

Minutes of the Volusia County FSMS Chapter Meeting – January 12, 2010

Tuesday January 12, 2010

Chapter Vice-President Lance Knudson called the meeting to order at 6:42 P.M. The meeting was held at D.B.Pickles in Ormond Beach with 21 people in attendance. The antitrust statement was discussed and everyone introduced themselves.

Secretaries Report:

The minutes summarizing the November meeting were offered for approval and accepted as originally forwarded with no correction. Al checked to ensure everyone had seen the sign in sheet.

Toys for Tots:

Due to time constraints Lance introduced Andy Wilbert, Surveyor and long time Chapter member and 22 years the local Toys for Tots Coordinator, who was on hand to provide a Certificate of Appreciation to the Chapter for its continued support of the Volusia Toys for Tots Program again this past holiday season. Toys for Tots distributed 7682 toys (up 2% from last year) to 4461 children this year (up 21% from last year!). Andy wanted to point out that the Chapter's financial donation was very much appreciated helping with the acquisition of 731 toys. Lance in turn thanked Andy for his over 22 years of service to the cause whereupon Andy graciously withdrew to attend another meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeff Cory gave the Treasurer's report detailing funds added and payments made. Last month's income included: \$63 from the marble raffle. Expenditures for the month totaled \$14.50, guest dinner; charitable donations-\$300 Toys for Tots, \$300 Red Cross and \$300 Hospice of Volusia/Flagler. Currently there is a total of \$4403.95 in the treasury, which includes \$981 committed to the marble fund raffle and \$ 2070 in the Emergency Relief Fund; this leaves \$1353.95 usable or uncommitted. Odds for the marble raffle this evening are 1:24. Jeff pointed out that tonight was the 39th drawing from the original 100 marbles and that \$534 had been collected in 2009 for the raffle (\$267 into the pot). Since we average 11 meetings a year, this marble has been in play a long time! There was a motion and second to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion approved.

Old Business:

No old business was brought to the floor

New Business:

Jeff Cory asked for volunteers to manage the Marble drawing should he be unable to make a meeting, several members stepped forward to assist at need.

Rick Rice pointed out that the annual Golf Tournament needed some new blood. Members were asked to think about it between meetings and come prepared to volunteer at the February meeting if possible. Kevin Gardner added that new ideas are welcome and that it wasn't too early to be thinking about potential sponsors.

Al Hill asked about the Chapter again offering Surveying Merit Badge and several names were raised as potential contacts. There was a brief discussion amongst the members on ways Cub and Boy Scout activities had been done in the past.

District 3 Director's Report

Jim Shannon reported that thefts were averaging 3 a week in S Florida and that crews should be cognizant of the threat. He pointed out National Surveyors week was coming (March 14-20) and suggested a local proclamation would be a good idea. Al volunteered to assist with that with Volusia County. Rick suggested he'd try with the city. The Education Conference was also in March. Jim discussed the value of joining the PAC (\$50 membership fee) and that and that PAC members see a listing of where funds are expended. He asked if members had returned questionnaires sent out earlier on Constitution and scholarship questions.

Not to late. Members with questions or comments for the Board should contact him via email.

There was a brief break for the meal, with the call back to order made at 7:32.

Guest Speaker(s):

Lance introduced the evening's guest speaker Dick Fernberg with IDentity Theft Business Solutions, Inc. <http://www.idtbs.com/> who presented to the members present on how both they and/or their business can take specific actions to protect both their clients' and their employees' private information. Dick discussed current Federal mandates regarding data privacy and the fact that this is a huge and growing problem we all needed to be aware of. He pointed out that the government passed the Fair Accurate Trade in Action Act (FACTA) that requires businesses to take "reasonable precautions" and that companies are required to be in compliance with the Act by May 2010. His business (IDTBS) does risk assessment, aids companies with preparation of written policies and procedures and conducts staff training. They also are affiliated with pre-paid legal services should a company need them. There was spirited discussion from the floor with questions and concerns following Dick's formal presentation.

Raffle:

Mrs Gardner won the chance to draw for the marble with the chance to win \$1013 (\$981 in the marble pot plus ½ the evenings raffle ticket sales). She unfortunately failed to choose the winning marble (odds were 1 in 24 and decrease to 1 in 22 next time).

The meeting was officially adjourned immediately after the raffle drawing at 8:32 PM.

Next meeting: February 9th, location El Rancho Mexican in Deland

Speaker: TBD

Upcoming activities for the coming quarter:

March 9th Chapter meeting
April 13th Chapter meeting

If members are aware of additional things/events to add to the calendar please let the Secretary know.

Approved by the membership 2/9/10