

**TO: CHICAGO LODGE #7 /BOARD OF DIRECTORS
/UNIT REPRESENTATIVES
/WATCH REPRESENTATIVES
/MEMBERS**

**FROM: SIDNEY M. DAVIS
RECORDING SECRETARY**

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
MEETING HELD OCTOBER 17, 2006
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm hours.

Deceased Members Who Were Remembered During The Opening Prayer Were:

Ervin W. Deierl, Paul J. Ditryk, Frank A. Fiore, Raymond M. Hederman, Richard M. Klasen, Carl S. Loeffler, John S. Wagner, Robert H. Wyrick, Horst A. Zickenheiner, Donald B. Krown, Donald A. Hansen, George J. Zima, MaryBeth O'Dea, Claude A. Ezell

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Blood Drive: President Donahue informed Lodge members that personnel from Life Source are present and seeking volunteers to donate blood on November 2, at the FOP Hall. Information on the blood drive can be found in the October FOP Newsletter (page 5).

AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

*The following officers were awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Fraternal Order of Police,
Chicago Lodge No. 7:*

Police Officer Patrick Jaycox, Police Officer Tony Henry, Police Officer Michael Russow, Police Officer Darrick Dixon,
Police Officer Robert Cummings

AWARD OF VALOR:

*The following officers were awarded the Award of Valor by the Fraternal Order of Police,
Chicago Lodge No. 7:*

Police Officer Keith Sinkl

Scholarship Fund Announcement: Any member having a Richard Lis Memorial Scholarship Fund application are asked to turn them in, the drawing will be at the end of today's meeting.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on September 19, 2006 were provided to those in attendance.

Motion by James Moriarty
2nd by Joe Butney
Motion: To waive the reading of the Minutes and to accept the minutes as printed
Motion passes

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report Mark Donahue

Political Endorsements: The November FOP Newsletter will contain the endorsements made by Lodge 7 and the Illinois State Lodge.

Overpayment Retirees: Due to a lawsuit by FOP over 9,000 checks have been distributed to retirees resulting from an overpayment of healthcare payments. More checks are due when an ongoing audit is complete. The lawsuit affects all City of Chicago retirees.

Pension Protection Act: The October FOP Newsletter contains information (page 1) regarding the Pension Protection Act of 2006. This act deals with the ability for public safety employees throughout the United States to better afford health care insurance by writing off as much as \$3,000.00 annually on their health care cost. The effective date for H.R. 4 is January of 2007.

President Donahue also spoke on the issue of a recent Mayor's press conference regarding OPS realignment and the recent controversy involving members being placed into the Behavioral Intervention System. 3rd Vice President Greg Bella will cover the issue in his report.

Discussion on OPS realignment, Unit Reps surveys regarding political endorsements, refunds by the City (health Care) involving widows, Political endorsements and the Wellness Program.

Motion by Sid Davis
2nd by Ed King Jr.
Motion: To accept the President's Report.
Motion passes

1st Vice President's Report **By Bill Dougherty**

October's Report is given by President Donahue, 1st Vice President Bill Dougherty is excused

Medical Grievances: Since the last General Meeting in September the Lodge has filed six (6) medical grievances, of which five (5) were for denial of I.O.D. and one (1) for denial of insurance.

Open Enrollment: The November 2006 Open Enrollment (medical) starts on November 3rd and ends on November 19th, as well as an ability to enroll in a new Flexible Spending Account for 2007. An article will appear on the Flexible Spending Account in the November FOP Newsletter.

Discussion on Davis Vision Care

Motion by Ron Rufo
2nd by Kathleen Gahagan
Motion: To accept the Vice President's Report (submitted by President Donahue)
Motion passes

2nd Vice President's Report **Frank DiMaria**

Uniform Resale: The Lodge will host a uniform resale tomorrow, November 18th at the FOP Hall starting at 1300 hours and ending at 1800 hours.

Blood Drive: President Donahue mentioned the blood drive in his report; this is a worthy cause that all Lodge members should participate in.

Motion by Ed King Jr.
2nd by Rich Aguilar
Motion: To accept the 2nd Vice President's report
Motion passes

3rd Vice President's Report By Greg Bella

Legal Defense: Since the last meeting in September there were five (5) call outs in which six (6) officers were involved in five (5) shootings.

Discipline Screening Panel: Fifty-four (54) cases were heard of which twenty-three (23) cases received alternate recommendations.

3rd Vice President Bella also spoke on the following issues

Eyeglasses and vision care
Fireman's Physical Incentive Award Program
CR Guide (online)
P.P.O's (at will employee's) covered under Appendix P and the Bill of Rights
Section 6.2 (FOP contract)

Behavioral Intervention System: There are all kinds of rumors being circulated regarding members who have obtained at least 20 or more C.R.'s over the past 5 years and are being placed in the Behavioral Intervention System. T.R.R.'s have also been mentioned which is a violation of the contract if used as disciplinary measures. The Lodge is looking into the matter.

Rick King, Canine Unit: Spoke on the issue of lawsuits involving canines

Rich Aguilar, Trustee: Spoke on the issue regarding electronic equipment and affidavits

Sandy Nash, Unit 376: Spoke on the issue of affidavits and I.A.D

Motion by Mike Garza
2nd by David Ryan
Motion: To accept the 3rd Vice President's report
Motion passes

Recording Secretary's Report

By Sidney M. Davis

Military: Thirty (30) officers are currently deployed for military operations, of which seventeen (17) are on foreign soil. Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner, please keep these officers in your prayers and also for a safe return home.

B.I.S. / P.C.P.: Currently there are eighty-eight (88) officers in the Behavior Intervention System and nineteen (19) officers in the Personal Concerns Program for a combined total of one hundred -seven (107) officers in both programs. Placement into either program is intended to be non-punitive and is done for the specific purpose of correcting job performance. It is not a disciplinary process, nor is the system designed to interfere with promotions, requesting transfers, bidding or other employee benefits. Members who are currently enrolled in either program are encouraged to call the Lodge for possible removal.

The numbers for the B.I.S. program will probably swell over the next few weeks if members are placed into it due to C.R.'s. You must request a hearing within 7 working days when presented with the Individual Performance Plan (I.P.P.).

2007 Holiday Calendar: The 2007 Holiday/Event Calendar is almost complete, there is a partial 2007 calendar at the rear of the hall which can be used for scheduling your 2007 furloughs.

Uniform Inspection: The annual uniform inspection will start on November 1st through November 10th, be prepared by starting now for the event.

Discussion on the Behavioral Intervention Program

Motion by Anna Hanley
2nd by Kevin Graham
Motion: To accept the Recording Secretary's Report
Motion passes

Treasurer's Report

By John Capparelli

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,662; Sgts. & Above/341; Disabled/393; Retired/5,354; Outside Units/8; Total Membership: 17,758

Account Deposits and Disbursements:

Membership Account Deposits for September 2006: \$275,297.64
Membership Account Disbursements for September 2006: \$272,735.22
Membership Account Balance as of October 1, 2006: \$947,408.81

General Account Deposits for September 2006: \$31,869.00
General Account Disbursements for September 2006: \$33,562.44
General Account Balance as of October 1, 2006: \$30,287.97

Store Account Deposits for September 2006: \$33,593.58
Store Account Disbursements for September 2006: \$67,034.64
Store Account Balance as of October 1, 2006: \$86,507.60

PAC Deposits for September 2006: \$0.00
PAC Disbursements for September 2006: \$0.00
PAC Account Balance as of October 1, 2006: \$2,428.89

Legal Defense Account Balance as of October 1, 2006: \$4,330,743.77

Investment Account Balance as of October 1, 2006: \$1,029,057.81

Total Assets on Hand as of October 1, 2006: \$6,526,434.85

Treasurer Capparelli spoke on the issue of P.P.O.s and Duty availability also out of grade pay for acting sergeants.

Allen Percy, Unit 166: Spoke on the issue of P.P.O.s and medical usage

Motion by Jim Bailey Sr.
2nd by Sid Davis
Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report
Motion passes

President Donahue: Personnel from the Court of Appeals have arrived and will answer questions on how to appeal your taxes.

Financial Secretary's Report By Timothy Fallon

Tim Fallon is excused from today's meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events By Joe Butney

A blood drive has been scheduled for Thursday November 2, 2006 (DOG 7/1), from 10am to 6pm; location will be the FOP Hall. Life Source is the agency that will collect blood. Appointments are being made (see Joe Butney) so life source can determine staff requirements for the event, articles will appear in the FOP Newsletter and you may go online to their website.

Health and Insurance

By Ed King Jr.

The Health and Insurance Committee will be hosting a meeting on October 26th addressing issues relative to vision and dental (active and retiree's). There are five (5) areas that are cover under the wellness program.

Routine physicals and Immunizations,
Pap smears
Mammograms
Hearing Aids to include testing
Vision

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Vic Rini, Retired: Spoke on the issue of lawsuits (active members)

Discussion on manpower

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Donahue: Spoke on the issue of recent Freddie Mac training.

Ed King Jr., Chairman, Health And Insurance: Open enrollment is coming up in November, which would be a good time to check with your providers to make sure that they in fact are going to be there when you make program changes if you plan on making them. Some of the providers are leaving the HMO's for various reasons, once you signed up; you're with them for a full year. Wellness program only covers members who are with P.P.Os not HMO's.

Discussion on flexible spending, social security windfall act, three (3) members from the 022nd district who are all experiencing medical problems (having special needs) and a benefit has been scheduled for them at Bourbon Street (Nov 5th), tickets are available in the back of the room.

The Richard Lis Memorial Scholarship Fund raffle will be held immediately after the General meeting is adjourned.

After determining that no other business was pending....

Motion by **Gerry Majerczyk**
2nd by **John Capparelli**
Motion: **To adjourn the meeting**
Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 13:25 hours

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis
Recording Secretary