



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General membership Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2008

1. Meeting convened at 1135 hours. President Thompson declared a quorum.
2. **Opening Ceremonies:** Observed a moment of silence in lieu of Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance led by President Bryan Thompson
AFSA Preamble read by Tim Ossinger
3. **Members Present:**

Bryan Thompson	Lawrence Bach	Don Sullivan	Rebecca Galambos
Tim Ossinger	Bethann Fleming	Jordy Ward	Tiffany Gordon
Yaritza Liriano	Rob Binard	Patrick Martin	Kristi Binard
James Gordon	Mary Hagan	Joseph Sachleben	Duaine Ross
Ralph Binkley	Paul Findley	Terry Turner	Lowell 'Doug' Bynum
Deb Johnson	Rhonda Griffin	Caitlin Davies	Jeffrey Joy
Tammy Jo Snyder	Glenda Ipock		
4. **Special welcome:** CMSgt Mary Hagan & CMSgt (ret) Timothy Ossinger; guests and/or first time attendees Tammy Jo Snyder, Rhonda Griffin, Caitlin Davies, Richard Waters, Martha Johnson and Jeffrey Joy.
5. **Reports:**
 - A. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Lawrence Bach advised minutes from the November 6th Executive Council and October 19th General Membership meeting minutes were disseminated via our list server and are posted on our web site. Some hard copies were in the back of the room with the sign-in sheet. Don Sullivan motioned to accept the minutes as written, Rob Binard seconded, motioned carried.
 - B. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rebecca Galambos provided a comprehensive briefing of the October 2008 Treasurer's Report. Rob Binard motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Trustee Terry Turner.
 - C. **Reports:** VP Rebecca Galambos stated all reports are up to date. The Team Tinker Report is up to date and posted on the website.
 - D. **Legislative:** Mike Devenitch completed and emailed October's Legislative report. If you did not receive it you can visit the website for more updates. One topic covered includes the FY09 National Defense Authorization Act with the change that military members may now salute while in civilian clothing during the National Anthem.
 - E. **Activities/Programs:** Mary Kramer – unable to attend. President Thompson stated the annual gift wrap booth fundraiser at the Base Exchange is approved and the event will start Saturday, November 29th, 2 days after Thanksgiving. It has also been decided that less volunteers will be needed for the first few weeks limiting the over-manning of the booth. Tiffany Gordon stated the fundraiser schedule is filling up but we still need more volunteers. We received another donation of wrapping paper.
 - F. **Airman Activities Coordinators:** Sharona Cortez-Sablan – unable to attend. President Thompson briefed that we are still furnishing volunteers as an ongoing project to different charities to include; Jesus House and Youth Services for Oklahoma County. We will not be starting new volunteer opportunities throughout the holiday season that may interfere with the gift wrap fundraiser. More information for these and other volunteer opportunities will be sent out via the AAC email listing.
 - G. **Recruiting/Retention:**

- (1) **New Members:** Terry Turner briefed that Chapter 985 has 344 new members YTD for a total membership of 1,942 as of November 13th.
 - (2) **Retentions:** Bethann Fleming briefed we have 13 retentions for October giving us a grand total of 78 YTD. Many are working the current renewal lists contacting members by phone with 57 contacted and 4 renewed in October from renewal list.
 - (3) **Unit Representatives:** Rob Binard briefed that we currently have 16 unit representatives and we have scheduled a training class to educate our new Unit Representatives on November 18th. Further, anyone interested to please contact him and he would schedule them for a brief training session.
- H. **Communications:** Lisa Sears - unable to attend. President Thompson advised that the AFSA Team Tinker for October 2008 is complete and submitted to Debra Kirby for our PO folder. No newspaper reminder was sent to the Tinker Take Off.
- I. **Awards:** President Thompson briefed that the Team Tinker Awards were November 7th and he attended. AFSA changed their gift for award winners from the coin holder to a 18-month membership and certificate for Airmen and 1-year AFSA membership and a certificate for the NCO/SNCO winners.
- J. **Website:** David Weller-Fahy - deployed. President Thompson briefed we had 67 unique visitors in October. Our e-mail list server distribution is up to 2,082 addressees as of the end of October.

6. **Old Business:**

- A. **Open Trustee/Legislative Chair Position.** Bryan Thompson appointed Paul Findley to the position and asked for the general membership to confirm the appointment. Bethann Fleming motioned to accept Paul Findley's appointment to Legislative Chair, Rebecca Galambos seconded the motion, and motion carried. **(Item Closed).**
- B. **Housing Privatization.** Created hindrances for low income Airmen. Joseph Sachleben briefed how the new housing privatization is creating financial problems, due to the posting of BAH on their Leave and Earnings Statements, for Airmen that in the past received benefits from Social Security, welfare, and other government agencies. President Thompson elevated this information via email to AFSA HQ. **(Item Closed).**
- C. **Paternity Leave.** LaRae Chapman asked about the new 'Paternity Leave' included in one of the most recently passed bills in Congress. VP Galambos stated that until the Military Personnel Section receives confirmation of specific coding for paternity leave it should be considered a permissive TDY. President Thompson elevated this information via email through AFSA HQ. **(Item Closed).**

7. **New Business:** President Thompson asked if there was any new business that we needed to discuss.

- A. **Education Grants.** Tinker Federal Credit Union has agreed to match the \$1,000 AFSA 985 donation for the Educational Grants. VP Galambos will collect the packets. The number of recipients will be based on the number of applications received and approved. **(Item Open).**

- B. AFSA Annual Awards Banquet.** President Thompson opened a discussion on the annual awards banquet format. He wanted the memberships' feelings on changing the AFSA Annual Awards Banquet to a breakfast or luncheon. The possibility of recognizing members at the Team Tinker Annual Awards Banquet or the March General Membership meeting was suggested raising some concerns including spouses not being able to attend. It was also suggested to hold it at the end of the work day like the Honor Guard Appreciation ceremony. **(Item Open).**
- C. Treasurer Position Opening.** President Thompson appointed TSgt Deb Johnson as the Treasurer replacing VP Galambos who will deploy in the spring. **(Item Closed).**
- D. Standing Rule 2008-1.** The Historian as been a non-voting member of the chapter executive council. This SR changes the Historian position to a voting position, effectively making reaching quorum requirements easier. VP Rebecca Galambos motioned to accept the changes to standing rule 2008-1 as written, Terry Turner seconded, standing rule accepted as written. **(Item Closed).**
- E. Installation of new Trustee and Treasurer.** Paul Findley and Deb Johnson were sworn in as executive council members of AFSA Chapter 985. **(Item Closed).**

8. There being no further new business, President Thompson asked for a motion to adjourn. Tim Ossinger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rob Binard, the meeting adjourned at 1204 hours.

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Lawrence G. Bach, Jr., Secretary

Approved as written

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Bryan K. Thompson, President