 now filled. 966 AACS First Sergeant has committed her unit to working the booth one full day. We anticipate more doing so. Gifts will be wrapped for donations again this year. **Item Open**
  
- e. **AFSA International President John "Doc" McCauslin and wife Maria's visit, Nov. 1-2, 2006.** President Pepin briefed that some members of the Executive Council had an informal dinner with them the night of November 1 at the Santa Fe Steakhouse. Also several briefings on November 2: (1) breakfast briefing with Chiefs and First Sergeants, (2) legislative briefing in the 552 OG Auditorium for all comers, (3) informal briefing to attendees at the chapter executive council meeting over lunch, and (4) briefing to FTAC students in the club. The chapter paid for his lodging on-base and meals while here as previously approved. **Item Close**
  
- f. **Combined CCM Welcome Reception.** VP Devenitch is POC and has coordinated and rescheduled this event for 1500 hours, Monday, December 11, 2006. The reception will honor new CCM CMSgts Cherry, 72ABW, Foltz, 552ACW and Long, 507ARW. \$300.00 was previously approved for this event. **Item Open**

8. **New Business:** None

- a. **Dorm Clean Up, November 4, 2006.** President Pepin briefed an e-mail vote was taken and approved to serve hot cocoa during this project. Approx. 150 cups of cocoa were served by chapter members. **Item Closed**
  
- b. **OK Military Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Tickets, November 10, 2006.** The chapter executive council approved by e-mail vote to purchase 7 tickets to this event for members desiring to go at a cost of

\$210.00. We were unable to secure the tickets so no funds were expended. **Item Closed**

- c. **Yukla Memorial.** Don Sullivan advised he was contacted by the 964 AACCS First Sergeant Reynolds that they were out of US Flags that the chapter furnishes for this memorial. This is a budgeted item. Don ordered 3 for our internet source Eagle Mountain at a total cost of \$119.70 on his credit card. Chief O motioned that Don be reimbursed upon receipt of invoice, seconded by Tabitha Nixon, motion carried. **Item Closed**

9. President Pepin solicited comments from around the room. There being none, Chief Ossinger motioned to adjourn, Eddie Compton seconded - motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1225 hours.

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//Signed//Don Sullivan for//

MICHAEL DEVENITCH

CRAWFORD

Vice President

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Secretary