

Fire Safety Educators of Colorado
Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2007
Hosted by Arvada Fire Protection District

Meeting Called to Order at 0857

Minutes from the meeting of November 17, 2006, approved without correction.

Treasurer's report approved. We have \$5,900.91 in checking, \$47,262.10 in savings for a total of \$53,163.01.

Committee Reports: Committee chairs were asked to submit a description of their committee, including its roster, duties and needs, to the secretary for dissemination to the membership. That list is attached.

Denver Post Project: The outstanding bill for \$11,000 should arrive soon, but the *Post* crew has not determined which schools participated. The committee should meet in February. The project was highlighted in the December 2006 edition of SQ magazine.

Conference: Registration forms were distributed with a note that the tuition had remained the same since last year and the room rate had increased by only a couple dollars. The price of the banquet was lowered to encourage spouses to attend the Murder Mystery themed event. Theresa Staples is the keynote speaker. Members were asked to promote the conference and the secretary instructed to distribute information to contacts from the Home Safety Council conference. Members also were asked to bring an item for the silent auction. The committee would create a tax-deductible letter that would help generate donations. The membership agreed to offer 10 scholarships to the conference.

Awards: Nomination forms were not ready for distribution at the meeting, but would be emailed to the secretary for electronic distribution. The committee asked members to forget their humility and nominate their own programs because it's rare that we have time to observe the work of our colleagues in the service. Chiefs and other supervisors also were appropriate nominators.

JFIS I Certification: This popular course will be offered February 21 and 22 at Arvada Fire Protection District. The secretary would email a formal announcement to members when such materials were available. On behalf of FSEC, Kay Woolley and Elise Bennett submitted a FIRE Act grant application in the Fire Prevention & Safety category to fund eight courses that will be presented throughout the state, reaching smaller fire districts and departments with juvenile firesetters problems but lacking resources for recognizing, treating and otherwise dealing with those youth. The grant also would assist the state with compiling statistics on juvenile firesetting.

FLSE I Certification: This popular course has been expanded to three days, based on the experience of the pilot group in August 2006. In time, Colorado will offer the II and III level certifications, but only North Carolina and Arizona currently offer them. When the dates of FSEC's next course are set, the secretary will distribute that information.

Curricula: Members are asked to email their current lesson plans for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders to Katie Moore (kmoore@littletongov.org). The committee will glean the best from the submissions for posting on the website. In the future, she'll ask for other age levels including specific groups of adults.

Membership Display: Remember to submit patches and photos to Tracey Minoggie so that she can update the display. This display showcases FSEC activities and members at our annual conference as well as other public events such as the State Fair and annual Colorado State Fire Chiefs meeting. On a similar note, Einar Jensen and Sherrie Olguin also hoped that members would bring patches to meetings that could be traded with them for their personal patch collections.

Election of Officers and Membership: Treasurer Dawn Blunt reminded members, existing and new, to submit their annual dues. The secretary was asked to email a membership invoice to all departments to assist with that process.

Old Business

High Occupancy Emergency Planning: The West Metro training was interesting, especially for districts with apartment complexes and schools. Instructor Micki Trost encouraged attendees to use as little or as much information from the presentation as they deemed fit. Trost (MTrost@westmetrofire.org) may have additional copies of the handouts, as part of the FIRE Act grant that paid for the program.

Golf Tournament: Jason Mantas suggested several ideas for the golf tournament, including putting the proceeds toward the Denver Post Project, and pledged to bring a summary of expenses (time and money) to the March meeting. Deb Thorson offered to assist, after she submitted her membership dues, per FSEC bylaws.

Next Year's Meetings:

March 9th -- Parker Fire: The training will consist of a summary of the Home Safety Council conference attended by Tracey and Einar.

May 11th -- Golden Fire

July 13th -- Poudre Fire

September 14th -- Westminster or West Slope: Secretary or vice president will email Mike Page of Grand Junction to determine whether a meeting could be held on the western slope, possibly in Glenwood Springs.

November 9th -- Loveland Fire

New Business

Website: Scott Pribble is updating the website, although he wants help with colors and learning Flash. He learned that "it's virtually impossible to figure out what the previous person did," so updating someone else's work is difficult. He proposed redesigning the site so he knows how to make changes based on his own lessons learned. Submit photos via CD to Scott.

Membership Growth: Members agreed that a powerpoint presentation would be useful in generating members and attention at public functions, in conjunction with the display board. Otherwise, all of us are responsible for promoting FSEC and generating memberships.

FLSE Train-the-Trainer: FSEC wants to develop a train-the-trainer course to increase the number of instructors available to teach FLSE I. Anyone who is able to instruct FLSE I is asked to contact Mandy Reed (m.reed@southmetro.org).

FSEC Presence: Tracey wants to increase FSEC's public presence, attending the State Fair as an organization and attending the annual meeting of the state's fire chiefs. She said the chiefs included public education as a key component of their strategic plan for 2011. She also proposed inquiring with Mix100 (100.3 FM) on whether FSEC could attend a Friday event to promote Fire Prevention Week.

Candle Fundraiser: Tracey and Einar suggested selling fire-safe candles as a fundraiser for FSEC after speaking with representatives of the Congressional Fire Service Institute and Candle Impressions at the Home Safety Council conference. The membership voted to approve buying four cases of candles ((2) round and (2) square) to sell at the conference. Depending on those sales, the membership would decide whether to continue the effort at our public events such as the State Fair and State Chiefs' meeting.

Elise Bennett: Kay read a letter from Elise Bennett, an 8-year member of FSEC, who is chomping at the bit to return to her roles within FSEC and spreading the good word about fire prevention and life safety. The membership agreed that Elise has been missed and we're all looking forward to seeing her and working with her again. Elise called FSEC the "wind beneath her wings."

9/11 Patch: Gary Micheli took orders for large patches (\$10 @) commemorating the sacrifices made on 9/11.

Safe2Tell Campaign: This project, which provides an anonymous tip line to curb school violence, directs all arson/JFS issues to a contact that no longer exists. Marta Dubay was asked to investigate.

Denver Firefighter Museum: Deb Thorson welcomed uniformed FSEC members and other fire service to participate in the museum's "Read to Children" literacy event. Contact her for information at (debra.thorson@ci.denver.co.us).

PSAs: Scott Pribble suggested we design our own Public Service Announcements to increase our public image and support.

Children's Hospital Conference: Leo DeVigil said Denver's Children's Hospital was partnering with hospitals in Portland and San Francisco for conferences. The next one in Colorado will be in 2009.

Upcoming Conferences

Colorado Emergency Services, Safety & Prevention Conference –
FSEC in Breckenridge, April 25-27, 2007

Missouri Valley Chiefs -- Hutchinson, KS, June 20-22, 2007

Kids in Motion – Denver, August 1-4, 2007

Check: www.sosfires.com
www.ncflse.com
www.theideabank.com
www.afbea.org
www.homesafetycouncil.org
www.massgov.com
www.kidzinmotion.org

Training: Scott Pribble explained his changes to the website, and the challenges of making those changes.

Members in attendance

President Tracey Minoggie (Parker Fire), Vice President Jason Mantas (Poudre Fire), Treasurer Dawn Blunt (Greater Brighton Fire), Secretary Einar Jensen (Evergreen Fire), Mandy Reed (South Metro Fire), Steve Gasowki (Parker Fire), Angela Cataldo (Thornton Fire), Leo DeVigil (Denver Fire), Katie Moore (Littleton Fire), Marta Dubay (Colorado Springs Fire), Pam Kutchen (North Metro Fire), Scott Pringle (Loveland Fire), Gary Micheli (Pueblo Fire), Kay Woolley (North Metro Fire), Scott Pribble (Arvada Fire), Sherrie Olguin (Westminster Fire) and Trish Christensen (Louisville Fire).

Guests in attendance

Kerry Koppes (Windsor-Severance Fire), Debra Thorson (Denver Fire) and Caitlyn Miller (Central City Fire).

Quotes of the Month:

“Don’t vice presidents do all the work?” --Tracey Minoggie

“Don’t walk the lumberjack log.” --Gary Micheli

Meeting Adjourned at 1132.

Respectfully submitted by Einar Jensen, FSEC Secretary