

ASMC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

22 Oct 09

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1005 by Ken Pickler

ATTENDEES:

Ken Pickler, President
Dedra Hickman, Eglin Vice President
Sharon Pedersen, Secretary
Tim Bozoki, Programs
Ron Millis, CDFM Program
Debra-Joe Rasmussen, CDFM Program
Pati Galvan, Publicity
Capt Chris Spaulding, Community Activities
Cleo Battle, Ways and Means
Deborah Washington, Programs
Sandra Telemacque, Education
Laura Gamble, Newsletter
Lynn Becker, Information Technology
April Chapel, Treasurer

In order to efficiently manage the Community of Practice website, Mr. Pickler intends to have an IT member assigned to each committee. This way getting committee items posted should be an easier task. Nominations for Chapter representatives to the ASMC National Executive Committee was discussed and voted on. Committee members voted Mr Bill Rone to represent our Gulf Coast Chapter.

April Chapel discussed the budget for the upcoming year. Over the past few years, scholarship awards have steadily increased. Due to funding constraints, the overall amount may need to be reduced. Ken confirmed that concerning the membership draft, new military members in paygrades E1-E4 and civilian members in GS category GS1-GS7 can be reimbursed for half of their yearly membership fee. This is for new members only. Price for RPDI has not yet been determined. Most likely the price will increase by \$10.00 – from \$130 to \$140. When more of the costs of the event are known, a firm decision will be made.

Mr. Ken Pickler communicated his plan for membership “draft” for all members – matching each member to a committee. Mr. Pickler declares, “no more sitting on the fence!” Everyone concurred that in order to have a successful year, each member needs to participate. By the end of the meeting every member was selected to join a committee. Members do have the ability to change committees, but involvement in one way or another is highly encouraged.

Ken mentioned that the RPDS website should be up and running in a timely manner in order for folks to register early. Last year it was a little late. Leah Hodge is the program coordinator for

this year's event and most of the details are already ironed out. This should allow registration to be posted without delay.

Capt Spaulding stated that the recent volunteer project was very successful. This took place at Baytowne, for their Octoberfest event. The occasion was to raise funds for Fisher House. In fact, he said that without the ASMC volunteers, there may have only been 3 volunteers to help. Mr. Pickler is hoping that ASMC can help this year's Relay for Life to be as successful, considering that last year it was so poorly represented – in comparison to the previous year. All agreed that considering the numerous volunteer opportunities, there is more than enough occasions for the ASMC members to participate.

Representatives from three of the community service organizations (Opportunity House -- Lenore Wilson , Shelter House -- Gili Halperin, and Fisher House -- Julie Thompson) are coming to present their program at the ASMC luncheon today. Ken announced that each leader would receive a coin, a pin, and a check for \$150 for their organization.

Again, Ron Millis discussed the CDFM prep class stating that it can contain up to 30 students. He wants to ensure maximum participation so we need to get the word out.

Ken Pickler stressed that he wants to make all of our processes more streamlined. His desire is to have a legacy of making participation in ASMC a worthy by not time consuming endeavor.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1100.

Recorded by: Sharon Pedersen, Secretary, Gulf Coast Chapter