Arizona Fire & Burn Educators Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes, Tucson Fire Department September 17, 2010

Call to Order:

The regular quarterly meeting of AFBEA was called to order at 9:10 on September 17, 2010 at Tucson Fire Department by Janet Morlock, President.

Welcome: Chief Patrick Kelly welcomed everyone to Tucson.

Present: Clint Gerber, Cecilia Mendoza, Holli Sandeen, Bill Bishop, Keith Tanner, Larry Tunforss, Stacy Figueroa, Robert Clark, Mark Genz, Janet Morlock, Leilani Salazar, Polly Elson, Karen Hauca, Jeff Thomas, Larry Randall, Lisa Kutis, Lori Schmidt, Wally Kyyitan, Jean Reed, Billie Moon, Joe Ketterle, Tracy Koslowski, Tanja Tanner

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

Treasurer Report: Janet Morlock passed out report for Mark Genz, a profit & loss sheet by classification for AFBEA dated Jan. 1, 2010 to September 12, 2010.

Membership Report: Janet Morlock reported that membership was at 180. Also invoices have been sent out. Have until December to pay for membership.

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

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 there would 50 to 55 workshops, 4 to 5 groups have signed up to perform at conference. January 31st to Feb. 3rd, Bullhead Az.

Had a good response from State Fire School evening activity, Summit Fire had a couple of clowns working the crowd along with Polly Elson with puppet.

Desert Southwest: Discussion among attendees bringing DSW into the Characterization Camp, possibly better attendance with all budget cuts etc. Also discussed was having Camp every other year with DSW the opposite years.

Starting now for DSW for 2012, looking to add members Holli Sandeen, Jeff Thomas along with the training committee members will get together on a conference call to discuss options for DSW 2012.

Training: NFA course will be held at North West Fire District Sept. 21, 22nd. Contact Veronica Rubio for more information.

JFS I & II will be held at Buckeye on Sept. 29, 30th. afbea@att.net or 480 682 8282 to register.

Training Committee: Looking at Rincon Valley to host Pub Ed I and II, exit 281 off of I-10 east at Benson Az. $50.00 cost of materials. Hoping to hold a class in January 2011.

Discussion on IFSTA books and cost for each is $50.00. Volunteers from Sun City West requesting Pub Ed. I and II could take course without testing and receive a certification.

AFG Grant Committee: Back to drawing board on AFG grant, Jeff Thomas and Carol Gross agreed to look at grant application from AFBEA.

Scholarship/Grant Committee: Lisa Kutis received a scholarship for state fire school course in Public Educator III, also Tanja Tanner received mileage reimbursement for the NFPA conference when she submitted a scholarship request back in June.

AFBEA Promotion: Larry Tunforss expressed thanks to Merry Carol, Janet Boberg, Keith Tanner (Halligan) for attending the Az. Fire Chiefs conference working the AFBEA booth. Even though the booth was next to the fireworks vendor and back in a corner they were able to spread some information to the attendees.

Educator of the Year: Tracy Koslowski said applications were included in every Fire Chiefs packet at their conference, this helped increase the knowledge of this award. Over 10 applications were submitted; Lori Schmidt from Scottsdale Fire won the 2009 educator of the year award. Janet Morlock presented Lori her award during State Fire School held in Mesa on Sept. 9, 2010. She received 2 nights / 3 days in Laughlin, $100 in gift cards also $500 from Idea Bank. Thanks to Tracy Koslowski for all the work that goes into this award.

Old Business:

NFA Training:

State Training update / Fire School: Polly Elson commented that the state training committee really looks at AFBEA as a viable committee. Will continue Public Education I and II in field and have Public Educator III at state fire school. All 5 students that attending the pilot course at fire school are in attendance here now. Over 650 students at state fire school. State has never paid for the school in the past. Not sure if Fire Marshal will be here employed by November. 35 members are on the training committee.

JFS Task Force Affiliation: Lori Schmidt reported that due to lack of funding the database is again on hold. The form that is housed now on the AFBEA website goes directly to Rob Clark with Scottsdale Fire he has created a spreadsheet database for now. The current JFS manuals are being up dated for National Fire Academy. NFA should be sending out request for the next pilot course.

State PIO: Larry Tunforss updated everyone on the State PIO status. The group has a new board president, Al Bravo from the University of Arizona. They are still working on by-laws and various discussions on asking for a membership fee or not. NPIO will be in Phoenix in August 2011. Larry and Mike Tellef will be working on it.

New Business:

Going Green: Research from various conferences on handing out and printing workbooks vs Flash drives or downloads. JFS I / II Public Educator are all handouts that could be downloaded from the website and up to each student to print before coming to a conference or class. Other alternatives could be email or link for handouts.

Holli Sandeen will do some research for vamping up our web site to include the cost and should report back by next December meeting.

Sexual abuse info for youth service groups: Janet handed out a information / training bulletin regarding "PEDO Bear".

Grant availability / adding new grants or scholarships: Larry will be meeting with the scholarship committee and discuss a process for how grants / scholarships.

Fireworks Reporting: Larry Randall and Lisa Kutis from Glendale Fire department presented update information regarding the use of and sale of fireworks. House Bill 2246 will be posted on AFBEA website that will list all banned and allowed fireworks.

Larry asked if AFBEA would be the responsible agency to receive and report all injuries and fire damage or loss in Arizona. He also handed out a sample reporting form for agencies to use when reporting this information when a collection point is established.

Larry was also looking for partners and wanted everyone to brainstorm ideas of how to provide this information to all reporting agencies like hospital ER's, urgent care centers etc.

Training:

Clint Gerber from Tucson fire shared a great presentation of recognizing the importance of aligning your presentation to the Arizona State standards. He also handed out Tucson's fire scene investigation books both the Teacher's guide and the student workbook.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.