

Metroplex Fire Safety Educators Association

Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2007 Recorded by: Rebecca Mathews

Location: Meeting held at Doubletree Hotel in Farmers Branch

Called to order: Meeting called to order at 10:40am with the following in attendance:

- Jamie Perkins / Carrollton
- Rebecca Mathews / Dallas
- Nikkita Reese / Dallas
- Felicia Hill / Dallas
- Megan Schuth / Denton
- Wendi Kimpton / Farmers Branch
- Matt Grant / Ft. Worth
- Christopher Balanciere / Garland
- Brent Craft / Hurst
- Stacie Durham / McKinney
- Keri Grant/McKinney
- Steve Dossett / Richardson
- Joe Bill Jones / Richardson

Adoption of Minutes: January 18, 2007 meeting minutes were adopted as written.

Treasurer's Report: provided by Megan Schuth: balance of \$1139.60

Old business discussed:

1. Membership Drive:
 - Program is still in the working stages.
2. Meeting Programs:
 - May 17th meeting will be at Frisco Fire Dept. to tour Fire Safety Town
 - July 19th meeting at Grapevine Fire Dept. to see their fire safety house – still to be confirmed
 - September 20th meeting back at Doubletree Hotel for smoke alarm canvassing round table discussion plus Parkland Burn Center Tanya Hastings will be guest speaker.
3. Conferences / Seminars
 - Developing & Maintaining a CFA (Peggy Harrell, Plano FD)
 - Developing & Maintaining a CFAAA (Rick Nash, Bedford FD)
 - June 28, 2007 at Flower Mound Fire Dept. training room; ½ day offered or all day, which will include lunch.
 - Meet April 2nd to go over agenda; if you wish to speak get with Jamie Perkins.
4. Educator of the Year:
 - Committee: Jamie Perkins, Wendi Kimpton & Keri Price Grant
 - Who do we want on the Panel?
 - Winner will be awarded at January 2008 meeting.

New business discussed:

1. Proposed classes for Fire Marshal's Conference Oct. 22nd and 23rd:
 - Risk Watch
 - Natural Disasters
 - Juvenile Firesetters
 - Fire in the Media for PIO's
 - Basics of Public Education and how to start a public program
 - Fire and Life Safety for middle school students
 - Teaching Public Education to fire personnel (firefighters)
 - Clowning (instructors needed)
 - Water safety programs
 - Denton's beAlert program for business' preparedness
 - Fire Science for middle school students
2. Purchase of Adobe Acrobat Professional for Secretary:
 - An updated version is required for the Association's laptop, and for the Secretary to use for creating documents (minutes, newsletters, etc.).
 - Megan Schuth & Christopher Balanciere will research prices and let us know how much it will cost.
 - An email will be sent to all voting members asking for vote on whether to purchase.
3. NFPA scholarships:
 - NFPA offering scholarships to their conference on June 3-5, 2007 in Boston (80 scholarships available)
4. Risk Watch:
 - Teacher of the year application form in the back
5. Show & Tell with Keri Grant of McKinney Fire Dept:
 - Items used for a bike rodeo: helmet, knee pads, horns, poster for bicycle safety tips, laminated sheet showing stop sign, crosswalk sign, railroad crossing etc.
 - McGraw-Hill Companies to purchase traffic signs. Must send proof that you are an educator; 20 packs for \$450.00
 - Inflatable signs from Oriental Trading Company; \$250.00 for 12 sets
 - Free helmets available from The Rack (rehabilitation center) and SAFE Kids
 - Children must have their helmet to participate in bike rodeo. Take extras because some children will have the wrong type of helmet.

Adjournment: Business meeting adjourned at 11:46am

Next Meeting set for July 19, 2007 in Grapevine with Grapevine Fire Dept. to tour their fire safety house; to be confirmed.