

Thunderbird Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2007

1. Meeting convened at 1145 hours. President Pepin declared a quorum.

2. **Opening Ceremonies:** Moment of Silent Reflection in lieu of Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: SMSgt (Ret) Jon Bennett

AFSA Preamble: MSgt Terry Turner

3. **Members Present:** Don Sullivan, Kristi Binard, Michael Crawford, Terry Turner, James Pepin, Bryan Thompson

Jonathan Bennett, Rob Binard, Jennifer Jones, Lowell Bynum, Rebecca Galambos, Jeff James

Andrew Cathy, Lisa Sears, *Jason Sears, *D.A. Radford

* Denotes New Attendees

Guests: None

4. **Introductions:** President Pepin welcomed and recognized various categories of attendees, new members, first time attendees, etc. TSgt Kristi Binard recognized for putting her new stripes on 1 March.

5. **Presentations:** None

6. **Reports:**

a. **Legislative:** Jim Howard – Unable to attend. However, he sent President Pepin the Chapter Legislative Report for February 2007, which he briefed. He also advised the group to contact their state congressman in reference to DoD seeking to raise Tricare prices again. President Pepin e-mailed it to members via our list server.

- b. **Activities/Programs:** Jeff James – No new activities other than our banquet to be discussed in Old Business.
- 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. No awards pending.
- e. **Treasurer's Report:** Rob Binard – Provided a comprehensive briefing of the February 2007 Treasurer's Report. Bryan Thompson motioned to accept, Jon Bennett seconded, motion carried.
- f. **Secretary's Report:** Mike Crawford – Advised minutes from the General Membership Meeting, February 8, 2007 and Executive Council Meeting, March 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 Bryan Thompson - motion carried.
- g. **Recruiting:** President Pepin briefed we are close to 100 new members being recruited, but not a SkyHIGHer yet.
- h. **Reports:** Don Sullivan advised that we are current on all reports, and the AFSA Team Tinker for February 2007 is attached to the March 1, 2007 Executive Council Meeting minutes.
- i. **Airman Activities Coordinator:** Kristi Binard reported no projects in February. She sent an e-mail asking for volunteers for the OKC Arts Festival scheduled for a week in April. Heidi Chesser sent a request for volunteers for the annual OKC Bombing Memorial scheduled for 29 April.
- j. **Web Site:** Nicholas Smith/ James Pepin – A couple of postings will be uploaded to make our web site current. www.afsa985.org.

7. Old Business:

- a. **Chapter Elections/Appointments.** President Pepin recapped those

elected to office and the other positions he appointed as follows: **Elected:** President-Bryan Thompson; VP-Mike Devenitch (a year to go on term); 1st Trustee-Rob Binard; 2nd Trustee-Terry Turner; 3rd Trustee-Mary Kramer. **Appointed:** 4th Trustee-Michael Crawford; 5th Trustee-Lisa Sears; Secretary-Kristi Binard; Treasurer-Rebecca Galambos; Co-Airmen Activity Coordinators-Heidi Chesser and Ann Percy; Historian/Senior Advisor-Don Sullivan. New officers will be installed at our Chapter Annual Awards Banquet, 9 Mar 07. Committee assignments will be made after the installation by new President Thompson. **Item Closed**

b. **Chapter Annual Banquet.** President Pepin/Jeff James briefed we're now at 125 for the banquet and all is progressing as expected. The dry run will be at 1000 Friday now instead of 0800. If you can help decorate check with Ann Percy. Turner will read the Pre-Amble and take care of all communication. Bryan Thompson and Yvette Hodges will be the MC's for the event. **Item Open**

c. **Will Rogers Airport Military Hospitality Suite.** Kristi Binard briefed that she checked and the national YMCA is scheduled to take this function over 1 June. In the meantime, the Blue Star Mothers of America, who currently operate the suite need funds. Don Sullivan motioned to donate \$150.00, Rob Binard seconded – motion carried. **Item Closed**

d. **Enlisted Heritage Hall at Maxwell-Gunter AFB.** Member Veronica Marshall suggested we make a donation to the Enlisted Heritage Hall. Don Sullivan explained the paved brick program. Bryan Thompson advised there is another program for donations. Don Sullivan made a motion to make a \$250 donation, Kristi Binard Seconded – motion carried. Rob Binard wrote and gave the check to Bryan Thompson to complete the transaction. He will check with the Institute's Director CMSgt McVicar for options/procedures. **Item Closed**

e. **Dorm Clean Up Funding.** VP Devenitch at a prior meeting reopened the discussion about our chapter taking over the Dorm Clean Up project funding. Jeff James advised that Operation Warm heart has an off-base donor and quite adequate funds just now, and that the clean up is twice a year at approx. \$1,000-1,200 each. We're now told that funds may not be adequate from regular sources to defray the expenses of this event. President Pepin suggested for President elect

Thompson to look into other organizations that would also help fund this event on 12 May 2007. **Item Tabled**

f. **High School AFJROTC Banquets.** Don Sullivan advised we usually support 6 high school programs in the area every year. The events are mess dress/semi-formal. We have already received two requests that we need volunteers to RSVP for:

Midwest City – April 12, 6:30PM (representatives will be Jennifer Jones and Bryan Thompson)

Edmond North – April 20, 6:30PM (representative will be Jon Bennett)

Item Open

g. **Chapter Credit/Debit Card.** Don Sullivan advised AFSA will require a credit card to order supplies, process apps, etc. starting with the AFSA FY2008 (May 1). Several options have been discussed. The preferred option is a credit card with a \$600.00 limit, but we're having difficulty getting one in our chapter's name. Further checking will be made. **Item Tabled**

h. **2007 Spring Fling (Adult Mentally Challenged Dance).** Mike Devenitch is trying for Sunday, April 15, 2007. He will check with some of the care homes and make sure there are no conflicts. Yvette Hodges will check on getting the stuffed animals donated again. **Item Open**

i. **Division 9 Convention.** Don Sullivan briefed about the Division 9 Convention to be held in Kansas City on April 19-21, 2007 hosted by Division 8. **Item Open**

j. **Donation for Family of Deceased Enlisted.** Rob Binard advised that he knew a 38-year old MSgt that died of cancer and that he didn't want to set precedence, but would like to see the chapter make a donation to the family. Don Sullivan said we would be setting precedence, and in his opinion if we were going to donate something, we should funnel it through an organization that deals with this sort of thing. Bryan Thompson advised that usually these families are extremely well taken care of by the Air Force. It was decided to table this item until we can see if a need exist, or for a memorial, etc. **Item**

Tabled

8. New Business:

a. **Club Meeting Room Fees-** Don Sullivan briefed that 72d MSG has been paying for meeting rooms at the club, but no longer have the funds to do so. He checked with club manager Pat Simpson who advised they are not going to charge for the meeting rooms just yet. It will depend on if enough of the attendees eat to offset the expenses. The club will reassess the situation at a later date. Mr. Simpson did ask we appeal to our members to eat when they attend meetings. **Item Closed**

b. There being no further discussions, President Pepin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Terry Turner, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1253 hours.

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James E. Pepin, President
Secretary

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Michael Crawford,