# Fraternal Order of Police Crescent City Lodge #2

Meeting – Tuesday, January 13, 2015 7:00 p.m.

# Minutes

Call to Order by President Walter Powers – 7:17 p.m.

**Opening Prayer** by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

# **Roll Call of Officers**

16 Present

# **Reading of previous meetings minutes**

Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and approve them as published by Danny Mack. Motion seconded by George Brown. Motion carried.

#### **New Members**

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

Jordan Sherr	Academy
Aundeah Kearney	7 <sup>th</sup> District
Santiago St. Clair	Academy
Valentino Grayman	8 <sup>th</sup> District
Alan Dowdall	8 <sup>th</sup> District
Miquel Aubert (reinstate)	1 <sup>st</sup> District
Michael Lorio	Special Investigations
Michael Dewey	Academy

Motion to accept new members by Pete Meinkewicz. Motion seconded by John Meehan. Motion carried.

Santiago St. Clair and Michael Dewey were present at the meeting and were sworn in by National Trustee Willie Patin

#### Correspondence

The lodge sent a letter to JoAnn Kennedy, wife of Brother Ronald Kennedy, along with a check in the amount of \$2000.00 representing the death benefit from our lodge.

#### **Officer/Committee Reports**

President's Report – President Walter Powers

Brother Powers reported on the recent labor meetings with the Superintendent of Police, including the educational requirement, OPSE, detail hours, and administrative reassignment.

#### First Vice President's Report - Christopher Landry

Brother Landry reported that he has formed TEAM FOPNO to raise money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation benefitting childhood cancer research. Brother Landry encouraged all members to join the efforts to beat the NOFD for a second consecutive year. The goal this year is to raise \$10,000.

Motion to donate \$1,000 to St. Baldrick's Foundation for TEAM FOPNO by James Gallagher. Motion seconded by Hilton Stein. Motion carried.

Danny Denoux advised that he would match the \$1,000 donation if Jim Gallagher shaves his head. Jim agreed.

Financial Report - Secretary- Treasurer James Gallagher

#### Report Recap:

Regions Checking Account	\$30,579.00
LAFOP Foundation Account	\$4,654.24
Total Cash Assets	\$35,233.24

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Fund Balances as of December 31, 2014:	
General Fund	\$86,343.34
Legal Fund	\$(360,800.56)
Delegate Fund	\$51,188.67
Death Benefit Fund	\$50,000.00
Building Fund	\$208,501.79
Total Fund Balances	\$35,233.24

Full financial report is attached to this document.

Motion to accept financial report by Alex Vega. Motion seconded by Roland Foreman. Motion carried.

State Trustee's Report – State Trustee Billy Roth

Brother Roth advised that he assisted 12 FOP members to obtain FOP license plates. Brother Roth also advised the membership that he would be attending the upcoming state board meeting the Gonzales and would report on that next month.

National Trustee's Report - National Trustee Willie Patin

Brother Patin advised that the Southern States FOP conference would be held March 26-29 in Ashville, North Carolina and the 100<sup>th</sup> National Conference would be held in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania on August 10-13.

# Legal Report - Claude Schlesinger

Brother Schlesinger gave an update on the civil service suit that was dismissed without prejudice. This means that the suit can be brought up again. He also advised that they are still in negotiations regarding the educational and special rates of pay lawsuit. We do not agree with the City's calculations so we are working through that.

Legal Report - Donovan Livaccari

Brother Livaccari advised that in 2014 he assisted/represented 382 different police officers:

- 36 Accident Review Board hearings
- 72 Disciplinary hearings
- 213 Statements
- 29 Rule IX hearings
- 95 Notarizations

Scholarship Committee – Louis Shaw

Brother Shaw reported that he received 91 college applications and 142 High School/Grade School applications.

Drawings for scholarship recipients was conducted and the results are as follows:

J. Fant Taylor Scholarship -- \$500.00 each Calvin Brazley, III, son of Calvin Brazley, Jr., Miles College Gabrielle Lee, daughter of Gary Lee, University of Louisiana – Lafayette P.F.I.A Scholarship -- \$500.00 each Tori Lambert, granddaughter of Donald Lambert, Loyola University Matthew Bondio, son of John Bondio, University of New Orleans

- Bud Rip High School/Grade School Scholarship -- \$500.00 each Nola Wertz, granddaughter of Paul Wertz, Christ the King School Ashlel Bierman, granddaughter of Arthur Perrot, Chapelle High School
- PMBA Scholarship -- \$500.00 Kayla Jacomine, daughter of Brian Jacomine, Louisiana State University

#### Awards Committee - Michael Sarver

Brother Sarver advised that the FOP was presenting Certificates of Appreciation to Louis Dabdoub, III, and Julie Lea for their assistance with the Lieutenant's exam preparation course. Each will be presented with a certificate and a gift card in the amount of \$100.

Brother Dabdoub was on hand to receive his certificate and gift card. He donated the \$100 to St. Baldrick's Foundation in the name of TEAM FOPNO.

#### Education Committee – Henry Dean

Brother Dean submitted a written report indicating that the lodge will be purchasing 40 Louisiana Motor Vehicle Handbooks for the recruit classes. These handbooks will be provided to all recruits through 2015. Brother Dean also reported that he has informed Superintendent Harrison that the FOP will be assisting the NOPD by hosting training seminars both within and outside of the department. The Education Committee is compiling a list of those classes now.

#### *Retirement Committee* – Larry Reech

Brother Reech submitted a written report that Mark Higgins was re-elected as MPERS Board of Trustees Chairman and Willie Joe Greene was elected as Vice-Chairman. Willie Joe Greene is the President of the Shreveport FOP Lodge.

#### **New Business**

Tommy Tizzard (Jefferson Parish Lodge #18) and Gus Krinke addressed the membership. Both are seeking the position of National Trustee at the National Conference.

### **Old Business**

None.

# **Good of the Order**

50/50 Raffle Winner (#926509) Chris Landry -- \$67.00 Lodge share -- \$68.00

Additional drawing for an Audubon Institute gift certificate – 926422 – Lido Schaubhut

Random drawing for an FOP Bag – Henry Davies Random drawing for an FOP trailer hitch cover – Michael Sauter

# Attendance

103 members present Membership roster is attached to this document.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

# Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Gary Dewey. Motion seconded by Alex Vega. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Ross J. Bourgeois Recording Secretary Crescent City Lodge #2 Fraternal Order of Police