SABLICH CENTER AUDITORIUM

Attendance:

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| MSgt Jeffrey Moody | TSgt William Fish |
| SMSgt Kevin Holmes | SrA Zachary Bartlett |
| MSgt Michelle Moss | SSgt Cassandra Cruz |
| SSgt Brian Corbin | TSgt Richard Moss |
| Chuck Testin | Bev Testin |
| SMSgt Michael Bullington | TSgt Joleen Giddens |
| TSgt Glenn Davis | TSgt Carleen Wallace |
| SSgt Searra Woods | SSgt Mark Webb |
| A1C Deseree Durham | TSgt Travis Spencer |
| MSgt Robert Hicks | MSgt Robert Morse |
| MSgt Shawn Kraus | MSgt Tara Cranford |

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

2. Opening Comments by MSgt Jeffrey Moody

* Permanent Party Recruiting--We briefed at Newcomers last Wednesday, NCOPE yesterday and we have a breakfast scheduled with the ALS students next week.
* ROTC Awards--Would you like to represent our AFSA chapter and present an ROTC award? A representative is needed for each of the following events:

St. Martin HS, Ocean Springs, MS on 1 May at 1800

Bonnebel HS, Kenner LA on 9 Apr at 1800

* AFSA Mid Year Report

High Flyers receive free registration for AFSA International, this benefit is also transferable!

Working on membership auto renewal

Strategic Planning (what we need to change/improve on/stop doing)

2014 Legislative Platform (Pay, education, Commissary funding, guard reserve retirement age 60-55).

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

* Checking – $5,257.03 ($3,871.00 convention funds) Savings – $1,508.62 Total - $6,765.65

Recent transactions: $100 to Top III for Annual Awards, $385 for NCOA sponsored awards, $75 for movie night

4. Fundraising was briefed by TSgt William Fish

* Past Events--Buffalo Wild Wings made $165, Gift Wrapping made $90, Coins & T-shirts made $240, 1st Bowling made $1,034, Bingo at Barksdale made $2,000, 2nd Bowling made $527
* Upcoming Events

Dickey’s BBQ Spirit Night, 9 Apr. Eat out a Dickey’s in d’Iberville and mention AFSA and 10% of your meal cost will go towards our chapter.

Conference Golf Tournament, 24 Apr, 4 person scramble, $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! We have 75 new recruits this month, up 9% from last year
* When entering members into the database, please do not use all capital or all lowercase letters.

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.

8. Current legislation was briefed by TSgt Richard Moss

* Action Alert: Protect the Commissary Benefit

S.2075 A bill to prohibit a reduction in funding for the defense commissary system in fiscal year 2015 pending the report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission. (will cut $1B over three years in subsidy/would result in a 66% reduction in savings and could close some facilities.)

* S.257: In State Tuition Rates for Post 9/11 GI Bill--This is a key bill for AFSA and would require any school who receive GI bill payments to provide Veterans their education at the in-state-tuition rate, regardless of their residency status.
* There are currently 198 bills being tracked by AFSA

9. Family and Community Affairs was briefed by MSgt Michelle Moss

* Volunteers are requested for the following events:

5 Apr/Sat – AFRH Bowling in the Bocce Center (0930-1130) - escorts to Bocce Center

9 Apr /Wed – FISHER HOUSE DINNER

11 Apr /Fri – AFRH Wal-Mart trip to Pass Christian (0800-1130)

19 Apr/Sat – AFRH Bingo Valor & Loyalty (1330-1530)

30 Apr/Wed – AFRH Wine & Cheese Piano Concert (1330-1530) escorts to Community Center

10. AFSA Division Conference was briefed by MSgt Jeffrey Moody

* 24-26 April, Holiday Inn Airport, Gulfport, guest speaker is CMSAF #11 Campanale
* Project Officers are SMSgt Daniel Kazumura (376-8145) and MSgt Jeffrey Moody (376-8241)
* Register with MSgt Michelle Moss (377-2750) or TSgt Lavanna Corbin (377-5566) by 4 April
* 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.
* AFSA International Convention will be held 16-20 August this year in Jacksonville, FL.

11. New Business

* Chief Teston briefed on the Coast Centurions Association that consists of members that pay $100 per year to belong with the purpose recognizing military members. Chief expressed that they are acting as our voice and fighting on our behalf.
* Meeting times--MSgt Moody briefed that there has been discussion on adjusting our meeting time to increase attendance. A suggestion was brought up to hold 2 meetings, the general membership meeting at lunch, then an abbreviated version in the afternoon for people that could not attend the lunchtime meeting. We will discuss more and potentially try this out in the future. More to come.
* SMSgt Bullington, President of Air Force Association, John C. Stennis, Chapter 332, briefed that AFA, AFSA and other private organizations are all on the same team, fighting for the same issues. Our involvement in these organizations are key because many hands make for a lighter load. The AFA meets usually on the first Monday of the month, after hours somewhere in the local community.

11. Closing comments were provided by MSgt Jeffrey Moody.

* Help us get more people involved in AFSA! When you volunteer for an event, bring your friends and coworkers along. Hopefully they will become an AFSA member too. This will increase our numbers, which will increase the size of our voice!
* Grab a coworker on your way to the next AFSA membership meeting. It will be held on 17 Apr at 1150 in the Sablich Center Auditorium.
* CMSgt Teston moved to close meeting at 1255.

MICHELLE L. MOSS

Secretary, AFSA Chapter 652

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JEFFREY S. MOODY

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