

Arizona Fire & Burn Educators Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes, Scottsdale Fire Dept.
December 3, 2009

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of AFBEA was called to order at 9:11 on December 3, 2009 at Scottsdale Fire Department by Janet Morlock, President.

Welcome: Chief Bob DeLeon from Scottsdale Fire welcomed all attendees and spoke about economy in the fire service. Market our organizations and to involve all members of the department to get positive support for programs.

Present: Valorie Russell, Beverly Burns, Larry Tunforce, Carol Gross, Kim Miles, Phil Mele, Lisa Kutis, Merry Carol Shanks, Polly Elson, Tracy Koslowski, Lori Schmidt, Jim Dykens, Stacy Figueroa, Gina Enders Stenner, Jeff Thomas, Robert Clark, Gary Roberts, Mark Genz, Janet Morlock, Tanja Tanner

Secretary Report: Tanja Tanner passed out minutes from Sept. 2009 meeting. The following changes were noted: Treasury report stated \$1785 for registration for BHC was not correct, that was from a previous conference not 2010 registration. Grant request was listed as AVG that needs to state AFG. Merry Shanks made motion to accept the minutes with the changes noted, Jeff Thomas seconded the motion. A vote was made to unanimously approve minutes.

Treasurer Report: Mark Genz passed out a balance sheet for AFBEA dated November 16, 2009. Members asked to see the expense and income statement vs balance sheet in the future.

Membership Report: Bev Burns reported that we currently have 149 members.

State Fire Marshal's office: Phil Mele' reported that state office is not stable with economy, possible dropping of programs. Not a comfortable position to be in right now, but will continue as planned until further notice. He passed around the RG Reynolds program on fire safety education in schools, if anyone was interested in taking into their community.

Discussed the 7 initiatives from the State Fire Marshal Office.

Reminded everyone to go to your local government to voice concern on keeping the State Fire Marshal Office open for the safety of our state, schools need to be inspected for the safety of our future children.

Visit the SFO website www.dfbls.az.gov – fire marshal/training

Publications: Newsletter was published on the website; next issue will be out in March. Please send in articles.

NFA publications were available to take including the courses available for 2009/2010.

Merchandizing: Open discussion regarding the need for this position. Merchandize is usually associated with conferences. The conference chairperson should select someone to fill the merchandizing needs for that conference.

Will remove the order form from the website.

Committee Reports:

Characterization Camp:

Stacy Figueroa stated that registration is slow but they are still moving forward with conference. 42 classes will be offered during the 4 day camp, working with preschoolers to senior citizens. Steve Kissell will be attending the last couple of days of training. Dates of camp are February 1st to 4th, located in Bullhead, Arizona. Registration is \$200.00 members, \$240.00 non-members that will include a year membership. Room rates in Laughlin, NV. are \$22.00 a night.

DSW Conference:

Beverly Burns informed us that Linda Niles whom was the previous conference chair was leaving her position at Surprise Fire Department and would not be chairperson in the future.

Discussion among attendees was to put off the 2010 conference to see what happens with the characterization conference as this usually helps support the DSW. DSW did break even with the last conference but with the economy changing and training budgets being reduced it will be better to wait and offer smaller training sessions throughout the state.

Training:

Beverly Burns passed around the training sessions being offered throughout the state. This will also be listed on the AFBEA website under Events or Trainings.

Another list was passed around asking for agencies to sponsor training sessions for 2011 as this information needed to be turned into the SFO by mid December 2009.

Stacy Figueroa will schedule the training sessions after the AFBEA quarterly meetings, she will give the host agency first option at offering trainings.

AFG Grant Committee:

AFBEA submitted their grant application for the interactive game and was denied.

Carol Gross made a suggestion for anyone submitting grants to please take advantage of the training classes that are offered. She also will volunteer to read and offer suggestions for anyone that is submitting a grant.

Casino Grants are also available to agencies, don't forget to ask.

Scholarship/Grant Committee:

Larry Tunforss stated that the committee is in place and AFBEA offers two type of grants members. Hugh Anderson grant is to help a recipient attend a conference. Ken Foberg grant is for projects within the agency.

Educator of the Year:

Tracy Koslowski reported that Jean Machnicki from Gilbert Fire Department was the 2008 Educator of the Year! Jean couldn't make the meeting due to she was teaching in the schools. Nominations for 2009 will be ready to distribute mid 2010.

Old Business:

NFA Training: Beverly will publish what training will be available on our website. Reminder that NFA training is not a "free" training, the cost of the instructor's travel is paid for by the FMO, so when the host department is in the outlying area's of the state to be aware of travel cost associated with class.

Website Updates: Still looking for anyone willing to update website. Also looking for a member to maintain the website. A recommendation to ask Coyote productions, Brad Duell if he would be interested in making the updates needed.

AFBEA Promotion: The AFBEA presentation board was displayed at various conferences, not sure of the outcome of presence. Discussion was made to update the photos that are displayed on the board. Opportunity for displays in future conferences/trainings was mentioned for staffing.

AFBEA audit: Tanja thanked Valorie Russell, Merry Carol Shanks and Robert Marshall for the initial audit. CPA firm to audit the reconciliation statements from bank.

JFS Task Force Affiliation: Lori Schmidt announced that the JFS task force would be a committee under AFBEA. Meetings will take place directly after the AFBEA quarterly meetings.

Play Safe! Be Safe!: Bic Lighter has a pre-school program that will be presented on Thursday, June 24th. 10:00- 2:00 at Peoria Fire Department. Everyone is invited to attend, this is a free training but registration is requested. Location and registration will be listed on the website.

New Business: Dates and Location for 2010 Meetings

Friday, March 5th, Goodyear Fire Department

Thursday, June 3rd, Pine-Strawberry Fire

Friday, September 17th Tucson Fire Department

Thursday, December 2nd Glendale Fire Department

Exact locations will be posted before meeting dates.

12:15 break for Lunch

Training was presented by Beverly Burns, Pat Miezala from NFPA was not able to attend meeting. She sent her presentation to Bev, Thank You Bev for stepping up and giving presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45.