

Metroplex Fire Safety Educators Association
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2008

Meeting location: McKinney Fire Department
2200 Taylor-Burk Drive, McKinney, Texas 75071
Host: Stacie Durham, Fire & Life Safety Education Coordinator

Members in attendance:

- Peggy Harrell, Plano
- Wendi Kimpton, Farmers Branch
- Sue Vanek, Parkland
- Stacie Durham, McKinney
- Michael Laws, DeSoto
- Ellen Tolliver,

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Wendi Kimpton at 1047 hours. The meeting was held in a conference room at the McKinney FD's Fire Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

VP Kimpton asked for all present to conduct a rollcall stating name and department.

The minutes from the July 17, 2008 meeting provided.

The current treasurer's report was not available. VP Kimpton gave a summary of the most current balance to the best of her knowledge being \$1,247.00.

Old business discussed included:

- The Texas State Fire Marshals Conference being held in October in Austin—the conference WILL cover one night's stay at the hotel for conference speakers.

New business discussed included:

- Public Educator of the Year Award—we need to research prizes and judges. Peggy Harrell volunteered to work with Jamie Perkins to head up this project for 2008-2009.
- Sue Vanek with Parkland discussed the American Burn Association/Fire Team USA grant that is funding educational conferences around the country focusing on residential fire sprinklers. The conferences are for government officials and the grant covers hotel and conference registration for attendees. Sue suggested that MFSEA take a look at helping to sponsor the DFW conference being held in March 2009. Vicki Pritchett is the contact with Fire Team USA. More details to come.

An open Resources discussion included:

- There was a discussion on CFA classes—McKinney is not holding a Fall 2008 class due to low numbers of registrants. DeSoto is not holding a Fall 2008 class either. Plano started their Class #30 on September 11.
- Murphy FD borrowed the Plano FD's Fire Safety House for an event in Murphy (a PISD school that sits in Murphy).
- NFPA materials and the high cost. Same old!
- The Home Safety Council is selling kits much like the NFPA but the material is not dated for Fire Prevention Week.
- Angel Faces—Sue Vanek discussed this program that works with girls with burns—camp held each year for one week to work on self esteem, confronting stares, etc.
- The next meeting will be held on November 20, 2008, location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned and the speaker, Stacie Durham of McKinney, presented a program on the Remembering When program and its use with the Senior Select home visits being conducted in Collin County.