

Thunderbird Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

General Membership Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2007

1. Meeting convened at 1135 hours. President Pepin declared a quorum
2. **Opening Ceremonies:** Moment of Silent Reflection in lieu of Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance: SMSgt (Ret) Jon Bennett
AFSA Preamble: SSgt Jennifer Jones

3. **Members Present:**

Don Sullivan	Kristi Binard
Mary kramer	
	Terry Turner
Sheva Jones	James Pepin
	Jonathan Bennett
Rob Binard	Nicholas Smith
	Veronica Marshall
Tabitha Nixon	Michael Brown
	Jennifer Jones
Lowell Bymun	Lance Turner
	Michael Crawford
Stephanie Selmon	Heidi Chesser
	David Lowe
Yvette Hodges	Chloe Rainey
	Jennifer Montes
	Ann Percy

* 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. Sent President Pepin the Chapter Legislative Report for January 2006 yesterday, which he briefed. President Pepin e-mailed it to members via our list server.
- b. **Activities/Programs:** JJeff James – Unable to attend. No new activities were discussed.
- c. **Communications:** Tim Ossinger – Unable to attend. President Pepin briefed AFSA submitted 2 articles to the Tinker Take Off, one about today's meeting and one about our annual awards banquet March 9, 2007.
- d. **Awards:** Mike Devenitch – Unable to attend. The following awards schedule was previously briefed that we support through March 2007: (1) 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 January 2007 Treasurer's Report. Don Sullivan motioned to accept, Mike Crawford seconded, motion carried.
- f. **Secretary's Report:** Mike Crawford – Advised minutes from the General Membership Meeting, January 11, 2007 and Executive Council Meeting, February 1, 2007 were distributed to all members via our e-mail list server and asked if there were any comments/questions. There being no issues, a motion was made by Rob Binard to accept as written, seconded by Don Sullivan - motion carried.
- g. **Recruiting:** President Pepin briefed that Chapter

985 was the top recruiting and retaining chapter in Division 9 and tied with Chapter 988/Altus to lead Division 9 with 4 Skyhighers each. Division 9 is the second SkyHigher producer in AFSA with 14 following Division 610 with 29.

- h. **Reports:** Don Sullivan advised all reports are current, including the AFSA Team Tinker for January 2007 which is attached to the February 1st Executive Council Minutes.
- i. **Airman Activities Coordinator:** Kristi Binard arrived late. Don Sullivan provided a summary of projects worked in January. They can be seen on the attached AFSA Team Tinker for January 2007.
- j. **Web Site:** Nicholas Smith/ James Pepin – Web site is current until further information is received to upload. Check out our website - www.afsa985.org.

7. **Old Business:**

- a. **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 has just finished doing letters of appreciation for volunteers. President Pepin also advised that American Greetings are 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. They purchased \$275.03 worth of supplies for next year. Chief O volunteered to provide the storage. **Item Closed.**
- b. **Chapter Annual Banquet.** Friday, March 9, 2007 (Hodges or Percy). FTA Board was held today. President Pepin briefed the banquet status. **Item Open.**

- c. **Disbursement of Funds (one-time/budgeting).** President Pepin briefed that the new Executive Council will prepare a new budget and submit it along with any other recommendations to the general membership before it's May 15th due date. The item can be closed for now. **Item Closed**
- d. **Chapter Supplies.** Chief Ossinger will check prices on tables and chairs to be used for chapter fundraisers and other business and brief his findings. He has room to store them. **Item Open**
- e. **Thank You's.** President Pepin read thank you correspondence received from the Blue Star Mothers of America, Will Rogers Airport Military Hospitality Suite and Ronald McDonald House that was sent to Chapter 985. **Item Closed**
- f. **Will Rogers Airport Military Hospitality Suite.** The organization is still in need of support for monetary donations until it receives the full support of the USO. Our position is to wait until later part of February when it should be know if the USO organization takes them over. If they do, the donations will no longer be needed. **Item Open**

8. New Business:

Elections. President Pepin asked the membership if there was any new business prior to our election of new officers. There being none, he turned the meeting over to Senior Advisor Bennett to conduct the elections. Jon Bennett briefs:

(1) 30 day notice of elections in accordance with AFSA Manual 100-2, Principle 6, was given at the General Membership Meetings December 14, 2006 and January 11, 2007. My name, phone number and e-mail address as Nominating Committee

Chairperson and President Pepin were given at those times for members interested in running for office to contact us.

(2) All positions are vacant this year and are one year terms except the Vice President which is a two year term beginning in even years.

(3) AFSA Manual also specifies that all Trustees can be elected or appointed for 1 or 2 year terms. Chapter Standing Rules 2006-3 and 2006-4, as approved by the general membership, specifies we will elect 3 Trustees for 1 year terms and allow the President to appoint two additional Trustees as desired. The Standing Rules also state we will use a pre-printed ballot for the trustee positions, and the trustee getting the most votes will be 1st trustee and so on. You should have a pre-printed ballot before you.

(4) Election may be by open or secret ballot. We have a preprinted ballot for the trustees and in the past have used the open ballot system. May we have a motion to elect the President by open ballot? Motion by Don Sullivan seconded by Kathy Smith. Motion carried.

(5) We can have limited speeches by each candidate or their representative or not. Motion to eliminate speeches made by Don Sullivan seconded by Terry Turner. Motion carried

(6) We will now elect the President for a one year term. The following individual has been nominated.

MSgt Bryan Thompson

MSgt Thompson is at the SNCO Academy, but has accepted the nomination. President Pepin read his acceptance. After no response to a call for any other

nominations for President from the floor 3 times, Don Sullivan motioned to close nominations, seconded by Kristi Binard. Motion carried.

Motion to elect Bryan Thompson as President by acclamation was made by Don Sullivan, seconded by David Lowe. Motion Carried

CONGRATULATIONS TO: President Bryan Thompson

(7) No Vice President is being elected. Vice President is the only 2 year term and SMSgt Devenitch's term will not expire until March 2008.

(8) "On the pre-printed ballot, the following individuals have indicated their desire to seek the office of Trustee and have accepted their nomination. They are listed alphabetically and each one stood as their name was called so everyone could see who they were: Each individual did indicate that they still accepted the nomination.

Trustees: TSgt Robert Binard

SSgt Heidi Chesser

TSgt Michael Crawford

MSgt Beth Flemming (TDY to SNCOA but had accepted previously)

MSgt Rebecca Galambos

TSgt James Howard

MSgt Mary Kramer

MSgt Terry Turner

We will now elect three Trustees from the ballot. Are there any other nominations from the floor for Trustee? A call for nominations from the floor was made 3 times. There being no response, Don Sullivan motioned to close the nominations for Trustee, seconded by Tabitha Nixon, motion carried.

The general membership was advised to circle the three nominees they wish to vote for on the ballot provided. The person receiving the most votes will be 1st Trustee, and so on. President Pepin and John Bennett collected and counted the votes to tell us the top three vote getters.

The President can use the remaining nominees on the ballot to appoint two other Trustees and other appointed positions if he prefers, or select from some other source.

We have been informed that Rob Binard, Terry Turner, and Mary Kramer are the three nominees that have the most votes. They have been elected as follows:

1st Trustee – Rob Binard
2nd Trustee – Terry Turner
3rd Trustee – Mary Kramer

A motion to elect these three by acclamation was made by President Pepin, second by David Lowe. Motioned carried.

Congratulations were offered to all and the elections were closed. Jon Bennett then turned the meeting back to President Pepin.

9. President Pepin solicited comments from around the room. There being none and no further business, Rob Binard motioned to adjourn, Kathy Smith seconded – motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1247 hours.

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JAMES PEPIN
CRAWFORD
President

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MICHAEL
Secretary

