

AFSA Chapter 951

The Rushmore Chapter

Virtual Meeting Minutes for 16 June 2020

Personnel in attendance

CMSgt Hemingway, CMSgt Regevig, MSgt Beck, TSgt Smith, SMSgt Gallegos

TSgt Murray, SSgt Carley, Mr. Bamburg, CMSgt (Ret) Ott

Finances

Checking: \$3380.27

Savings: \$1785.80

Total: \$5163.07

- \$200 donation for AFSA International that was voted on last meeting is ready to be paid out.

Response to Protests

- Discussions about AFSA's participation in community relations in regards to the present situations with in the United States. "It is beyond the boundaries for AFSA to go out specifically for a person, when that person is not a member. However as a whole, the organization has always stood for fair and equitable treatment of all people".

Retiree Affairs

- Legislative Affairs- Keep eye out for information on the Chapter and Main AFSA Facebook pages.
- Main AFSA Facebook page did have some great information about retiree Tri-Care Coverage.

Membership and Retention

- 6 new members from the last membership drive.
- Covid-19 is inhibiting the committee from doing membership events. I.e. setting up tables. It was brought up to be our own recruiters. As measures relax, we'll be able to start up again.
- A cost estimate for new business cards was requested to TSgt Murray for the purchase.
- Counsel needs a new membership roster sent out, due to Division sign-ups.
- We're awaiting Division membership drive totals from AFSA Headquarters.
- A Division Zoom meeting on 22 June 2020 is in the works. Further information coming this week.

Family Matters

- There are possible events coming up through the on-base thrift store.
- Box Elder events are being planned for every Tuesday in July with food trucks near City Hall. Also, the end of July, the city is planning some outdoor movie events. This is a potential opportunity to show up in our shirts and talk to people.
- Box Elder wants to be part of the pending 5K. (See further notes below)

Old Business

- The chapter brought home 4 division awards- Website of the Year, Back to Back Chapters of the Year, Communication Award, and MSgt Beck received Division Member of the Year. We've continued to uphold a good legacy and need to keep it going.

New Business

- POW-MIA 5K Walk/Run coming up on 19 September, restrictions permitting. TSgt Smith will be the POC and will be looking for volunteers in the near future to help run the event. It was suggested that we make it a free event with donations and even possibly making it a virtual run if need be.
- The museum is looking at pressing forward with the 12 September car show. Social distancing will play a factor and may drive this to be more of a drive by parade type event.
- Fill the Boot event will take place in the October to November timeframe. Planning will start as we begin to get a clearer picture on the state of the world. Possibly limit locations and make it more about awareness, rather than fund raising.
- Some professional development events will be coming down the pipe. USAF and AFSA leadership is looking at 1 to 1.5 hour Zoom or Facebook live events. It was brought up if there was anything as a chapter that we'd want to do to get involved.
- New council elections will take place the coming November-December. MSgt Beck will be stepping down as President in the coming months due to PCS orders. SSgt Carley may potentially fill in, until formal elections can take place.
- Chapter 804 produces a newsletter to help disseminate information. It was asked if we could potentially look at doing something similar.
- SMSgt Gallegos introduced himself as the new chapter secretary.

Notes from CMSgt Hemingway

- EAFB is putting together a SrA retention survey that will be given at the base theatre. SrA will be able to participate using their personal phones to complete a survey. EAFB has the 2nd lowest retention rate in AFGSC. CMSgt Regevig and MSgt Dicks will be the POCs.
- The EO office will be sending out further info and events to help promote EO on EAFB.
- The new welcome center at the Rushmore Center presents a great opportunity for base organizations to talk to newly arrived Airmen. MSgt Hartman should be able to help with getting information packets, flyers and/or setting up tables. Council members would like to look at purchasing new AFSA pamphlets if possible, for the welcome center.
- As far as HP Cons, further guidance will come out soon from Colonel Doss, loosening restrictions slightly. Members need to remember to follow the guidance to keep us all safe.
- FTAC has hired a new NCOIC, TSgt Carlyle Tucker from MUNS.

Meeting adjourned

- MSgt Beck requested the meeting be adjourned, and it was seconded.

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