

Metroplex Fire Safety Educators Association  
Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2008  
(Note: normal November meeting moved to December)

Meeting location: Doubletree Hotel—Farmers Branch

Members in attendance:

- Tim Dedear, Farmers Branch
- Steve Papagno, North Richland Hills
- Peggy Harrell, Plano
- Wendi Kimpton, Farmers Branch
- Sue Vanek, Parkland
- Vernon Gilmore, Euless
- Christopher Balanciere, Garland
- Jamie Perkins, Carrollton

The meeting was called to order by President Jamie Perkins at 1038 hours. The meeting was held in a meeting room at the Doubletree Hotel in Farmers Branch. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

A rollcall stating name and department was conducted.

The minutes from the September 18, 2008 meeting were approved.

The current treasurer's report was given with the balance sitting at \$725.80. Recent expenditures were listed as:

- Speakers lunches and gift card thanks for Austin Conference
- Monthly fee for web service
- A gift card for Webmaster Jeff Blackwell

Dues are due in January.

Old business discussed included:

- Jamie Perkins did not leave the MFSEA!
- Wendi Kimpton summarized the pub ed portion of the Fire Marshal's Conference this past October.
- The Fire Safety Educators Award will be a biannual award to be awarded next in 2010 for work and accomplishments in 2008 and 2009. The application will be updated and placed on the website.
- The meeting minutes for March 27, 2008 are missing. Please let an officer know if you have them.
- The May 15, 2008 minutes now reflect a change requested by Sue Vanek having to do with correctly identifying her agency.

New business discussed included:

- The future of MFSEA was discussed. Jamie Perkins discussed the poor response she received to the email she sent out encouraging members to become active and share ways for the group to improve. Possible changes to the meeting dates and locations were discussed as was a membership drive. Suggestions included becoming more involved with SafeKids and having packets available at Metroplex Fire Chiefs meetings.
- Officer elections took place with the following officers being elected:  
President: Christopher Balanciere, Garland  
Vice President: Vernon Gilmore, Eules  
Secretary: Peggy Harrell, Plano  
Treasurer: Christan Smith, Murphy  
Jamie Perkins will serve as Past President

An open Resources discussion included:

- The Texas Fire and Life Safety Educators email group started by Deborah Johnson—
  - Some experienced frustration at getting set up in system
- Some emails that Jamie Perkins received:
  - A blood drive being held for injured McKinney FF Richard Smith
  - Rainbow Valley is offering a discount on their products
  - The Southeastern Fire and Life Safety Education Conference will be held in April (26-30) in Myrtle Beach SC—good sounding conference!
  - The NFLSEA—Michael Love discusses asking burn survivors to help with programs
- Sue Vanek discussed the Shriners Golf Tourney in October as a possible event for MFLSEA
- Sue Vanek also asked about having events placed on website. JP will forward any onto our webmaster.
- The next meeting will be held on January 15, 2009--location to be determined.