

**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 18, 2008
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:

William J. Bolton, Matthew P. Baldwin, Jr., Anthony Waitkus, Fred B. Drew,
Robert J. Heyrman, Jerome P. Heyden, Clarence B. Williamson, Jr., John L. McLaughlin,
Edward J. Dvorak, Arthur Aznavoorian, Wilbur Adams, Stanley J. Sutryk, Joseph A. Pikowski,
Francis M. Costello,

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Donahue:

After the awards presentation, a commercial venture will be shown that the Board of Directors directed the Lodge to embark on regarding showing Police Officers in a positive manner.

AWARDS

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

PO Anthony Sabella, PO Sean Flisk, Sergeant Martin Tannehill, PO Jason Santiago, PO Tomislav Vidljnovic, PO Celal Surgit, PO Guadalupe Deleon, PO Joel Lee, PO Eugenio Tirado, PO Debra Zacek and PO Cindy Del Valle.

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

PO Danien Cabrera, PO Joshua Diaz, PO Erik Miehle, PO Michael Sardo, PO William Lehner, PO Salvatore Sammartino, PO Christopher Morris, PO James Zega, PO David Fudacz, PO Michael Shields, PO Thomas O'Shaughnessy, Detective Robert McVicker and PO Rosalind McVicker.

President Donahue:

The Lodge interviewed a PR firm from Florida which resulted in the film you are about to view, a 30 second commercial that will run on channel 5 (NBC) for the next four weeks. Any feed back from Lodge members would be appreciated.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on February 19, 2008 were provided to those in attendance.

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

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report

Mark Donahue

Lodge Elections:

I'd like to congratulate all who those who ran for an office in the election this past week. I've been honored to be reelected to serve in the capacity of President for a 3rd term and will work at this job in the future as I have in the past.

Together we can all expand our list of accomplishments that were garnered in the past. The early report on the vote tally revealed that 8,188 were counted out of the total of 18,102 ballots that were sent out. 12,731 active ballots were sent which included members on disability, and of those 12,731 active ballots sent out 4,844 active ballots were counted for a 38% return margin of active members. There were 5371 retired ballots sent out in which 4,350 were counted for an 81% return margin of retired members.

Budget Cuts:

Mayor Daley announced a 3% budget cut last week for the current budget due to negative growth.

Superintendent Changes:

Superintendent Jody Weis made 40 command staff changes last week, he also spoke on the issue of fitness standards for the department. The Superintendent is also learning that it's not a good idea to talk with Fran Spielman.

Day on the Hill:

President Donahue attended Day on the Hill recently (February 26 through February 28), some key issues that were discussed included the three (3) top priorities (Social Security Fairness Act, Public Safety Employee Employer Act and the State Local Law Enforcement Discipline Act). Representatives from the State of Illinois included State President Ted Street, Troopers Lodge President Buddy Parker and State Sergeant At Arms Bill Mehrtens also attended the Day on the Hill. Bill Mehrtens was named Chairmen of the National Legislative Committee cumulating from the all the good work Bill has done.

Social Security Fairness Act:

How to fund the SSFA was also discussed (Day on the Hill) which is a good indicator of the progress for SSFA.

Collective Bargaining:

The issues of Collective Bargaining and a nationwide Police Officers Bill of Rights are gaining more support. There are 23 States in the nation that do not have mandatory collective bargaining rights for public sector employees.

President Donahue also spoke on the issues of Senate Bill 2006 (Pension Portability Bill) and Senate Bill 2068 (Health and Equality Bill), both of which are pending in Springfield.

Pension Commission:

The 1st Pension Commission meeting was held on February 29, 2008. This is the commission in which Police and Fire were initially left out and will meet once a month for the next 18 months. Police and Fire have since been given a seat on the commission. As we have said in the past a two tier pension system seems to be on the agenda which the Lodge is against.

ACT Training:

There are still seats available for students to attend the Pre- ACT Exam Workshop scheduled for Sunday, April 6, 2008 at the FOP Hall from 1pm until 4pm. Anyone interested should contact Kathy Moore at 312-733-7776. Registration fee is \$25.00.

Unit Rep Election:

Now that the General Election is over, the process of electing Unit Representatives begins. Election for unit reps will begin 90 days after the general election and watch representative elections 60 days after the unit rep elections.

Motion by Don Richardson
Motion: To accept the President's Report.
2nd by Vic Rini
Motion passes.

1st Vice President's Report

By Bill Dougherty

Medical Grievances:

Since the February 2008 General Meeting, the Lodge filed twenty grievances.

Ten grievances for denial of I.O.D.'s

7 grievances for officers placed into the psychological physical evaluations

1 officer who filed a grievance for a medical bill

1 officer who was denied a referral

1 officer who was denied by the City of paying a portion of his I.O.D. bill

Nationwide Deferred Compensation:

1st Vice President Bill Dougherty spoke on the issue of some Lodge members having problems with drawing portions of funds they have invested with Nationwide Deferred Compensation. An article on the subject will appear in the April FOP News letter.

Health Fairs are scheduled for:

017th District: April 7th through the 9th

006th District: May 28th through the 30th

020th District Jul 21st through the 23rd

Future locations will include 022, 35th Street, FOP Hall and a 4th location (TBA).

Motion by Sid Davis

Motion: To accept the Vice President's Report.

2nd by Joe Butney

Motion passes

2nd Vice President's Report

Frank DiMaria

Uniform Resale:

Has been scheduled for April 16, 2008 in the FOP Hall from 1pm until 6 pm. Members who are planning on selling clothing items and leather goods are asked to arrive by 12 noon. Lodge members are asked to spread the word to the general membership.

Parole Hearings:

There will be 3 parole hearings on the same day as the uniform resale (April 16, 2008), there are petitions in the back of the room for members to sign keeping these cop killers in prison.

FOP Fishing Tournament:

As of today's date 18 boats have registered to fish the FOP Tournament on May 21, 2008 at the Chain of Lakes near the Wisconsin Border. Applications can be found on the rear page of FOP Newsletters (March, April and May). The entry fee is \$70.00 per boat.

Firearm Safety Day:

On June 10th and 11th, the Lodge will sponsor a Firearm Safety Day in the FOP Hall from 9am until 5pm. All the gun Manufacturers will be present for the event. Members are reminded that there is a 2 gun limit (inspection and cleaning).

2nd Vice President Frank DiMaria thanked the members for their support during the recent Lodge elections

Maurice Thigpen, Unit Rep 006:

Maurice spoke on the issue of the firearms safety day.

Motion by James Moriarty
Motion: To accept the 2nd Vice President's report
2nd by Darrin Bourret
Motion passes

3rd Vice President's Report

By Greg Bella

Call-Outs or Shootings:

For the month of February 2008, there were 4 call outs, involving 6 officers in 4 shootings

Fax Message:

The Lodge has received many calls regarding a fax message on impairment and allegations of intoxication involving on and off duty police officers. We had our lawyers do some research on the issue and found that no police officers have ever been disciplined for drinking only. What makes the drinking become a problem is when another allegation is put with the drinking.

C.R. Numbers:

A directive was issued by the Chief of I.A.D., which said that all C.R. numbers that are directed to sergeants in the districts to investigate will be given to administrative units throughout the department to investigate to relieve patrol division sergeants from doing the investigative work.

Motion by John Capparelli
Motion: To accept the 3rd Vice President's report
2nd by Maurice Thigpen
Motion passes

Recording Secretary's Report

By Sid Davis

Lodge Elections:

I want to thank each and every member who took the time out of their busy schedules to vote in the recent Lodge elections.

Military:

There are currently forty officers on deployment with thirteen (13) stationed overseas and twenty-seven (27) with stateside duty.

B.I.S. / P.C.P.:

Currently there are one-hundred sixty-four (164) officers in the Behavior Intervention System and twenty (20) officers in the Personal Concerns Program for a combined total of one hundred eighty-four (184) officers in both programs. When a Lodge member is enrolled in either program, (paper work is handed to you) the clock is ticking for you to request a hearing. Please contact the Lodge immediately upon receiving notification of being placed into either program. A grievance has been filed on the issue and will be covered by Tim Fallon later in this General Meeting.

Motion by Bill Dougherty

Motion to accept the Recording Secretary's Report

2nd by Jim Bailey

Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report By John Capparelli

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/12,054; Sgts. & Above/288; Disabled/388; Retired/5,375; Outside Units/5; Total Membership: 18,110

Account Deposits and Disbursements:

Membership Account Deposits for February 2008: \$243,562.65
Membership Account Disbursements for February 2008: \$399,581.70
Membership Account Balance as of March 1, 2008: \$1,179,185.12

General Account Deposits for February 2008: \$750.00
General Account Disbursements for February 2008: \$3,070.00
General Account Balance as of March 1, 2008: \$101,361.66

Store Account Deposits for February 2008: \$28,057.76
Store Account Disbursements for February 2008: \$31,101.67
Store Account Balance as of March 1, 2008: \$109,284.60

PAC Deposits for February 2008: \$0.00
PAC Disbursements for February 2008: \$1,025.00
PAC Account Balance as of March 1, 2008: \$5,308.89

Legal Defense Account Balance as of March 1, 2008: \$5,102,347.54

Investment Account Balance as of March 1, 2008: \$2,009,956.16

Total Assets on Hand as of March 1, 2008: \$8,502,024.89

Audit:

A preliminary audit has been completed, we are still waiting for some reports to come in to complete the audit and make a full report soon. I like to thank everyone for voting especially my buddies in unit 177.

John also spoke on the issue of the officer who fell out during last month's meeting

Motion by Kathleen Gahagan
Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report
2nd by Charlie Pelka
Motion passes

Financial Secretary's Report
By Timothy Fallon

Unit Rep Elections:

Posters have sent out to districts and units regarding the upcoming unit representative's election. Incumbent Unit Reps must submit a To/From requesting to run for their current positions, if more than one person wish to run for a position then an election will be held in that district or unit. To/From's are due in by April 23, 2008.

Grievance Filed:

A grievance has been filed regarding a possible detail involving Lodge members out of 35th Street.

Retiree Gun Issue:

A court date has been obtained regarding the retired officer who was not allowed to register a new weapon he purchased. We anticipate on going to a higher court to get a favorable ruling for the retired officer.

Duty Availability Issue:

The Lodge has met with Management and Labor to include the Finance Division regarding the duty availability issue for all the classes from 2003 up until December 2006. This is an ongoing process involving finance which is more screwed up than originally thought. Some classes were over paid, some under paid.

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

Special Events Committee Report
By Joe Butney

The scheduled blood drive on Wednesday, Feb 20, 2008 went well, the committee registered 76 people of which 66 actually donated blood 3 people used the Alex machine for a total of 69 units of blood collected. We were able to register 20 people to the National Bone marrow program. Joe thanked Frank DiMaria and Rich Aguilar for their assistance with the blood drive. Several more blood drives for this year will be scheduled.

St. Patrick's Day Party:

The turn out for Saturday March 15, 2008 was outstanding. A tip tower was established and collections total about \$500.00, of which the funds will be donated to Easter Seals. A trolley car was provided for both the South and North side parades. Thank you to all who came out to show their support.

OLD BUSINESS

1st Vice President Bill Dougherty:

Spoke on the issue of a Lodge member who at a recent General Meeting stepped up to the microphone making an allegation against him. (1st Vice President Dougherty was absent from that meeting). Bill asked that if the person who made allegation would like to address that issue now.

Harold Brown, Retired Member:

Spoke on the issue mentioned by 1st Vice President Bill Dougherty.

Charges against Mark Donahue:

President Donahue spoke on the issue of charges recently brought against him by Harold Brown and Alan Jaglowski. The charges were dropped (Special Committee Hearing) due to the fact that both Alan Jaglowski and Harold Brown refused to sign a sworn affidavit attesting to the charges they filed against President Donahue. An appeal was made to the State Lodge which upheld the decision made by the Special Committee held at Lodge 7.

NEW BUSINESS

James Semmler, Unit 018:

Spoke on the issue of the FLSA Lawsuit

Mike Tannehill, Watch Rep, 019:

Spoke on the issue of a family member who is trying to be hired as a Chicago Police Officer.

Steve Robbins, Pension Board:

Spoke on Pension issues.

Samella Ramirez, Unit 189:

Spoke on the issue of the 6th anniversary of Officer Donald J. Marquez death. A ceremony has been scheduled for him at the Memorial Wall on March 19, 2008 at 13:30 hours. Thanked Mark Donahue for a statement made regarding officers who are not physically fit.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

NONE

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 19:59 hours

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis
Recording Secretary