

**TO: CHICAGO LODGE #7 /BOARD OF DIRECTORS
/UNIT REPRESENTATIVES
/WATCH REPRESENTATIVES
/MEMBERS**

**FROM: SIDNEY M. DAVIS
RECORDING SECRETARY**

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
MEETING HELD MARCH 21, 2006
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 19:01 hours.

Deceased Members Who Were Remembered During The Opening Prayer Were:

James E. Maher, Thomas R. Martin, Carl E. Ostrowski, Walter T. Hayes, Louis A. Cesario, Joseph T. Casey, Walter F. Biszewski, William Joyce

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

The following officers were awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7:

Police Officer Maurice Thigpen, Police Officer Rickey Williams, Police Officer Jason Santiago, Police Officer Michael Napoli, Police Officer John Wrigley, Police Officer Timothy Finley, Police Officer Nick Olsen, Police Officer Eric White, Police Officer Alphonsus O'Connor, Police Officer Hugh McCormak - Norfolk Southern Railroad Police,

LIFE SAVING AWARD:

The following officers were awarded the Life Saving Award by the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7:

Detective Sean Ronan

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on February 21, 2006 were provided to those in attendance.

Motion by James Moriarty
2nd by Kathleen Gahagan
Motion: To waive the reading of the Minutes and to accept the minutes as printed
Motion passes

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report **Mark Donahue**

Social Security Fairness Act: At the recent Day on the Hill, February 27th, 28th and March 1st, Social Security Fairness Act, Public Safety Officers Employee Act and the nationwide Peace Officers Disciplinary Act were the three (3) main issues that FOP went visiting Illinois Congressman and both State Senators for support, except for Congressman Dennis Hassert who as Speaker of the House never signs onto legislation. We have unanimous consensus of support for the Social Security Fairness Act from our Illinois Legislators.

Fred Hampton Street Sign: The Lodge learned of the proposed renaming of a street sign for Fred Hampton, Black Panther Chairman, while President Donahue was away in Washington D.C. Alderman Tom Allen, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, was contacted immediately by President Donahue. Alderman Allen offered his apologies and

support in seeing that the sign does not get passed out of City Council. The next Council meeting scheduled for March 29th, he will not have the sign issue brought up for discussion or vote due to parliamentary procedures. April 26th will

then be the next possible date for the issue to be back on the table for discussion. The Lodge will post any information on the subject via the FOP hotline, Newsletter and website.

Legislation: Legislation in Springfield is very slow moving at this time, with the current term scheduled to end on April 7th, 2006. The only pension bill that has any discussion going on right now is the Portability Bill, due to it having little or no financial impact on the fund. The issue that was scheduled to be discussed, (Data Collection committee) by President Donahue has been rescheduled for Friday morning due to a late storm in Springfield.

President Donahue also spoke on the issue of the law suit regarding the over charging of retirees health care premiums and the Sgt's Exam in which 600 applicants have not picked up their exam material.

President Donahue acknowledged the attendance of National Trustee Rocky Nowaczyk

Vic Rini, Retiree: Spoke on the issue of retiree health care and racial profiling

Percy Allen, Unit 166: Spoke on the issue of the Sgt's Exam

Maurice Thigpen, Unit 006: Spoke on the issue of the Portability Bill

President Donahue: Spoke on the issue of the Drop Program

Margie Broadway: Spoke on the issue of the \$1000.00 Enhancement Program, 10 hr workdays and C.R.'s

Motion by Sid Davis
2nd by Kevin Graham
Motion: To accept the President's Report.
Motion passes

1st Vice President's Report

By Bill Dougherty

Medical Grievances: Since the last General Meeting the Lodge has filed ten (10) medical grievances, of which five (5) were for denial of I.O.D. one (1) officer was placed on psychological evaluations, three (3) officers for BMO bills and one (1) officer for decertification.

1st Vice President Bill Dougherty announced that Dr. Pajack is no longer at the medical section and that the Inspector at the medical section was recently promoted which means that the medical section is short handed of personnel right now. Anyone having problems with the medical section are asked to contact Barbara Hemerling or Sgt Risley.

Wellness Benefit: Some results are in, however the City has asked for an extension on their briefs (1 month)

Vision Forms: At the recent Unit Rep meeting vision forms were handed out. The Lodge has learned that those forms are not the correct forms and is asking members to dispose of them. Members may locate correct forms by going to the FOP website (medical issues page), scroll down to the wellness benefit, then click on the "print out a claim form".

Health Fairs: Three (3) more health fairs have been scheduled. Two (2) in the month of April and one (1) for the month of May. On April 25th in the 6th District, on April 27th in the 1st District and on May 25th in the 8th District. Starting times for all three are from 7am until 1pm. To schedule an appoint call 1-800-811-0174

Vocational Training: VT is a new benefit that the Lodge won through an arbitrator's award. Effective date will be next month, VT is a benefit for officers on duty disability and occupational disability. To get a form, officers may call 312-745-5369.

Hockey Game: On March 25th, the FOP Stars will host the Chicago Fire Department in an annual charity hockey game. Jim Bailey (Trustee) has tickets, which are \$5.00 each (adults) and kids are free. All monies from tickets sales will go to the FOP disability fund.

Motion by Rich Aguilar
2nd by Tom Ginnelly
Motion: To accept the Vice President's Report.
Motion passes

Leo Cummins, Unit 166: Spoke on the issue of the Wellness Benefit

2nd Vice President's Report

Frank DiMaria

Uniform Resale: The Lodge will host a uniform resale on April 19th from 1pm until 6pm. Members who will be selling clothing articles are asked to arrive at the FOP Hall by 11am (tables will be provided).

Firearm Safety Day: On May 16th and 17th the Lodge will host a Firearms Safety Day (9am – 5pm), members are encouraged to use this free benefit and have their weapons inspected.

Fishing Tournament: The date for the fishing tournament has been changed from June 1st to May 31st, please mark your calendars. The cost is \$70. per boat, application forms are on the back cover of the current FOP Newsletter.

Stress Management Classes: SMC that were cancelled late last year have been reinvented by the EAP and the PEER Support Group, classes will now be held at Chicago Lake Shore Hospital, 4840 Marine Drive. The first class is already booked. Priority went to officers who were cancelled last year.

Tickets are still being sold for the Hurley Benefit, scheduled for April 29th at the IBEW Local 134 Hall, 600 W. Washington Blvd. \$20.00 donation is requested.

Motion by Kevin Graham
2nd by Mike Garza
Motion: To accept the 2nd Vice President's report
Motion passes

3rd Vice President's Report

By Greg Bella

Legal Defense: There were two (2) call outs last month (February) in which two (2) officers were involved in two (2) shootings.

Discipline Screening Panel: Last month thirty-three (33) cases were heard, seven (7) alternate penalties were made and no agreement on twenty-four (24) cases.

3rd Vice President Bella spoke on the procedure of officers working callback when stripped.

Motion by Jim Bailey
2nd by Rick King
Motion: To accept the 3rd Vice President's report
Motion passes

Recording Secretary's Report By Sidney M. Davis

B.I.S. / P.C.P.: Currently there are eighty-six (86) officers in the Behavior Intervention System and eighteen (18) officers in the Personal Concerns Program for a combined total of one hundred and four (104) officers in both programs. Placement into either program is intended to be non-punitive and is done for the specific purpose of correcting job performance. It is not a disciplinary process, nor is the system designed to interfere with promotions, requesting transfers, bidding or other employee benefits. Members who are currently enrolled in either program are encouraged to call the Lodge for possible removal.

Military: Twenty-five (25) police officers are currently deployed for Operations Enduring Freedom of which fifteen (15) are on foreign soil. Please keep these officers in your prayers and also for a safe return home.

Weapons: Every Wednesday of each week weapons inspection is conducted in units and districts across the City. Officers are reminded to check their weapons for cleanliness and serviceability.

Motion by Frank DiMaria
2nd by Ken Watt
Motion: To accept the Recording Secretary's Report
Motion passes

Treasurer's Report By John Capparelli

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,544; Sgts. & Above/222; Disabled/398; Retired/5,208; Outside Units/8; Total Membership: 17,380

Account Deposits and Disbursements:

Membership Account Deposits for February 2006: \$211,691.87
Membership Account Disbursements for February 2006: \$316,654.88
Membership Account Balance as of March 1, 2006: \$611,014.69

General Account Deposits for February 2006: \$2,445.00
General Account Disbursements for February 2006: \$3,000.00
General Account Balance as of March 1, 2006: \$38,210.79

Store Account Deposits for February 2006: \$11,655.82
Store Account Disbursements for February 2006: \$34,032.89
Store Account Balance as of March 1, 2006: \$68,176.17

PAC Deposits for February 2006: \$0.00
PAC Disbursements for February 2006: \$0.00
PAC Account Balance as of March 1, 2006: \$1,111.31

Legal Defense Account Balance as of March 1, 2006: \$4,134,207.68

WCMA Loan Account Balance as of March 1, 2006: \$0.00

Investment Account Balance as of March 1, 2006: \$529,057.81

Total Assets on Hand as of March 1, 2006: \$5,381,778.44

Payroll Problems: The Lodge is working with finance to solve the many and various complaints received by Lodge members, to include working with the new acting comptroller Steve Lux. Military reservists are also having their pay problems addressed.

President Donahue: The Lodge has received word that finance is doubling their staff to accommodate the many pay problems that currently exist.

Motion by Vic Rini
2nd by Sid Davis
Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report
Motion passes

Financial Secretary's Report By Timothy Fallon

Enhancement Program: A grievance has been filed for members who participated in the \$1000.00 Enhancement Program, a meeting has been scheduled to address other issues regarding the program.

Korshack Settlement: Tim Fallon Spoke on the issue of the Korshack Settlement and the procedures that are involved with trying to resolve the problem.

Motion by Jim Bailey
2nd by Mike Voight
Motion: To accept the Financial Secretary's Report
Motion passes

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

1st Vice President Bill Dougherty: Spoke on the issue of St. Michaels House, which is currently locked up. Members needing assistance are asked to contact EAP or the Peer Support Group.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Vic Rini, Retired: Spoke on the issue of the renaming of a street sign for Fred Hampton, also the radio show "COP Talk and History Walk" which airs on Saturday morning at 10am on AM radio 1530

Sue Trempe-Ryan, Unit 057: Spoke on the issue of construction of the Dan Ryan and the detailing of officers to work it.

Tim Fallon, Unit 541: Spoke on the issue of officers who are detailed to the construction site (Dan Ryan)

After determining that no other business was pending....

Motion by **Sid Davis**
2nd by **Rich Aguilar**
Motion: **To adjourn the meeting**
Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 20:09 hours

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis
Recording Secretary