SABLICH CENTER AUDITORIUM

Attendance:

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| MSgt Jeffrey Moody | TSgt William Fish |
| MSgt Michelle Moss | SrA Zachary Bartlett |
| SSgt Brian Corbin | SSgt Cassandra Cruz |
| SMSgt Daniel Kazumura | SMSgt Craig Pearson |
| CMSgt David Staton | TSgt Marco Raygoza |
| Chuck Testin | Bev Testin |
| CMSgt Kevin Erne | SMSgt Heather Moody |
| SMSgt Duane Bourgeois | MSgt Becky Patterson |
| MSgt Robert Hicks | TSgt Christina Re |
| MSgt Shawn Kraus | A1C Aaron Apacible |
| A1C Blake Morgan | TSgt Ramon Memita |
| SSgt Charmaine Fline | TSgt Thomas Bebin |
| TSgt Glenn Davis | SSgt Mark King |
| Sierra Reed | Carlos Santiago |

1. Meeting called to order at 1154. MSgt Jeffrey Moody

2. Opening Comments by MSgt Jeffrey Moody

* Recognition-CMSgt & Mrs. Teston, thank you for the support that you consistently provide to our AFSA chapter in the form of donations, guidance and mentorship. We truly appreciate everything that you do for us.
* The Retiree office sent us a thank you letter for our donation. Thanks to everyone that supported the event.
* Permanent Party Recruitment-after our discussion last meeting about recruiting at ALS and NCOA, MSgt Moody contacted both schools. For NCOA graduations, we will setup an AFSA table on the first floor in the entry way. ALS has given us some time in the mornings each class to mentor and meet with the students. CMSgt Teston proposed adding $300 per year to our membership budget so that we can provide donuts and juice at the mentoring sessions. CMSgt Staton seconded the motion and all members were in favor.
* NPS Involvement-once a month or once a quarter we would like to provide a volunteer event for just the NPS Airmen. We also discussed having a mini-meeting before our quarterly movie night in the dorms.
* Legal-After discussion with the legal office it was determined that we are authorized to wear our uniform at the NPS information fair on Fridays, but we are not allowed to use our rank or position to persuade the Airmen into joining AFSA. We are required to be in civilian clothes for all other drives, fundraisers and volunteer events.

3. Treasurer’s Report was given by TSgt SSgt Brian Corbin

* Checking – $4,980.03 ($3,139.00 convention funds) Savings – $1,508.54 Total - $6,488.61

4. Fundraising was briefed by TSgt William Fish

* Past Events--Buffalo Wild Wings made $165, Gift Wrapping made $90, Coins & T-shirts made $240, Bowling made $1,034, Bingo at Barksdale made $2,000
* Upcoming Events-Bowl-a-thon, 7 Mar, 1300-1600, $15 per person, 4-5 person teams, Division Conference Golf Tournament, 24 Apr, $50 per person

5. Membership was briefed by SrA Zachary Bartlett

* Please join us on Fridays from 0800-1000 for the NPS information booth. The more volunteers we have the more interaction we’ll be able to have with the Airmen, the more recruits we will get!
* So far this year we have recruited 161 Non-prior service students. When we recruit students, their membership is initially loaded under our chapter. Please make sure that you use the new membership forms that request graduation dates. Once the students graduate they are automatically moved out of our chapter.
* Permanent Party Recruitment- we will have a table at the BX for a membership drive. We also currently brief at FTAC. Please keep us in mind as a possible briefer for your next commander’s call.
* Recruiting excellence-14 of the 72 sky high members identified were from our chapter.

6. Communications was briefed by SSgt Cassandra Cruz

* + Website- http://afsa652themagnoliachapter.weebly.com
  + Facebook-AFSA Chapter 652 Keesler AFB
  + Twitter-@AFSAchapter652
  + Communication Committee-SSgt Cruz will manage the website and distribution list, but is looking for committee members to maintain our Facebook page and our twitter account. Please contact her if you are interested.

7. Awards was briefed by MSgt Jeffrey Moody

* All award submissions are due to the Chapter President by 24 Feb. To be eligible for an award, the member submitted has to have been an AFSA member prior to 1 Jul 13.

8. Current legislation was briefed by SMSgt Craig Pearson

* Action Alert: Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014

S.1982 is a comprehensive package of legislation addresses a wide array of military and veterans issues like ensuring in state tuition rates for all users of the Post 9/11 education benefit and reversing the extremely unpopular COLA cut for all retirees. Current Legislation: 289 Bills being tracked by AFSA

Go to the AFSA website and use Capwiz to express your opinions! When you see a bill that you are interested in, click “take action.” The system will generate an e-mail to send to your applicable government official. All you have to do is send it.

9. Family and Community Affairs was briefed by TSgt Marco Raygoza

* Last month we only had enough members to cover 1 of the 5 events that we had advertised. Please get your people involved and volunteer with AFSA.
* Volunteers are requested for the following events:

12 March/Wed – Fisher House Dinner

7 March /Fri – AFRH (Walmart to Pass Christian/0800-1130)

14 March/Fri – AFRH (Valor/Loyalty Trip to Target, Kohls, IHOP D’Iberville /0900-1430)

17 March/Mon – AFRH (St Patty’s Day Ice cream social/1330-1530)

22 March/Sat – AFRH (Bowling escorts at AFRH /0930-1130)

* We are also looking into volunteer events at the VFW and other outside agencies to expand our scope.

10. AFSA Division Conference was briefed by SMSgt Daniel Kazumura

* 24-26 April, Holiday Inn Airport, Gulfport, guest speaker is CMSAF #11 Campanale, Mardi Gras theme
* Register today with MSgt Michelle Moss or TSgt Lavanna Corbin
* Would you like to be in the convention magazine? For $5 your name (or the name of someone you would like to recognize) will be listed on the Friends of AFSA page.
* POCs and volunteers needed for the following committees:

Conference Briefings

DV Escort

* AFSA International Convention will be held in August this year in Jacksonville, FL.

11. New Business

* MSgt Kraus brought 3 new Airmen to the meeting and asked MSgt Moody to express to them why they should become AFSA members. MSgt Moody’s response was simple. It’s because of everything that AFSA does for us. We aren’t always able to express our opinions and have a voice in political manners, so AFSA does it for us. AFSA helps us to maintain our benefits. And AFSA gives us a great opportunity to get involved in the local community. When you become an AFSA member, you can stay a member for life. There are all ranks involved in AFSA which provides great mentoring and networking opportunities.
* CMSgt Staton stated that AFSA is much more than what we cover in the meetings. He shared the story of when he was a young SSgt attending his first AFSA convention. He spent the evening talking to a retired CMSAF who is still his mentor to this day. AFSA provides mentorship and development opportunities for members.
* SMSgt Moody created an AFSA events calendar for the year. It includes all of our volunteer opportunities, fundraisers, membership drives, and holidays. Please send her any updates that you have so that we can post the calendar on our website and Facebook.

11. Closing comments were provided by MSgt Jeffrey Moody.

* Bowling tournament made HQ AFSA news! 85 EIS was the winning team and received a souvenir bowling pin
* Grab a coworker on your way to the next AFSA membership meeting. It will be held on 20 Mar at 1150 in the Sablich Center Auditorium.
* CMSgt Staton moved to close meeting at 1255.

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Secretary, AFSA Chapter 652

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