



General membership Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2008

1. Meeting convened at 1130 hours. President Thompson is flying today; VP Galambos presiding and declared we did not have a quorum. Don Sullivan motioned to waive the quorum requirements, Terry Turner seconded, motion passed. (Note: Normal quorum requirements were met during the progress of the meeting).
2. **Opening Ceremonies:** Observed a moment of silent reflection in lieu of Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance led by VP Galambos
AFSA Preamble read by Treasurer Deb Johnson
3. **Members Present:**

Rebecca Galambos	Don Sullivan	Terry Turner	Deb Johnson
Jon Bennett	Mary Kramer	Paul Findley	Yaritza Liriano
Tim Ossinger	Mary Hagan	Patrick Martin	Duaine Ross
Joseph Sachleben	Glenda Ipock	Michael Nuhfer	Michael Stine
William Moore	Brandi Kelley	Steve Brown	Michael Mekis
Jorge Liriano	Joshua Matson	Kamish Jerrome	Timmy Snelling
Brian Rogers	Gemma Clark	Andrew Cathey	Andre Dame
Jeffrey Joy	Martha Johnson		
4. **Special welcome:** CMSgt (Ret) Timothy Ossinger (CMSgt Hagan was out of the room); first time attendees stood and introduced themselves.
5. **Reports:**
 - A. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Lawrence Bach unable to attend. Don Sullivan advised minutes from the December 4th Executive Council and November 19th General Membership meeting minutes were disseminated via our list server and are posted on our web site. Terry Turner motioned to accept the minutes as written, Tim Ossinger seconded, motioned carried.
 - B. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Deb Johnson provided a comprehensive briefing of the November 2008 Treasurer's Report. Tim Ossinger motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Jon Bennett.
 - C. **Reports:** VP Rebecca Galambos stated all reports are up to date. AFSA quarterly Activities and Americanism and Financial reports for FY2Q09 were submitted to Division 9 President Lutzen on November 14, 2008.
 - D. **Legislative:** VP Galambos highlighted the chapter monthly legislative report for December 2008, which was distributed via our list server and posted to the chapter website.
 - E. **Activities/Programs:** Mary Kramer was present but deferred to the gift wrap POC for an update of that month-long fundraiser. Tiffany Gordon and Tasha Sheerin were unable to attend, but Yaritza Liriano reminded everyone that the schedule is posted on the website and if anyone could spare some time to please volunteer for the dates, time slots still vacant.
 - F. **Airman Activities Coordinators:** Sharona Cortez-Sablan – unable to attend. Yaritza Liriano briefed that we are still furnishing volunteers for ongoing project to different charities such as the Jesus House. We are not 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 419 new members YTD for a total membership of 1,925. Includes 16 new members recruited Monday at FTAC. Trustee Bethann Fleming is our newest and 4th SKYhigh club qualifier for the year, recruiting 101 new members in 2008.
- (2) Retentions: Bethann Fleming unable to attend. Terry Turner briefed we have 80 retentions YTD. Jon Bennett has 76 renewals. We have 4 days to help him get 24 more renewals to qualify him for the HIGHflier Club Award.
- (3) Unit Representatives: VP Galambos introduced Yaritza Liriano as our New Chairperson for the Unit Rep program. President Thompson trained her in objectives and methods to administer this program on December 9, 2008.
- (4) Newcomers Briefing: Terry Turner asked again for assistance in maintaining our presence at the base newcomer's orientation every Friday afternoon for about an hour. Andrea Dame and Brian Rogers agreed to help.

H. Communications: Lisa Sears - unable to attend. VP Galambos advised that the AFSA Team Tinker for November 2008 is complete and submitted to Debra Kirby for our PO folder. No newspaper reminder was sent to the Tinker Take Off.

I. Awards: VP Galambos reported that President Thompson attended the Airmen Leadership School Graduation December 4, 2008 and on behalf of Chapter 985 the Jon Levitow Award and a one-year membership in AFSA was presented to SSgt Daniel Ives.

J. Website: David Weller-Fahy - deployed. VP Galambos briefed we had 185 unique visitors visit our website in November. Our e-mail list server distribution is up to 2,155 addressees as of the end of November.

6. Old Business:

A. Education Grants. VP Galambos will distribute information on the grants and collect them for review by the committee. The number of recipients and monies per recipient awarded will be dependent upon total applications received and approved. The application is under review and will be made public soon (**Item Open**).

B. AFSA Annual Awards Banquet. VP Galambos briefed that several discussion have ensued over the last month about how to best conduct our annual recognition ceremony since over two thirds of the current Executive Council will be deployed or PCS when it is normally held in March 2009. Some suggested options were to go to a breakfast or luncheon format to reduce cost and time of a formal banquet. President Thompson discussed (with Chief Harmon) the possibility of announcing the AFSA First Term Airman and NCO of the Year (and possibly the AFSA Member of the Year) at the annual Team Tinker Awards Banquet as another option. After much discourse, it was the consensus of the general membership that it was important to keep the AFSA recognition program separate and distinctive from other base programs. The most popular format was for an afternoon event set-up like a retirement ceremony with uniform of the day (nominees would be in service dress). The installation of officers would be accomplished prior to the ceremony, and then proceed with our recognition program as in the past except modified for the more informal event. Hors d'oeuvres could be served following the ceremony. VP Galambos asked for volunteers to be POC for the event. Mary Kramer volunteered and Brian Rogers agreed to help. Tim Ossinger motioned to have the recognition ceremony in the pre-described format, Brian Rogers seconded, motion

passed. Mary Kramer changed the format with the club for a set-up of 200 attendees reserved for March 20, 2008 between Noon and 4:00PM. **(Item Open)**.

7. **New Business:**

A. Elections: VP Galambos announced chapter elections will be held at the general membership meeting, February 12, 2009. We will be electing a President and 3 Trustees. It is undecided how the Vice President position will be handled since one year is remaining on its two year term. Other positions will be appointed by the new president. Bryan Thompson will be the Nominating Chair. Please contact him to express your interest in a position, even if you are already serving in one. This will be announced again at our January general membership meeting. **(Item Open)**.

B. Mid-Del Food Pantry: VP Galambos briefed that we historically donate \$150.00 to the food pantry this time of the year. No motion was made to support since it's not a budgeted item and based on the uncertainty of anticipated net proceeds from our month-long gift wrap fundraiser. **(Item Closed)**.

C. Donation. VP Galambos advised she got a phone call from an Andrea Slachowitz from Edmond wanting to donate something specifically to our enlisted members over the holidays. She got a follow-up note and check for \$150.00. VP Galambos suggested the best way to comply with the donor's wishes was to donate it to the First Sergeants Council for Operation WarmHeart or their specific Christmas Spirit program for the needy. The membership agreed with this distribution. **(Item Closed)**.

8. VP Galambos asked if there was any further new business to discuss. There being none, VP Galambos asked for a motion to adjourn. Terry Turner motioned to adjourn, seconded by Duaine Ross, the meeting adjourned at 1210 hours.

///signed Don Sullivan for///
Lawrence G. Bach, Jr., Secretary

Approved as written
///signed///
Rebecca A. Galambos, Vice President