

# **Metroplex Fire Safety Educators Association**

Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2007  
Recorded by: Rebecca Mathews

**Location:** Meeting held at Doubletree Hotel in Farmers Branch

**Called to order:** Meeting called to order at 10:55am with the following in attendance:

- Wendi Kimpton / Farmers Branch
- Jamie Perkins / Carrollton
- Peggy Harrell / Plano
- Rebecca Mathews / Dallas
- Nikkita Reese / Dallas
- Felicia Hill / Dallas
- Vernon Gilmore / Euless
- Megan Schuth / Denton
- Martha Maldonado / Children's Medical Center of Dallas
- Claudia Romo / Children's Medical Center of Dallas
- Miriam Wilhelm / Presbyterian Hospital of Plano

**Adoption of Minutes:** November 16, 2006 meeting minutes were adopted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** provided by Megan Schuth: balance of \$1215.48

**Old business discussed:** none

**New business discussed:**

1. Board of Directors Meetings:

- Minutes from Board meeting and general meeting will be on website.
- Board meetings are open to any member who wishes to attend. Please contact Jamie Perkins if you will be at the meeting so arrangements can be made.

2. Membership Drive:

- Discussed membership drive; networking to get more members.
  - If you have contact information for a department currently not an MFSEA member and would like to have a formal invitation sent to attend the next meeting – send this information to:  
[jamie.perkins@cityofcarrollton.com](mailto:jamie.perkins@cityofcarrollton.com)

3. General Meetings:
  - Planning out the rest of year to keep members informed.
    - March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting: bicycle rodeo tips from Capt. Stilts with the McKinney Fire Dept.
    - May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting: still open to suggestions
    - July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting: Fire Safety House – programs for the whole community.
    - Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting: round table discuss on various smoke alarm neighboring canvassing programs.
    - Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting: field trip to Parkland's Burn Unit.
4. One Day Seminar / Conference:
  - Possible one day seminar on Citizens Fire Academy in June (Flower Mound?) ; information will go out first of March 2007.
  - Planning for pub ed conference in 2008.
5. Educator of the Year Award:
  - Need to appoint a committee. Anyone interested in assisting please contact Jamie Perkins.
6. MFSEA equipment:
  - Need to do an inventory of all equipment.
  - Anyone that knows anything about our camera, contact Jamie Perkins or Wendi Kimpton.
  - Rebecca from Dallas to check on donation of a digital camera.
7. Historian:
  - Wendy Kimpton will be historian for MFSEA.

**Resource Exchange:**

- Peggy from Plano and Felicia from Dallas discussed All-Ways Fire Safe at Home Conference in Washington, DC

**Adjournment:** Business meeting adjourned at 11:40am

**Guest Speaker: Martha Maldonado from Children's Medical Center**

- Dallas Area SAFE Kids Coalition
- Dedicated to the unintentional injuries to children under age 14
- Trying to change booster seat law here in Texas

- Focus on Environmental changes; received grant thru FedEx for issues regarding pedestrian changes
- Enforcement; works with local police depts. for car seat checks
- In April, 32 hour course to certify car seat inspection technicians
- Car seat line for parents to call for car seat inspection appt.
- SAFE Kids meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 10am at American Red Cross at 4800 Harry Hines Blvd. & every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10am at Presbyterian Hospital of Plano
- Van is available to any SAFE Kids member anytime

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- parents can call the Presby line for car seat inspection appts.
- In Feb., will have been a SAFE Kids chapter for 1 year
- 2 focus risk areas: child passenger safety & water safety
- Interested in implementing a Bicycle Helmet Rodeo

Next Meeting set for March 15, 2007...same location, same time