

Metroplex Fire Safety Educators Association  
Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2008

Meeting location: Plano Fire Department  
1901 K Avenue, Plano TX 75074  
Host: Peggy Harrell, Fire Safety Education Coordinator

Members in attendance:

- Jamie Perkins, Carrollton
- Peggy Harrell, Plano
- Wendi Kimpton, Farmers Branch
- Steve Papagno, North Richland Hills
- Christan Odom, Murphy
- Terri Level, Richardson
- Christopher Balanciere, Garland
- Sue Vanek, Parkland
- Tim Dedear, Farmers Branch
- Stacie Durham, McKinney
- Vernon Gilmore, Euless
- David Kerr, Plano
- Wesley Caskey, Richardson
- Keri Grant McKinney
- Linda Greenidge, Allen

The meeting was called to order by President Jamie Perkins at 1034 hours. The meeting was held in the Mayfield Auditorium of the Plano FD's Fire Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

President Perkins asked for all present to conduct a rollcall stating name and department.

The minutes from the May 15, 2008 meeting provided. Sue Vanek (Parkland) asked that a change be made to the minutes stating that the Injury Prevention Center is "of Dallas" and not Children's. Motions provided by Wendi Kimpton and Christan Odom with this change made.

The current treasurer's report was not available. President Perkins stated that there is approximately \$1,800 in the account and will make the report available for adoption at the September meeting.

New business discussed included:

- Vacation of offices—With President Perkins leaving in August, Wendi Kimpton (current VP) will move into the office of President, Peggy Harrell will temporarily take on the Secretary duties and Christan Odom will fill the office of Treasurer. Anyone interested in the office of Vice President is asked to speak to Wendi Kimpton. Officer elections will take place at the November meeting.

- The current roster shows many departments who have not paid their 2008 dues. They include: Allen, CC FM Office, Dallas, Denton, Desoto, Euless, Flower Mound, Fort Worth, Garland, Grapevine, Hurst, McKinney, Murphy, Richardson, Roanoke, Southlake DPS, The Colony. Membership is \$40 per department.
- Wendi Kimpton has completed organizing speakers for the Texas State Fire Marshals Conference in Austin in October. They include:
  - Stacy Durham on Remembering When
  - Michael Laws on magic
  - Karen Adkins on disaster preparedness
  - Peggy Harrell on high risk audiences and a resources panel
  - Cindy Giedraitis on consistent messaging and CART
  - Puppet Productions rep on puppets
  - Bryan Jarvis & Jeff Christenson on several clowning topics
 Wendi will be contacting Steve Dossett about help providing rooms to speakers.
- Jamie Perkins announced the Texas Summer Showcase will be held in Denton August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.
- A committee to help with Public Educator of the Year award is being formed and interested volunteers were asked to contact Wendi Kimpton. This will be an easy committee to be a part of as all the forms and outlines are completed.
- Wendi Kimpton will be working with the webmaster to keep the MFSEA website current and asked that all members submit anything for the website to her.
- Keri Grant showed and discussed the availability of 9 volt ten-year lithium batteries that are being given away by a McKinney firm named Orthotix. She provided contact info.
- The speakers were Bryan Davis and Rafael Torres from Krown Manufacturing. They presented their KA&WA300 device, an Alert Monitor System with weather Alert Radio. Discussion included ADA requirements in different cities as well as different code requirements for sprinklers, specifically Farmers Branch and their homes over 2,400 square feet.

The meeting was adjourned and lunch took place at Aparicio's in Plano.