

Metroplex Fire Safety Educators Association

Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2007 Recorded by: Jamie Perkins

Location: Meeting held at Frisco Fire Department's Safety Town.

Called to order: Tour of Safety Town started at 10:30 a.m. with the following in attendance:

- Linda Greenidge / Allen
- Jamie Perkins / Carrollton
- Mark Haseloff / Carrollton
- Megan Schuth / Denton
- Quentin Brown / Denton
- Michael Laws / Desoto
- Reginald Alexander / Farmers Branch
- Tim DeDear / Farmers Branch
- Wendi Kimpton / Farmers Branch
- Bettie Grimes / Frisco
- Christopher Balanciere / Garland
- Michael VanBuskirk / Garland
- Merrill Balanciere / Garland

Adoption of Minutes: No minutes were adopted.

Treasurer's Report: No report was provided.

Old business discussed:

1. 1-Day Conference:
 - 1-Day Conference on CFA/CFAAA is scheduled for Thursday, June 28th, in the Flower Mound Fire Dept's Training Room. Please pass along information to anyone who may be interested in attending.
2. Fire Marshals' Conference:
 - Scheduled for the week of October 22nd, in Austin. We will be presenting 14 hrs of education classes on Monday, 10/22, and Tuesday, 10/23. Be sure and check the web site for updated information.
 - Current classes scheduled are:
 - "Not Just Another Pub Ed! How to Empower Effective Educators"
Keri Price Grant, McKinney Fire Dept
 - "beAlert: Disaster Preparedness for Businesses"
Laura Behrens, Denton Fire Dept
 - *Risk Watch Safe Community / Ready for Risk Watch!*
Jamie Perkins, Carrollton Fire Dept
 - Clowning Characterization – Skit Writing
Jeff Christenson & Bryan Jarvis, Lewisville Fire Dept
 - Home Safety Literacy Project
Peggy Harrell, Plano Fire Dept

- Foundations of Emergency Management
Karen Adkins, McKinney Fire Dept
- The Media Can Be Your Friend
Watson Kohankie, Carrollton Fire Dept
- Clowning Characterization – Making Props
Jeff Christenson & Bryan Jarvis, Lewisville Fire Dept

3. Purchase of Adobe Acrobat Professional for Association:

- Megan Schuth & Christopher Balanciere were able to find the software on the web for \$250.00 but once it was actually purchased it only cost the Association \$178.56.
- On April 24, 2007 an email was forwarded to the voting members of MFSEA on the subject of purchasing Acrobat Adobe Professional on the internet for \$250.00. Based on the following information received, members voted in favor of the purchase. Original emails received will be filed with the official paperwork for Association Archives.

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| Carrollton | Yes |
| Collin County | Did not respond |
| Coppell | Yes |
| Dallas | Did not respond |
| Denton | Yes |
| Desoto | Yes |
| Euless | Did not respond |
| Farmers Branch | Yes |
| Fort Worth | Yes |
| Garland | Yes |
| Grapevine | Did not respond |
| Hurst | Yes |
| McKinney | Yes |
| Murphy | Did not respond |
| Plano | Yes |
| Richardson | Yes |

2. Educator of the Year:

- Committee is still working.

New business discussed:

1. NFPA's 2007 Teacher of the Year Award

- Congratulations to Wendi Kimpton of Farmers Branch Fire Department!!
- Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD P.E. Teachers, Jeff Malkowski and Vanita Krouch, from Janie Stark Elementary, located in Farmers Branch, won NFPA's *2007 Teacher of the Year Award!!!!* Each teacher received a check for \$1,000 and the school received a crystal Stuben award.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2007, Grapevine Fire Department, Station #1, 601 Boyd Drive, Grapevine, for Safety House display & programs. Roger Steward, Speaker.