

Arizona Fire & Burn Educators Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes, Pine-Strawberry Fire Dept. June 3rd, 2010

Call to Order:

The regular quarterly meeting of AFBEA was called to order at 9:14 on June 3, 2010 at Pine-Strawberry Fire Department by Janet Morlock, President.

Welcome: Chief Bob Lashua welcomed everyone to Pine-Stawberry.

Present: Beverly Burns, Larry Tunfors, Stacy Figueroa, Robert Clark, Mark Genz, Janet Morlock, Robert Lockhart, Merry Carol Shanks, Leilani Salazar, Polly Elson, Ben Kramer, Vince Palandri, Jeff Thomas, Carol R. Gross, Teresa Wolf, Gary Roberts, Nicole Edwards, Tanja Tanner

Secretary Report: Tanja Tanner passed out minutes from March 2010 meeting. No changes were necessary. Bev Burns made motion to accept the minutes Polly Elson seconded the motion. A vote was made to unanimously approve minutes.

Treasurer Report: Mark Genz passed out a profit & loss sheet by classification for AFBEA dated June 1, 2009 to May 29, 2010. Taxes are done also we received some donations via United Way. No questions were noted.

Membership Report: Bev Burns reported that membership invoices have been sent out. Two new members have joined.

Publications: Newsletter was published on the website. Events, articles, promotions will be accepted for the next newsletter due out in September.

Merchandizing: Nothing really reported on merchandizing after last meeting we discussed the committees would be in charge of their own merchandize.

Committee Reports:

Characterization Camp:

Stacy Figueroa stated that registration is now open, \$200.00 fee until December, \$250.00 after December. Four vendors have been confirmed, contract for Chamber and Harrah's have been signed for January 31st, 2011 to February 3rd 2011. Beverly will complete registration form for the upcoming camp and have available on line.

2010 DVD's are still available

Desert Southwest:

Beverly Burns stated there would not be a DSW.

Training:

Janet sent out information regarding the BIC sponsored Play Safe Be Safe training being held at Peoria on June 24th, 2010. Flyers attached, free course. Participants receive a free training kit.

Training Committee:

Beverly sent out survey requesting input from members on what type of training was needed. 1 – 2 day regional training is available. Still looking for ideas or needs from members.

JFS I – II, books are very thick, could print book or put on thumb drive for students.

JFS task force would like a JFS I class for members.

AFG Grant Committee:

AFBEA did not receive funding for the game that AFBEA submitted to the AFG grant funding. Jeff Thomas and Carol Gross stated they would be available to work on this grant proposal.

Scholarship/Grant Committee:

Larry Tunforss stated that Rio Rico received a \$25,000 grant from FEMA, also Rio Rico received \$500.00 grant from AFBEA for creating a character for bike safety.

AFBEA Promotion:

Arizona Fire Chiefs conference will be July 30, 31st a opportunity to set up AFBEA display board, Tanja Tanner will coordinate the staff for manning this booth.

Educator of the Year:

Listed on website, the email was sent to Arizona Fire Chiefs and members for the next educator of the year nominations. AFBEA will print flyers to have in each Fire Chief's folder when they attend AFC conference. Winner will receive a 2 night stay at the Aquarius Hotel in Laughlin, \$500 video gift certificate from Idea Bank.

Old Business:

NFA Training: Northwest Fire District will host training, Sept. 21-22 "Methods of enhancing safety education". Contact Veronica Rubio 520-887-1010 x5008

State Training update / Fire School: Polly Elson explained that the fire marshal office disbursed and the only employee left is the State Fire Marshal Bob Barker. She also passed out a organization chart for the new Arizona Fire Services Institute. The handout explained the office of the AzCFSE. Jeff Johnston and Melina Joya will be the only paid employees with this organization and will be housed at Avondale Fire & Rescue office. This organization receives zero funding from the state, asking for help from all agencies.

State school will be Sept. 9 to 12th 2010. Mesa conference center. www.azfireschool.org is the website to register for State fire school, ERMA is still in effect. This organization is working to be a certifying organization to keep courses IFSAC. Currently the only course that is certifying is Fire Fighter I & II and Hazmat.

Jason Schechterle will be the keynote speaker at opening ceremony on September 9, 2010.

The organization is looking for ideas to get people involved to keep the Fire Marshal office open. The largest issue is funding, it is mandated we have a Fire Marshal but not mandated that the state fund it.

Jeff Thomas made a motion to loan \$5000.00 to the Arizona Center for Fire Service Institute. Carol Gross second the motion. A discussion was made to change the wording to "Donate" rather than Loan. A vote was made and all agreed to donate \$5000.00 to AzCFSE.

Thanks to Polly Elson for being a part of this organization and keeping AFBEA in such good standing.

JFS Task Force Affiliation: Rob Clark stated there was now a form on the AFBEA website to give JFS information, this information will go directly to Rob Clark and he will keep a data base temporarily. Rob is working with Kim Mills with Phoenix Fire Department community involvement division; Phoenix Fire IT department will be writing a program and hosting on their server a database for JFS. Please go to website and enter all your past two years of information into data base. Rob will also ask Kim to be part of the taskforce.

JFS conference in Oregon, Aug. 17-18th

State PIO: Larry informed group that the PIO group is moving along with forming their By-laws and officers for the State Information Officers Association. President for the board is Al Bravo from the University of Arizona. Their next meeting will be July 22nd, 2010 in Flagstaff.

New Business:

Elections Committee: Veronica Rubio was elected as Vice President and Tanja Tanner was elected as secretary. The terms for these positions are two years.

Promotions: Stacy would like to see promotional banners of support for organizations. This topic was discussed by group.

Training:

Larry Tunforss presented his 5th grade Career Day presentation power point. He handed out his presentation for everyone to be able to bring this back to their community.

Sharing:

- Merry Carol from Verde Valley had returned from her first NFA class and wanted to share her experience at the academy. The course Merry took was “Demonstrating your Fire Prevention Programs Worth”. Merry shared very good information about the course and had everyone in the attendance ready to sign up for the training.
- Bullhead had a silent auction for civilians to “Be a firefighter for a Day” they received \$300.00 and made a great impact on a civilian.
- Stu Elson shared information on the Area of Aging in Tucson and a course they offer “A Matter of Balance” for seniors.
- Carol Gross was able to take her safety knowledge to Germany and teach her granddaughter “Stop, Drop & Roll” along with “Cool a burn” program.
- Jeff Thomas’ new book just hit the shelves at Amazon, “Case Studies for the Emergency Responder” by Jeffrey Thomas & Joe Woodall

Mark Genz made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:35pm, Jeff Thomas second the motion.