

Thunderbird Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2007

1. Meeting convened at 1140 hours. President Pepin declared a quorum
2. **Opening Ceremonies:** Moment of Silent Reflection in lieu of Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance: James Pepin
AFSA Preamble: Kristi Binard

3. **Members Present:**

Kristi Binard	Michael Devenitch
James Pepin	
	Tim Ossinger
Rob Binard	Terry Turner
	Jonathan Bennett
*Jeremy Peltier	Nicholas Smith
	Ralph Binkley
Rebecca Galambos	*Richard Edwards
	James Foltz
*Krista Patton	*Jonathan Daniel
	*Ann Percy
Jeremy Marshall	* Heidi Chesser
	Veronica Marshall
	Tabitha Nixon

* Denotes New Attendees

Guests: None

4. **Introductions:** President Pepin welcomed and recognized various categories of attendees CCMSgt Foltz, CMSgts, new members, first time attendees, etc.
5. **Presentations:** None
6. **Reports:**

- a. **Legislative:** Jim Howard – Unable to attend. No report made. President Pepin informed that the 110th Congress is now in session. Their first goal is to work through the 20 resolutions. All bills introduced have been cleared and bills will need to be reintroduced.
- b. **Activities/Programs:** Jeff James – Unable to attend. No new activities other than gift wrap.
- c. **Communications:** Tim Ossinger – Briefed the Tinker Take-off will begin publishing for 2007 on January 12th, we should see announcements again starting with the next edition before our Feb meeting.
- d. **Awards:** Mike Devenitch – Briefed the awards schedule that we support through March 2007: (1) Base Quarterly 4Q06 Awards, 1 Feb 07; (2) 72 ABW annual awards, 9 Feb 07; (3) 552ACW annual awards, 15 Feb 07; (4) base annual awards, 3 Mar 07; and (5) AFSA chapter annual awards banquet, 9 Mar 07.
- e. **Treasurer's Report:** Rob Binard – Provided a comprehensive briefing of the December 2006 Treasurer's Report. There were no questions.
- f. **Secretary's Report:** Mike Crawford – Unable to attend. President Pepin advised minutes from the General Membership Meeting, December 14, 2006 and Executive Council Meeting, December 7, 2006 were distributed to all members via our e-mail list server and asked if there were any comments/questions. There being no issues, motion was made by Tim Ossinger to accept as written, seconded by Ralph Binkley - motion carried.
- g. **Recruiting:** President Pepin briefed we had 460 new members for 2006. Chapter retained 139. 17 new members were recruited during FTAC on 5

January 2007, 4 new members from ALS on 4 January. NCOPEs will be briefed at the end of January.

- h. **Reports:** Don Sullivan was unavailable, President Pepin advised all reports are current, including the AFSA Team Tinker for December 2006 which is attached to the January 4th Executive Council Minutes and being forwarded to 72MSG/SVF for our private organization folder.
- i. **Airman Activities Coordinator:** Kristi Binard provided a summary of activities completed in December 2006. These activities are also in the AFSA Team Tinker for December 2006. She does have a volunteer opportunity for the Ronald McDonald House Charities on January 18th at 1800.
- j. **Web Site:** Nicholas Smith – Web site is current to include chapter elections procedures and dates. No information regarding the wrap booth is available on the website, any inquiries should be forwarded to President Pepin. Check out our website - www.afsa985.org.

6. **Old Business:**

- a. **City Rescue Mission Project.** VP Devenitch gave an overview of the project. The current status is we received and deposited a \$1,000 donation from Wal-Mart dedicated to buying a stacking washer/dryer. The chapter has approved a total purchase, delivery and setup cost of \$1,003. The Chapter stands to possibly receive a \$59 reimbursement for the delivery charge. If this happens, AFSA will deliver the \$59 to the City Rescue Mission Project for their disbursement of the funds as they see fit. The Washer/Dryers will be delivered to the mission on January 12, 2007. **Item Open.**

- b. **Chapter Polo Shirts.** Vice President advised we still have short sleeve polo shirts for sale at \$15.00 and 1 long sleeve at \$27.00. President Pepin made a motion to close this item with a second from Tim Ossinger. **Item Closed.**
- c. **Annual Holiday Gift Wrap.** President Pepin briefed a summary of the month-long event. 2006 set a new record of the most volunteers, most hours worked, and most net proceeds ever (we know in the last 18 years). He is currently doing letters of appreciation for volunteers. President Pepin also advised that American Greetings is reducing their order of paper, bows, etc., in the future and will no longer be able to donate these items to us. He motioned the chapter spend \$300-\$500 purchasing wrapping paper and supplies for next year while the 75% sales are on. VP Mike Devenitch 2nd, motion carried. The Binard's volunteered to be POCs for this project. Chief O volunteered to provide the storage. **Item Open**

7. **New Business:**

- a. **Chapter Annual Banquet – Friday, March 9, 2007.** President Pepin briefed that Yvette Hodges and Ann Pearcie agreed to co-chair the banquet. Yvette briefed she will be holding a short meeting immediately following the general membership meeting for those interested in helping out. President Pepin has sent an e-mail to President of the First Sergeants Council, SMSgt Marc Anderson, about the First Term Airmen of the Year Program. SMSgt Anderson sent the 2007 FTA Guidelines to Tinker First Sergeants with local requirements and board date. **Item Open.**
- b. **Disbursement of Funds (one-time/budgeting).** President Pepin advised the Executive Council will be looking at who we will donate funds to in the near future. There have been some increases for goods we use in recognition/recruiting programs. We'll be looking

at what we desire for one-time donations as opposed to recurring budget needs. Results will be submitted to the general membership for review/approval. President Pepin also said people donating at the gift wrap asked where the funds went, and he responded mostly to Tinker programs. Accordingly, our focus should be on Tinker needs first. Treasurer Binard will forward President Pepin the budget for dissemination to the Executive Council so all items can be discussed. **Item Open**

- c. **Chapter Elections.** President Pepin advised that he appointed Senior Advisor Jon Bennett as Nominating Committee Chair for our February 8, 2007 election of chapter officers. All elected/appointed positions are available for 1 year terms except Vice President who was elected in 2006 for a 2 year term, which runs to 2008. If you're interested, please call Jon Bennett on Cell 200-3725 or e-mail sgtbuzzcut@aol.com. Jon advised that Bryan Thompson is the first on the list, already nominated for President; additionally, for the position of trustee we have Michael Crawford, James Howard, Beth Flemming, Mary Kramer, Rob Binard, Kristi Binard, Timothy Ossinger, and Terry Turner. More to come on this subject. **Item Open**

8. There being no further business, President Pepin solicited comments from around the room. There being none, James Pepin motioned we adjourn, Michael Devenitch seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1215 hours.

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//Signed//Kristi Binard for

JAMES PEPIN

CRAWFORD

President

MICHAEL

Secretary