

AFBEA Quarterly Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2009
Casa Grande Fire Training

Call to Order – The meeting was called to Order by President Janet Morlock

Welcome – Fire Marshal Paul Zalewski spoke about Pub Ed on where do we go now and about making a difference without funding and the challenges we will be facing.

Secretary Report – Mark Genz passed out the minutes from the July meeting. There were no changes to the minutes. Merry Shanks made motion to accept the minutes and Gerry Innus seconding the motion. The motion was carried.

Treasury Report – Mark Genz handed out balance sheet to members. Same expenses for BullHead Conference. \$1785 for Registration so far.

Special Report – Bev Burns made notice of membership. AFBEA has 139 members. Second notices went out on Sept. 1. End of year those that have not paid will be removed from active list.

State Fire Marshal's Office – No report

Publications – Bev Burns announced that the newsletter is out. Need stuff for new articles. What are departments doing?

Merchandising – No Report. Tanja will be getting update on what we have

Characterization Camp – Janet Morlock for Stacy Figueroa. Agenda is out. Dates for camp will be February 1 – 4. Registration fee was cut from \$255 to \$200 for members. Non-members \$240 w/free AFBEA membership. Needed to cut back on Pros this year. Registration is online.

Desert Southwest Conference – Bev Burns. Asked if 2010 was still on for conference. Survey went out: Budget cuts on Travel was of the most concern – 100% local/83% statewide. What kinds of training are people asking for: Working with Middle School and High Schools, Educator 2, Working with Seniors. 87% would like 1 day conference. 69% would like 2 day conference. 55% want 3 day conference. Possibility of having Educator 2 class for next conference.

Training – Bev spoke about the NFA classes coming up in AZ. Polly said the State Fire Marshal paid the bill for the Pub Ed 1 Class at State Fire School. There were 10 attendees. It was suggested that Public Educator 3 be added. Linda Kirby will work on curriculum.

Scholarships/Grants - Polly motioned that AFBEA offer a scholarship (Registration & hotel) to State Fire School. Tracy Koslowski second the motion. Motion was carried. Tracy stated that there were 10 students signed up for Pub Ed. 1 class at Drexel Heights.

AVG Grant – Regarding computer game: September 15th AFBEA received a letter informing us that the grant was denied. AFBEA will be re-submitting the grant by October 4th. Veronica Rubio motioned to resubmit grant. Gerry Innus seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Training Suggestions/Ideas – covered earlier.

NFA Training – handout given to members with dates of when and where classes will be held for 2009/2010.

Promotion of AFBEA – Display came in and has been shown at SATNET Trauma Conference, Arizona Fire Districts, Arizona Fire Chiefs Assoc. Display to be on set up

New Business:

Educator Of The Year – Tracy Koslowski sent out emails and mailings to all Arizona fire departments. At the Arizona Fire Chiefs Conference, 10 chiefs were chosen to pick the Educator of the Year. Jean Machnicki of Gilbert Fire won.

JFS AZ State Task Force – would like to be a subcommittee under AFBEA. Bringing with them Guidelines and approved programs. AZ also looking at database that the State of Texas uses. Jeff Thomas motioned to have JFS AZ Task Force to be a subcommittee. Merry Shanks seconding motion. Motion carried.

AFBEA Website – Mark Genz mentioned that upgrades are needed for AFBEA website. By December meeting there will be a presentation.

Play Safe Be Safe – Janet Morlock said this is a train the trainer opportunity through BIC for AFBEA. An approved grant was given for \$500 for fees and refreshments. Looking at Phoenix Fire/ASU for site. Possible dates May, June, July August, September and November. This is a 4 hr. training session for day care/preschool ages.