

# **Fraternal Order of Police Crescent City Lodge #2**

Meeting – Thursday, August 10, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

## ***Minutes***

**Call to Order** by President Walter Powers – 7:02 p.m.

**Opening Prayer** by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

### **Roll Call of Officers**

12 Present  
2 Absent (Lentz, Livaccari)  
1 Excused (Landry)

### **Recognition of Guests**

President Powers acknowledged Melanie Talia, President and CEO of the New Orleans Police Foundation and candidate for Judge in Criminal District Court, Section I. Ms. Talia addressed the members in attendance.

President Powers also acknowledged Ronnie Labarriere, State Secretary, who was in attendance.

Motion by Ross Bourgeois for the Lodge to endorse Melanie Talia, candidate for Judge in Criminal District Court – Section I.

Motion seconded by Bobby O' Brien.

Motion tabled per Constitution and By-laws.

Motion to remove the original motion from the table by Ross Bourgeois.

Motion seconded by Jim Gallagher.

Motion carried unanimously and removed from the table for consideration.

Original motion to endorse carried unanimously.

## **Reading of previous meetings minutes**

Motion by Willie Jenkins to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and approve them as published.

Motion seconded by Lucian Sunseri.

Motion carried.

## **New Members**

The following individuals have applied for membership in Crescent City Lodge #2:

Christina Laureano	Recruit Class 197
Nicholas Raziano	Tulane University PD
Nakeisha Barnes	SOD

Motion to accept new member by Kevin Coakley.

Motion seconded by Ross Bourgeois.

Motion carried.

## **Correspondence**

The lodge sent letters to the following beneficiaries along with a check representing the death benefit provided by our lodge:

Darren Bonnet, son of Alphonse Guichard, Jr. – \$2,000

The lodge sent letters of thanks to the following individuals who made donations to FOP Family fund in memory of Brother Mel Fourmaux:

Steven Redstone/Myra Krassenstein – \$20

Roger Bacon – \$500

Ellen Bartholomew – \$50

Sheryl Griffitts – \$50

Susan Rapant – \$100

The lodge sent a letter of thanks to Patricia Mack, wife of Danny Mack, for her donation of \$500 to sponsor the Danny Mack Memorial Scholarship.

The lodge sent a letter of thanks to Rebecca Gubert for her donation of \$100 to the FOP Family Fund.

President Powers received a letter from David Lentz, Chairman of Trustees, indicating that the elected trustees have reviewed the financial statements and records for the year 2022 and found that all is in order. He further stated that the December financial report submitted by Brother Gallagher is accurate and explains in detail the end of year status of the lodge's financial positions.

## Officer/Committee Reports

### *President's Report – Walter Powers*

Brother Powers updated the membership on his activity since the last meeting and recognized the August special birthdays.

### *Second Vice President's / Membership Report – Willie Jenkins*

1835	Active FOP Members
22	Associate FOP Members
17	Honorary FOP Members
1874	Total Lodge Membership

#### Membership by Type:

830	Active NOPD Officers
126	Other Active Law Enforcement Officers
75	NOPD Reserve Officers
5	Other Associate Members
9	Terminated Officers
812	Retired Law Enforcement Officers
17	Honorary Members

Our lodge represents 92.6% of all active NOPD officers, by far the largest law enforcement association affiliated with the New Orleans Police Department.

### *Recording Secretary's Report – Ross Bourgeois*

Brother Bourgeois reported that one application had been received from Sergeant Evan Cox and subsequently approved by the Training Funds Committee since the last report.

Brother Gallagher provided a recap of the Training Fund benefits for our members.

### *Financial Report – Secretary- Treasurer James Gallagher*

#### Report Recap – balances as of 6/30/23:

Regions Checking Account	\$150,311.06
Treasury Direct I-Series Savings Bond	\$10,648.00
Treasury Direct 2YR Treasury Notes	\$20,000.00
Home Bank CD (11 month)	\$50,817.34
Home Bank CD (17 month)	\$50,817.34
LAFOP Foundation Chase (Family Fund)	\$90,797.32

LAFOP Foundation Chase (Millage)	\$145,472.92
LAFOP Foundation 1 <sup>st</sup> Horizon (Millage)	\$238,063.81
Lodge 2 Checking Account Balances	\$150,311.06
Lodge 2 Savings Account Balances	\$132,282.68
Lodge 2 Foundation Account Balances	\$474,334.05
Total Cash Assets with Millage Suit Funds	\$756,927.79

Fund Balances as of 6/30/2023:

General Fund	\$65,127.79
Legal Fund	\$20,605.87
Delegate Fund	\$84,323.19
Death Benefit Fund	\$67,023.22
Savings Fund	\$136,310.99
Normal Fund Balances	\$373,391.06
FOP Millage Suit Fund	\$383,536.73

Total Fund Balances \$756,927.79

Full financial report is attached to this document.

Motion to approve the Financial Report by Willie Patin.

Motion seconded by Kevin Baker.

Motion carried.

Brother Gallagher discussed the National Conference to be held in Las Vegas, NV at the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino. Louisiana delegates will caucus in Room 120 on Monday and Tuesday. National Trustee Kelly Gibson is seeking reelection.

Brother Gallagher also read an email received by State President Darryl Basco expressing the State Lodge's opposition to

Motion by Henry Dean to move \$3000 from training fund budget to national training budget.

Motion seconded by Darryl Odom.

Motion carried.

*Legal Report – Claude Schlesinger*

Brother Schlesinger reported on his recent activity and that he reviewed the Superintendent's recent presentation to the City Council.

## **New Business**

None.

## **Old Business**

None.

## **Good of the Order**

Hilton Stein Memorial 50/50 Raffle

Winner (#5659464) Barbara Sharp -- \$118.00

Lodge share -- \$118.00

Motion by Jim Gallagher to donate \$200 from millage funds to the Dante Vega (Lodge #12) fund.

Motion seconded by Willie Jenkins.

Motion carried.

## **Attendance**

113 members present.

Membership roster is attached to this document.

**Closing Prayer** by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Ross Bourgeois.

Motion seconded by Willie Jenkins.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Ross J. Bourgeois  
Recording Secretary  
Fraternal Order of Police  
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