

**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 MAY 22, 2007
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 19:04 hours.

Deceased Members Who Were Remembered During The Opening Prayer Were:

Paul J. Sadauskas, Daniel L. Kepp, Joseph Mitchello, Warren Lindvig, Angelo J. Naselli, Angelo B. Falbo, John Siller, Jr., Ulester Mims, Michael J. Callahan, Julius A. Jones, Byron R. Uppling, Peter A. Martine, Charles J. Gartland, Cornelius Welborn, Chester A. Hycner, Patrick J. Welsh, William L. Mundell, Jr., Gary L. Bulava, Barbara A. Seay, Hugh G. Baletto, William F. Durr, Raymond R. Egan, Maurice Boissy

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AWARDS

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

Police Officer Ronald Paige, Star #9929, Police Officer Jorge Chavolla, Star #11297, Police Officer Josue Ortiz, Star #15448, Police Officer Alex Gomez, Star #11347, Police Officer Kevin Cunningham, Star #6978, Police Officer Ross Valenti, Star #12175, Detective Miguel Soto, Star #20816, Police Officer David Cintron, Star #14617, Police Officer William Seski, Star #7520, Police Officer Kevin Leahy, Star #19291, Police Officer Eddie Torres, Star #5429, Police Officer Christopher Fraterrigo, Star #19310

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on April 17, 2007 were provided to those in attendance.

Motion by Joe Butney
2nd by Jim Bailey Jr.
Motion: To waive the reading of the Minutes and to accept the minutes as printed
Motion passes

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report Mark Donahue

Negotiating Team:

The final meeting of the negotiating team prior to meeting with the City for the first time has been scheduled for May 30th. The first official meeting with the City has been scheduled for June 6, 2007 in the FOP Hall. The contract proposals that will be tendered to the City are around 40, slightly higher than the last contract. All contract proposals will be posted to the FOP website upon submission to the City.

Tax Relief Retired Members:

The HELPS legislation that was passed last year which was designed to provide much needed tax relief for retired members of Law Enforcement, would allow retired members to write off up to \$3,000.00 of cost for health insurance, including dental and vision. The Lodge learned that IRS had a problem with this program, which meant that FOP had to go back to work and make sure all aspects had been completed favorably for our retired members. The IRS has changed its position on the issue and will now recognize both self-insured and non-self insured plans to receive the benefit.

Discussion on HELPS

Dental / Vision Retired Members:

The providers for the dental and vision insurance benefit told the Lodge that it initially had hope for 5% sign-up with retirees, the actual figures came to about 1400 retirees signing up representing about 25% enrollment. Responses from retired members have been favorably for the program.

None IOD Light Duty Positions:

On May 14, 2007, the Lodge was asked to attend a meeting by the Department on the subject of None IOD Light Duty Positions. 1st Vice President Bill Dougherty and Tom Pleines. FOP Lawyer attended the meeting in which they were informed that as of June 1, 2007 the Department would be replacing the current Non IOD program with a different program. The Lodge was never informed or consulted on their plan for this new program, notices has been sent to Command Channels across the City informing them of the changes. A phone call was made to the Superintendent informing him that the Department did not include the Lodge on the program change. The Superintendent was under the impression that the Lodge had been included in talks with the Department on the changes.

A meeting was set up with Management and Labor and Legal Affairs on the issue, which lasted about two hours. 1st Vice President Bill Dougherty will cover that meeting during his report.

Social Security Fairness Act:

The SSFA now has 297 co-sponsors from the House, and 28 co-sponsors from the Senate. These figures represent more than 2/3 majority in the House making it cloture proof, which means that they can insist that they call it up in committee anytime they want.

National Collective Bargaining Bill:

This bill is only 34 members shy of a House majority and is making progress.

COPS Legislation:

President Donahue also spoke on the issue of FOP members attending a press conference while in Washington D.C. (Memorial Service), this conference advocated for the legislation of reviving the COPS Legislation that was passed originally in 1994 which will put more police officers on the street.

HB969:

This bill will allow widows to remarry without losing their pension benefits. The bill will be going before the Pension and Insurance Committee along with HB1445, which is a bill that will allow for dependents that are physically or psychologically handicapped to receive benefits even if declared after age 18 at the Pension Fund.

HB1669:

This bill will give the Pension Fund the ability to have hearings to determine pension eligibility for widows that have not been married for 1 year prior to the death of the annuitant.

HB934:

The Lodge has received an actuarial report regarding HB934 (Pension Portability), which basically contains information saying it would cost the Fund no money allowing members to bring time in from other law enforcement agencies. The report is now being challenged by the Budget Office.

President Donahue also spoke on the issue of a bill limiting the responsibilities of Auxiliary Police regarding better training.

Memorials:

All the Memorials are over and each one went well, which included Springfield Memorial, Washington D.C. Memorial, Lodge 7 Memorial and the St. Jude Police Memorial near Soldier Field.

St Jude Memorial:

On June 3, 2007 a Memorial service has been scheduled to dedicate a St Jude Statue honoring Police and Fire and members of the Armed Services. Mass will be heard at 11:30, location is 103rd and Central at Queen of Martyrs Church.

National Police Museum:

Plans are under way to construct a National Police Museum and funds are being sought for the project. New York (PBPA) gave \$500,000.00 over five (5) years. Our Lodge is half the size of NY and the issue will have to be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Retiree Health Care:

The City has reconciled charges for retiree health care for 2005, which means that retired members have additional money coming back to them. The Lodge has its lawyers working on the issue to ensure each retired member is fairly compensated for funds due to them.

National FOP Conference:

The bi-annual conference is being held in Louisville, Kentucky this year (August 13th -16th). Delegates are asked to get their forms into the Lodge (Catherine Manning) as soon as possible. The Delegates Dinner has been scheduled for July 18, 2007 at the Lodge Hall.

Motion by John Carey
2nd by Bill Dougherty
Motion: To accept the President's Report.
Motion passes.

1st Vice President's Report
By Bill Dougherty

Medical Report:

Since the April 2007 General Meeting the Lodge has filed six (6) medical grievances.

Denial of I.O.D's: three (3)
Place into Psychological Evaluations: Three (3)

Korshack Decision:

1st Vice President Bill Dougherty spoke briefly on the Korshack Decision regarding Lodge members including participation by other unions, the City of Chicago and FOP Lawyers.

100 Club:

Lodge members may now join the 100 Club; membership is \$50.00 a year. To join go to www.hundredclub.org

Convalescent Duty:

Convalescent and Limited Duty are status, Light Duty is not. Convalescent Duty is when the Department expects the member to come back in a full duty capacity. Limited Duty is when they feel the member is less likely to come back anytime soon in a full duty capacity. The big issue is the huge increase in limited duty / Non IOD. On a grand scale when you look at the IOD limited duty status which has remained steady over the past 6 years while NON IOD has sky rocketed. The Lodge is working on the issue of limited duty positions.

Sandy Nash, Unit 376:

Spoke on the issue of Limited Duty and Convalescent Duty

Percy Allen, Unit 166:

Spoke on the issue of Non IOD Light Duty positions and the City's positions on changing the program on June 1, 2007

Motion by Sid Davis
2nd by Kathleen Gahagan
Motion: To accept the Vice President's Report.
Motion passes

2nd Vice President's Report
Frank DiMaria

Uniform Resale:

On April 18th, the Lodge conducted a Uniform Resale at the FOP Hall, in which 300 Lodge members took advantage of the resale of clothing and leather goods. The next uniform resale will be this Fall on October 17, 2007.

Firearms Safety Day:

Every Gun manufacture was present on May 16th and 17th for the annual inspection of Lodge members' weapons. Over 540 members attended the event. We hope to expand the program next year by 1 day.

Fishing Tournament:

The Lodge has signed up 75 boats to fish in the annual Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament scheduled for May 23rd at the Chain of Lakes

FOP Picnic:

On July 11, 2007 the Lodge will host its annual picnic at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest Park, Illinois. Flyers with all the information will be sent to all districts and units.

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

3rd Vice President's Report
By Greg Bella

Call-Outs or Shootings:

Since the last General Meeting (April of 2007), there have been five (5) call outs, in which ten (10) officers were involved in four (4) shootings and one (1) detective who was shot.

Discipline Screening Panels:

There were forty-eight (48) DSP's cases heard during the month of March 2007 of which an alternate recommendation was given in eighteen (18) cases.

OPS Order:

3rd Vice President Bella spoke on the new OPS Ordinance.

Fernando Flores, Unit 017:

Spoke on the issue of the new OPS Ordinance

Kevin Jans, Unit 017:

Spoke on the issue of the new OPS Ordinance

Motion by Don Richardson
2nd by Jerry Reid
Motion: To accept the 3rd Vice President's report
Motion passes

Recording Secretary's Report

By Sidney Davis

Behavior Intervention System and Personnel Concerns Program:

B.I.S. One Hundred Sixty-three (163) enrolled as of April 30, 2007
P.C.P. Nineteen (19) enrolled as of April 30, 2007
Total officers enrolled as of March 31, 2007 / One-Hundred Eighty-two (182)

Members are once again reminded that according to appendix J, of the FOP contract with the City of Chicago, you have seven (7) working days in which to request a hearing when placed in either program. You are officially placed into B.I.S. when handed documents stating you are enrolled, not the date entered on the document, the key word to this sentence is **handed the document**, that action starts the 7 working day rule.

Military:

There are currently twenty-eight (28) officers on deployment with twenty (21) stationed overseas and seven (7) officers station stateside. Please keep these officers in your prayers; some of the officers are now on a second tour.

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

Treasurer's Report

By John Capparelli

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,939; Sgts. & Above/323; Disabled/384; Retired/5,309; Outside Units/6; Total Membership: 17,961

Account Deposits and Disbursements:

Membership Account Deposits for April 2007: \$448,568.04
Membership Account Disbursements for April 2007: \$503,537.26
Membership Account Balance as of May 1, 2007: \$1,608,884.20

General Account Deposits for April 2007: \$13,305.14
General Account Disbursements for April 2007: \$3,210.00
General Account Balance as of May 1, 2007: \$61,118.67

Store Account Deposits for April 2007: \$29,416.91
Store Account Disbursements for April 2007: \$36,986.11
Store Account Balance as of May 1, 2007: \$89,889.29

PAC Deposits for April 2007: \$0.00
PAC Disbursements for April 2007: \$6,950.00
PAC Account Balance as of May 1, 2007: \$6,778.89

Legal Defense Account Balance as of May 1, 2007: \$4,720,305.45

Investment Account Balance as of May 1, 2007: \$1,086,326.08

Total Assets on Hand as of May 1, 2007: \$7,573,302.58

Lawsuit:

Treasurer John Capparelli spoke on the issue of a police officer who is also a military reservist and a lawsuit that was handled by his brother Jim Capparelli also a military reservist. John also spoke on an article that appeared in the Sun Times regarding two police officers and a lawsuit.

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

Financial Secretary's Report By Timothy Fallon

Military Reservist:

Reservist are reminded to immediately contact the Lodge if you experience any problems on being reinstated to duty upon being released from the military.

Juvenile Intervention Center:

A safety complaint was filed regarding their lock-up facility. The Lodge is looking into the matter.

Kevin Jans, Unit 016:

Spoke on the issue of the time due lawsuit

Daniel McHugh, Unit 650:

Spoke on the issue of work repairs for Area 5

Motion by **Kevin Jans**
2nd by **Bill Dougherty**
Motion: **To accept the Financial Secretary's Report**
Motion passes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events By Joe Butney

There will be a Blood Drive at the FOP Hall on May 29, 2007, the day after Memorial Day. Hours are from 10am until 5pm to donate blood. Call the Hall and ask for Frank DiMaria at 312-733-7776.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Fernando Flores, Unit Rep 017:

Spoke on the issue of Special Employment (CHA) and vehicles being taken away.

Frank Krupa, Unit 018:

Spoke on the issue of Special Employment and safety issues.

Dennis Mushol, Unit Rep 019:

Spoke on the issue of Special Employment and safety issues.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Vic Rini, Retired Officer:

Thanked Frank DiMaria for organizing the 2 days of firearms safety inspections.

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

Motion by Joe Butney
2nd by Jim Bailey Jr.
Motion: To adjourn the meeting
Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 20:22 hours

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis
Recording Secretary