

ASMC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
15 Nov 07

The meeting was called to order at 1300 by April Chapel

ATTENDEES:

April Chapel
Ken Pickler
Capt Chris Hill
Brenda Dininger
John Dininger
Ken Kennedy
DeAnna Morales
A1C Thompson
Leah Hodge

Ms. Chapel began with a few announcements. The new web page is up and running. It was designed by Doug Craighead. Anyone that has articles for the ASMC newsletter, please have them to Laura Gamble by 4 Dec.

ASMC National Achievement Award Nominations due 31 Jan to National HQ. Send out a call to the entire membership. This will not be an automatic submission. Nominees must be an active member and participate in activities. We anticipate sending a package forward.

Free Memberships: DeAnna announced that so far we have given out 12 free memberships. We want to give out 25 so we still have 13 more to give away. April will ask Capt Blackwell our membership chairperson to send out another announcement to the chapter members in an effort to drum up new members.

PDS: Leah briefed the status of the Gulf Coast Chapter PDS to be held 7 Mar 08. All committee chairs are on board. A projected budget of 35K was discussed which includes the following: Rental of conference center, audio support/equipment, rooms, food, processing fees, speaker fees and insurance. It was also mentioned that ASMC was encouraging MCMA, IIA and SCEA co-hosting the event. We estimate 400 people will attend with an early registration fee of approximately \$115 and late registration and non-

member fee of approximately \$150. The chapter would make 46-48K with a projected profit of 10-12K. DeAnna stated that 42K has been set aside for the PDS just in case some of the sponsors fall through. A discussion was also held concerning when to begin charging late fees for people who register. The registration committee is still in discussions concerning this topic. More information to follow.... Some of the topics for the seminars include having someone for the Air Force Call Center at Ellsworth and SAF/FM to speak, a speaker for mentoring classes and to keep topics on the light side for our lunchtime speaker. We hope to have final selections by 27 Nov. A motion was raised to set aside "seed" money for the 2009 event from the profits of the 2008 event. All present agreed.

Charities: Leah and DeAnna began a discussion concerning charities and how much we give/receive. Gulf Coast Chapter will pick only 1 charity to support as part of the PDS. All proceeds collected from gift baskets at the PDS and donations made in honor of speakers will go to Fisher House. A motion was made to approve and all present agreed. We will also invite Mrs. Chedister, who represents the Fisher House, to the PDS lunch and present a check to her. In addition, there will also be 3 other charities present at the PDS, Shelter House, Brilliant Minds, and Blankets of Hope. These 3 charities are separate and will keep all monies they collect. For the National PDS to be held in Orlando this year, our chapter will raffle off a basket and give the proceeds to charity. More details to follow as we get closer to the National PDS.

Budget: DeAnna presented her budget for approval. An additional 1K will be added to Special Acts budget to support Annual Awards Lunch for all FM organizations who are active members of the Gulf Coast Chapter to include 53d Wing, 33rd FW, 919th, AFRL, AAC, 96th CPTS, AFAA, 1 SOW Hurlburt and AFSOC/FM. In addition, an increase to the scholarship budget of 1.5K was noted from last year. DeAnna also stated that we currently have 16K in the bank. A motion was made to approve the overall budget with the changes mentioned above and all present agreed.

Holiday Luncheon: To be held on 6 Dec at the Chapel Annex. It will be a catered event with food from the Olive Garden. The estimated cost will be 2.9K with 3 different menu choices. Ken Pickler will set up in 3A so that people can decide which menu they would like. A notice will go out to the membership and people may bring a dessert to share if they want to. Capt Hill volunteered to put the drinks together and it was decided we would

provide sodas paid for by the chapter. Door prizes will be given away and it was agreed that we would give 10 prizes. Also we will do a scavenger hunt game and 1 prize will be given away. Deanna agreed to purchase the door prizes with April and Brenda's help.

Education Committee: John suggested that the chapter donate \$100 to help send one of our member's son to Washington DC for a National Education Honor. Everyone agreed that we should set guidelines to follow for giving money out for such events. Action Item: John will draft guidelines.

Volunteers: Leah asked that people might want to volunteer to visit the elderly at Twin Cities Pavilion Assisted Living Facilities on Sunday afternoons. Apparently, the residents receive only a sandwich for one of their meals on that day and bringing in additional items of food for the residents to enjoy with their sandwich would be nice. Also, visiting and talking with the residents would be nice. This would be part of our community service for our chapter and we are awaiting the community service committee's input.

Luncheon Speakers: Brenda suggested that Christy Golden be invite to be our guest speaker at one of our luncheons in the near future. Brenda will e-mail Ken Pickler and ask him to invite/ask Christy if she is willing to speak.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1415.

Recorded by: Brenda J. Dininger, Secretary, Gulf Coast Chapter