

**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 JANUARY 16, 2007
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 19:05 hours.

Deceased Members Who Were Remembered During The Opening Prayer Were:

Leonard Stone, Eugene A. Stamatakos, William J. Angew, Albert C. Francis, Sr., Patrick H. Joerger, Donald G. Egan, Thomas J. McGowan, Leonard J. Ponne, Charles R. Stoops, John A. Castans, Jr., Anthony J. Elliott, John D. Chamberlain, August S. Cutrara, Stanley Strzepka, Warren E. McLaughlin

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Donahue: The Lodge has suffered another loss of a former Board Member. Al Francis Sr. passed away on December 31, 2006. He was a member of the Board of Directors for many years. Al was one of those guys who would roll up his sleeves, jump in, never ask any questions and was always ready to assist. The Lodge sends its condolences to the Francis Family on their loss.

Treasurer John Capparelli: The names of scholarship recipients was read by Treasurer Capparelli, followed by the recipient and or a family member receiving the \$1,000.00 cash award. Photographs were taken with the recipient and President Donahue.

AWARDS

There were no awards issued at this General Meeting

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

Motion by Joe Butney

2nd by Al Francis Jr.

Motion: To waive the reading of the Minutes and to accept the minutes as printed

Motion passes

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report

Mark Donahue

Legislation: The Legislative Committee met on January 5, 2007, preparing for the 95th General Assembly. The purpose was to formulate the agenda for the upcoming session. A number of issues that was not addressed in the last session will be addressed in the 95th General Assembly. The Pension Portability Bill has been suggested to take the top position due to its likelihood of success (due to the work that has gone into the bill over the past three years). Other issues to be addressed are compounding of the Cola (pension enhancement), the 80% Bill, residency, and retiree health insurance.

Day on the Hill: FOP's, Day on the Hill will take place on February 13, 14 and 15, 2007 in Washington D.C.. President Donahue has been asked to attend the event, representing Illinois.

Senator O'Bama: The Lodge has received correspondence from the office of Senator Barack O'Bama regarding his pending candidacy for President. The announcement has not been made yet but will probably be made on February 10th in Springfield, Illinois.

Political Action Committee: The Political Action Committee has met twice in preparation for the endorsement interviews that will be conducted on Thursday January 18th and Friday January 19th here at the FOP Lodge. Sixty (60) interviews have been scheduled for all the Citywide races.

Special Board Meeting: A Special Board Meeting has been called for Tuesday January 23rd to present the recommendations (endorsements) from the Political Action Committee. Once approved by the Board, the information will be placed on the FOP Website and Newsletter for the membership.

CFL: Endorsements by this agency will be in tomorrow's Sun Times and Tribune.

Firefighters, Local 2: Endorsements by Local 2 has been made and are scheduled to be tendered to their Local Board for approval, results to be posted in daily newspapers.

Negotiating Team: The negotiating team was approved by the Board of Directors on January 2, 2007. The names of each member selected can be viewed on the FOP Website. The negotiating committee will be meeting on February 7, 2007 to begin going over the proposed recommendations (85 pages) that have been sent in by the membership over the past year and half (via FOP Website). April 1st is the target date to be ready to start negotiating with the City (by law we can start 90 days prior to the expiration of the current contract).

Kevin Jans, Unit 016: Spoke on the issue of the pending endorsement procedure (can the membership attend the meeting)

President Donahue: The endorsement process is based on a committee meeting recommendation. The membership may attend, however they may not participate in that portion of the process.

Brian Tierney, Unit 016: Spoke on the issue of roll call visits by the Board and the FOP Website

Maurice Thigpen, Unit Rep 006: Spoke on the issue of 6th District and future contract issues. A suggestion box was placed into the district for members to submit their proposed recommendations.

Donovan Jackson, Unit 006: Spoke on the issue (results) from the Sergeant's Exam.

Kevin Beatovic, Unit 017: Spoke on the issue of pay from the City due for military training.

Sidney Davis, Recording Secretary: Kevin was reminded of the time spent researching his complaint of alleged non payment for military training. A correspondence was sent to Kevin (September 7, 2006) informing him of my findings that funds which were collected from him was done properly and that any funds due to him have been paid.

Darnell Ross, Unit 701: Spoke on the issue of members being detailed into the 5th District (90 day detail) from the 2nd District.

Motion by John Dineen
2nd by Maurice Thigpen
Motion: To accept the President's Report.
Motion passes.

1st Vice President's Report

By Bill Dougherty

Medical Grievances: Since the last General Meeting the Lodge has filed nine (9) medical grievances, of which six (6) were for denial of I.O.D., two (2) officers were placed on psychological evaluations and one (1) for BMO bills.

Total Medical Grievances 2006: Ninety-nine medical grievances were filed, of which sixty-eight (68) were for denials of I.O.D., twenty (20) officers for psychological and physical evaluations, three (3) for BMO bills and the remaining for miscellaneous grievances.

Retiree's / Pension Board Letter: Retiree's recently received a letter from the Pension Board dated December 28, 2006 regarding pre tax savings on health care. The Lodge encourages all retiree's to take advantage of this benefit.

Vocational Training: The funds that was budgeted for Vocational Training for 2006 was not used; about five (5) members took advantage of the VT program. Letters will be sent out to disabled and occupational officers that will also include a copy of the Special Order, copy of an application informing them of the Vocational Training Program. Hopefully the budgeted funds for 2007 will be exhausted by years end.

FOP WebSite: Members are encouraged to use the FOP Website, a vast wealth of information can be found that is benefiting to our members.

Roll Calls: Board of Directors are still visiting roll calls on a monthly basis, a simple phone call to the Lodge can muster a visit by a Board Member to your District or Unit.

Health Fair: The next scheduled health fair will be in the 018th District on January 23, 2007 from 7am until 1pm. All Fraternal Order of Police members are welcome (active, disabled and retired). Members who are interested should call for an appointment at 1-800-811-0174 (Advocate Medical Group). Walk-ins will be accepted.

Negotiating Team: President Donahue spoke on the issue of the negotiating team during his report, nineteen (19) members are currently on the committee. There is an abundante amount of work to be covered over the next few months prior to actually starting talks with the City.

Al Francis Jr., Unit 253: Spoke on the issue of the medical section (officers on crutches).

Arbitration / Vision: Lodge members are starting to receive checks from the vision arbitration, members who feel they should have received a check (that used the benefit in 2006) but have not, are asked to call the Lodge.

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

2nd Vice President's Report

Frank DiMaria

Stress Management Classes: The Stress Management Classes scheduled for January 18th and 19th, 2007 have been filled. The next scheduled classes are March 22nd and 23rd from 8:30am until 4:30pm. Location is Chicago Lake Shore Hospital at 4840 N. Marine Drive. Openings for those dates are still available.

Uniform Resale: The next Uniform Resale has been scheduled for April 18, 2007 at the FOP Hall from 1pm until 5pm. Members who wish to participate (setting up a table) are asked to contact Frank DiMaria at 312-733-7776.

Firearms Safety Day: This annual event, which is very well attended, has been scheduled for May 16th and 17th, at the FOP Hall from 9am until 5pm. Commitments have been made by Smith and Wesson and Sig to appear, more are expected. The Lodge will reach out to Ruger to participate (no show past 4 years).

Motion by Sandy Nash
2nd by Sid Davis
Motion: To accept the 2nd Vice President's report
Motion passes

3rd Vice President's Report By Greg Bella

Legal Defense: There was one (1) call out last month (December) in which four (4) officers were involved in one (1) shooting.

Year In Totals: For the year 2006, there were thirty-five (35) call outs in which fifty-eight (58) officers were involved in thirty-four (34) shootings and one (1) home invasion.

There were three-hundred twenty-six (326) I.A.D. DSP's, in which an alternate recommendation was obtained in ninety-nine (99) cases.

There were fifty (50) O.P.S. DSP's, in which an alternate recommendation was obtained in thirty-two (32) cases.

OPS: Tisa Morris is no longer the Director of OPS, the Lodge is now starting to get files (for our members) regarding the Superintendents Review.

Martin Natividad, Unit 025: Thanked 3rd Vice President Greg Bella for his intervention in 025 regarding building problems.

Motion by Jim Bailey Jr.
2nd by Jim Bailey Sr.
Motion: To accept the 3rd Vice President's report
Motion passes

Recording Secretary's Report By Sidney M. Davis

B.I.S. / P.C.P.: Currently there are One-hundred-thirty officers (130) officers in the Behavior Intervention System and twenty (20) officers in the Personal Concerns Program for a combined total of One hundred-Fifty (150) officers in both programs. Since October of 2006, when the Department started placing Lodge Members into B.I.S. for 20 or more C.R.'s over the last five (5) years, ten (10) hearings have taken place, in which five (5) members have been removed and five (5) members have remained in B.I.S.

Military: There are currently thirty (30) officers on deployment with eighteen (18) stationed overseas and twelve

(12) with stateside duty.

2007 Holiday Event Calendar: The 2007 Holiday / Event Calendar has finally been completed and will be distributed to units and districts over the next few weeks.

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

Treasurer's Report By John Capparelli

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,731; Sgts. & Above/227; Disabled/392; Retired/4,762; Outside Units/4; Total Membership: 17,116

Account Deposits and Disbursements:

Membership Account Deposits for December 2006: \$219,996.99
Membership Account Disbursements for December 2006: \$606,591.08
Membership Account Balance as of January 1, 2007: \$1,105,596.58

General Account Deposits for December 2006: \$4,110.14
General Account Disbursements for December 2006: \$1,600.00
General Account Balance as of January 1, 2007: \$11,653.11

Store Account Deposits for December 2006: \$77,659.47
Store Account Disbursements for December 2006: \$31,337.21
Store Account Balance as of January 1, 2007: \$141,906.56

PAC Deposits for December 2006: \$0.00
PAC Disbursements for December 2006: \$850.00
PAC Account Balance as of January 1, 2007: \$1,578.89

Legal Defense Account Balance as of January 1, 2007: \$4,555,636.51

Investment Account Balance as of January 1, 2007: \$1,062,067.67

Total Assets on Hand as of January 1, 2007: \$6,878,439.22

Motion by Don Richardson
2nd by Barbara Bunville
Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report
Motion passes

Financial Secretary's Report

By Timothy Fallon

5th District Detail: The Department concluded that they were short ten (10) officers in the 5th District and would detail officers from the 2nd District to make up the shortfall. The Lodge made it known that we did not think this was a good idea and that details of members in the 5th District should be cancelled to make up their shortfall. A letter was drafted and sent to Management and Labor Affairs requesting all manpower figures for the 5th District (who's actually assigned and or detailed to 005). The Department did follow procedures in the manner for selecting the detailed officers, however each officer detailed can file a grievance, which would aid the Lodge in this issue.

Korshack Lawsuit: Still no change in this case other than Judge Donnersberger has retired and the new Judge (Berman) will allow us access to what's going on, however we still have no standing, there has been no ruling on the case.

FLSA Lawsuit: Judge Shenkier still has not responded to our motion for summary judgement or the City's motion for summary judgement, the Lodge is expecting it soon.

Operation Close Market: An arbitration hearing was held last month and the Lodge is waiting for a decision on that issue.

A5 / Safety Issue: 3rd Vice President Greg Bella and Financial Secretary Tim Fallon along with a State Safety Inspector recently visited Area 5 regarding an issue concerning the welfare of members working in A5. Numerous violations were observed which resulted in several violations being issued to the City, they have fifteen (15) days to appeal the violations or 30 days to respond on how they plan to fix the violations. Violations have also been located in other Districts.

Tim Moriarty, Unit 021: Spoke on the issue of Tara

Maurice Thigpen, Unit 006: Spoke on the issue of Tara

Donald Eichler, Unit Rep 023: Spoke on the issue of computers (scheduling of Tara)

John Capparelli, Treasurer: Spoke on the issue of Tara and the computer system (scheduling of Special Employment)

Don Richardson, Unit 022: Spoke on the issue of CHA and CTA Special Employment

Edward Heerdt, Unit Rep 630: Spoke on the issue of CHA and CTA Special Employment

Richard King, Unit 153: Spoke on the issue of scheduling CHA and CTA Special Employment

Motion by Al Francis Jr.
2nd by Kevin Jans
Motion: To accept the Financial Secretary's Report
Motion passes

OLD BUSINESS

John Tierney, Unit 016: Spoke on the issue of pending lawsuits against FOP

President Donahue: These are issues that have been discussed at Board Meetings and in consideration of the fact that these are issues that are still in court it would be irresponsible to discuss the issues at this time.

John Tierney, Unit 016: Spoke on the issue of funds spent on pending lawsuits

Rich Aguilar, Unit 025: Spoke on the issue of members who might sue FOP

Kevin Jans, Unit 016: Spoke on the issue of making a motion

Motion by Kevin Jans
2nd by John Tierney

Motion: To cease the action at the Federal Court level and re-admit those members that were expelled from FOP

President Donahue: Motion would be ruled out of order by Lodge 7's Constitution and By-Laws along with the State's Constitution and By-Laws and we cannot have a motion that would conflict with the actions taken by those two bodies.

Kevin Jans, Unit 016: Motion is rescinded by maker

Germaine Dubose, Unit 620: Spoke on the issue of Constitution and By-Laws that were violated by Lodge members also the current Sergeants Exam (posting of results).

Discussion on the way the Sergeants Exam results are posted

NEW BUSINESS

Barbara Bunville, Unit Rep 125/134: Spoke on the issue of light duty (disability)

1st Vice President, Bill Dougherty: Spoke on the issue of light duty officers

Discussion on light duty officers

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Al Francis Jr., Unit 253: Spoke on the issue of Lodge Members (addressing the membership) and the conditions of their state of mind, also that maybe we should prohibit members who are intoxicated from coming to the microphone.

President Donahue: Spoke on the concerns of members using the Lodge for their own personal gains

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

Motion by Bill Dougherty
2nd by Mike Garza
Motion: To adjourn the meeting
Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 20:27 hours

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis
Recording Secretary