

Metroplex Fire Safety Educators Association

Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2007
Recorded by: Rebecca Mathews

Location: Meeting held at Farmers Branch City Hall

Called to order: Meeting called to order at 10:45am with the following in attendance:

- Wendi Kimpton / Farmers Branch
- Peggy Harrell / Plano
- Rebecca Mathews / Dallas
- Nikkita Reese / Dallas
- Natarsha Price / Dallas
- Vernon Gilmore / Euleless
- Megan Schuth / Denton
- Keri Grant/McKinney

Adoption of Minutes: will adopt minutes from July 19th meeting at November meeting

Treasurer's Report: provided by Megan Schuth: balance of \$1763.49

Old business discussed: none

New business discussed:

1. Upcoming Conference:
 - Fire Marshal's Conference in Austin, Texas Oct. 22nd- 26th
2. Educator of the Year Award:
 - Still working on prizes for the winner

Adjournment: Business meeting adjourned at 11:08 am

Guest Speaker: Tanya Hastings from Parkland Burn Intensive Care Unit

- Licensed Child Life Specialist; she has been with Parkland for 7 years
- Her role is to be the buddy/caregiver to the child
- Helps staff to cope with patients
- Helps to lower stress level of the child
- Prepares child before seeing their parent/relative who is the patient
- Explains death to the child when necessary
- Provides services to the Trauma Center
- Discussed major trends that tend to be seasonal such as campfire burns during the summer; burns from turkey fryers during the holidays.
- There is a rise in burns due to microwave use (liquids and hot plates)
- Rise in CPS cases during the holidays as well

Next Meeting set for November 15, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. where we will tour Parkland Burn Intensive Care Unit located at 5201 Harry Hines Blvd.