

**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 February 20, 2007
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 12:05 hours.

Deceased Members Who Were Remembered During The Opening Prayer Were:

Thomas H. Randell, Henry Y. Mason, Jr., Martin J. Riley, Anthony Vicari, John A. Oplawski, Sr., Stephen R. Karpel, Arthur J. Tassone, Ronald R. Norris, Willie L. Wheaton, Robert Ortiz, Juanita Cipun, Allen E. Leonard, Martin P. Garrity, Roy L. Williams, Jose Vasquez, Robert Shuksta

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Donahue announced that he would deviate from the normal order of business to allow Rabbi Moshe Wolf to address the membership.

Rabbi Moshe Wolf: Spoke on the recent passing of Officer Jose Vasquez including FOP and its role when officers are killed. Rabbi Wolf proceeded to give his customary few jokes and prayers for FOP members.

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 Daniel Markus, Police Officer David Parker, Police Officer Kevin Stoll, Police Officer David Plebanski, Police Officer Christopher Tenton, Police Officer Richard Nelson, Police Officer Charles Rhein and Police Officer Felipe Nunez

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on January 16, 2007 were provided to those in attendance.

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

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report

Mark Donahue

Officer Jose Vasquez: President Donahue spoke on the recent passing of Officer Jose Vasquez including raising reward money to locate the offender(s) responsible for the murder of Officer Jose Vasquez. The Lodge also gave a bible to the family of Officer Jose Vasquez including picking up the tab for the luncheon held immediately after the services. A benefit is been worked on in the name of Officer Jose Vasquez.

Grand Lodge: On February 8th and 9th, President Donahue attended the opening of the new FOP Grand Lodge building in Nashville, Tennessee. President Donahue was also a presenter at the Leadership Conference held on February 9th. Well over 300 FOP members from across the country attended the Leadership Conference, which included a good number of new young faces.

Day on the Hill: On February 13th and 14th, President Donahue attended the National Day on the Hill in which legislation for FOP is the order of the Day. Some issues that will be discussed are the Social Security Fairness Act, the Collective Bargaining Bill and the National Police Officer Bill of Rights (similar to what we have in Illinois).

Elections: The Mayoral election, including aldermen will be held next Tuesday (February 27th), the FOP website contains the recommendations by the Lodge, the same information can be found in the February Newsletter as well.

Press Conference: 1st Vice President Bill Dougherty accepted an invitation (February 8th) on behalf of the Lodge to attend a press conference along with Cook Country Sheriff Tom Dart and States Attorney Richard Devine. The purpose of the conference was to address what has become a trend in Illinois regarding the Illinois Parole Board releasing convicted felons much too soon.

Negotiating Team: The first meeting (February 7th) involving the Lodge's Negotiating Team has been held. At this meeting the proposal's (submitted by the membership) as well as an extensive presentation by Lodge Attorney's dealing with the objectives of the committee and the confidentially that goes along with negotiations. The next meeting has been scheduled for March 2nd; it is the intent of the Negotiating Team to be ready to start negotiations with the City on April 1st. All of the proposals, when completed, will be posted on the FOP website.

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

1st Vice President's Report **By Bill Dougherty**

1st Vice President Bill Dougherty is on Vacation

2nd Vice President's Report **Frank DiMaria**

Stress Management Classes: The next Stress Management classes which had been scheduled for March 22nd and 23rd is filled. Dates for June will be announced shortly.

Uniform Resale: The Lodge will host a Uniform Resale on April 19th at the FOP Hall from 1pm to 5pm. Members who are selling clothing items are asked to arrived early (11 am / 12pm – noon) allowing plenty of time to set up.

Firearms Safety Day: All the gun manufactures will be present (waiting on a response from Colt) for the annual Firearms Safety Day event scheduled for May 16th and 17th (9am until 5pm). Ruger will be participating for the first time in five years.

2007 FOP Picnic: The FOP Picnic for 2007 will be held at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest, Illinois on July 11th, Gaelic Park is located at 6119 W. 147th Street. The same admission requirements as previously done at Santa's Village will apply at Gaelic Park.

Greg Bella: 3rd Vice President Greg Bella is away due to surgery; his report is included in my report.

Legal Defense: There were four (4) call outs last month (January) in which six (6) officers were involved in four (4) shootings and one officer killed (Jose Vasquez).

DSP's: DSP's, there were twenty-three (23) cases heard last month (January) of which an alternate recommendation was given in eighteen (18) cases and no recommendation in five (5) cases.

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

3rd Vice President's Report By Greg Bella

Given by 2nd Vice President Frank DiMaria

Recording Secretary's Report By Sidney Davis

Military: There are currently twenty-six (26) officers on deployment with twenty (20) stationed overseas and six (6) officers station stateside.

B.I.S. / P.C.P.: Currently there are one-hundred thirty-two (132) officers in the Behavior Intervention System and nineteen (19) officers in the Personal Concerns Program for a combined total of one- hundred fifty-one (151) 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. Since October of 2006, I have attended thirteen (13) hearings for B.I.S., and of those figures seven (7) Lodge members have been removed.

Military Seminar: A recent meeting (February 5th) was held between Lodge 7 and Local 2 (Firefighters Union). The nature of the meeting was to discuss military benefits provided by Local 2 and Lodge 7 to their members. The meeting was quite beneficial to both agencies. Numerous topics were discussed during the hour and half meeting. It was mutually agreed to have another seminar (May 9th), which would include other unions in the City.

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

Treasurer's Report By John Capparelli

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,731; Sgts. & Above/227; Disabled/392; Retired/4,762; Outside Units/4; Total Membership: 17,116

Account Deposits and Disbursements:

Membership Account Deposits for January 2007: \$219,996.99
Membership Account Disbursements for January 2007: \$606,591.08
Membership Account Balance as of February 1, 2007: \$1,105,596.58

General Account Deposits for January 2007: \$4,110.14
General Account Disbursements for January 2007: \$1,600.00
General Account Balance as of February 1, 2007: \$11,653.11

Store Account Deposits for January 2007: \$77,659.47
Store Account Disbursements for January 2007: \$31,337.21
Store Account Balance as of February 1, 2007: \$141,906.56

PAC Deposits for January 2007: \$0.00
PAC Disbursements for January 2007: \$850.00
PAC Account Balance as of February 1, 2007: \$1,578.89

Legal Defense Account Balance as of February 1, 2007: \$4,555,636.51

Investment Account Balance as of February 1, 2007: \$1,062,067.67

Total Assets on Hand as of February 1, 2007: \$6,878,439.22

Discussion on per capita dollar amounts

Motion by **Rich Aguilar**
2nd by **Sandy Nash**
Motion: **To accept the Treasurer's Report**
Motion passes

Financial Secretary's Report By Timothy Fallon

Out of Grade Pay: Financial Secretary Tim Fallon spoke on the issue of members owed pay for working out of grade as acting desk sergeants, including pay dates and the way pay is calculated for members in the various pay grades.

Special Employment: A number of officers were knock out of the computer system (due to a new

computer program) to work special employment for the month of January. A grievance has been filed on this issue; the City has said they recognized the error and will correct the problem. The City has made the Lodge an offer, in which we will contact each officer with the options suggested by the City.

Arbitration Decision: Details of Lodge members arrested and bond conditions resulting from an arbitrator's decision were made public to the General Membership by Financial Secretary Tim Fallon.

Police Shooting: On February 10, 2007, a shooting occurred involving one (1) sergeant and three (3) detectives. Two (2) of the detectives received replacements weapons, one (1) detective did not (she owned a Sig) and the Department did not have a Sig in it's inventory stock. The Lodge has filed a grievance on the issue.

Motion by Kathleen Gahagan
2nd by Anna Hanley
Motion: To accept the Financial Secretary's Report
Motion passes

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Vic Rini, Retired Officer: Spoke on the issue of political correctness and a mall shooting (Salt Lake City).

Steve Marchfield, Unit 608: Spoke on the issue of the Department of the Environment and vehicles being used by the agency.

Dennis Mushol, Unit Rep 019: Spoke on the issue of electronic signature equipment and the Lodge's Position, special employment and an inspector writing officers at O'Hare Airport (no vest).

James Dillon, Unit 006: Spoke on the issue of a 10-1 benefit for Officer Alonzo Edwards Jr., to be held on February 24th (1900 hrs) at the Lamplighter, 8214 S. Kedzie, tickets are \$20.00 and be purchased at the 6th District Police Station.

Question on the FOP wellness seminar and the blood that was drawn

Watch Rep 650: Spoke on the issue of Boarder Patrols Agents who were arrested and thrown into general population.

Vic Rini, Retired: Spoke on the same issue (Boarder Patrol Agents) and tourist traveling in Mexico.

President Donahue: Spoke on the issue of the St. Patrick's Day Party scheduled for March 17th, at the

FOP Hall; tickets are available from Board Members.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Donahue: Spoke on the issue of next week's election

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

Motion by Don
2nd by Ed King Jr.
Motion: To adjourn the meeting
Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 hours

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis
Recording Secretary