

Fraternal Order of Police Crescent City Lodge #2

Meeting – Thursday, March 10, 2022
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

14 Present
2 Absent (Sarver)

Reading of previous meetings minutes

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

Correspondence

The lodge received a card of thanks from the Arnesta Taylor Memorial Scholarship recipient, Evan Weber, grandson of John Weber.

President Powers received a letter from David Lentz, Chairman of Trustees, regarding the review of the financial records for the tax year 2020. The trustees found no discrepancies or irregularities in the records.

The lodge received a letter of thanks from the New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation for our donation of \$2,000 for NOPD Christmas programs.

The lodge received a letter of thanks from the Toys for Tots program for our donation of \$500.

The lodge received a letter of thanks from the Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church for our donation of \$100 in memory of Mark Duffy.

The lodge sent letters of thanks to the following for their donation to our foundation account:

June Walker, in memory of late Brother James Howley

David Lentz
Gordon Parker
Peter Menkiewicz
Walter Powers
Stephen London
Kirt Arnold
William Trepagnier
Cynthia Watermeier
Travis St. Pierre
Louis Colin
Heather Kouts
Marion Coker
John Osburg
Timothy Bayard
Police Mutual Benevolent Association (Scholarship)
David Lentz – Police & Fire Association (Scholarship)
Raymond Gonzales (Scholarship)
Noreen Taylor (Scholarship)

The lodge sent letters to our recent scholarship recipients along with their scholarship proceeds:

Brother Omar Garcia
Ely Jordan Bullock, grandchild of Leonard Bullock
Emily Cambre, grandchild of Felix Loicano
Sidney Cross, III, grandchild of Sidney Cross
Kelly Zeringue, grandchild of Danny Lawless
Alex Loicano, grandchild of Felix Loicano
Tyler Fricke, grandchild of Patrick Fricke
Michael Lopez, grandchild of Jake Schnapp
Evan Weber, grandchild of John Weber

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

Svetlana Gaydosh, wife of Louis Gaydosh, Jr. -- \$2,000
Claudia Delsa, wife of Lawrence Delsa, Jr. -- \$2,000
Jill Bouby, wife of Ronald Bouby -- \$2,000
Blanch Kissinger, wife of Victor Kissinger, III -- \$2,000
Mary Boudreaux and Gloria Asher Green, daughters of Ruth Asher -- \$2,000
Justin Crespo, brother of James Crespo, III -- \$2,000

New Members

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

Darius White	Fifth District
Christina Bolek	Eighth District
Aaron Muse	SOD

Motion to accept new member by Ross Bourgeois.
Motion seconded by Willie Jenkins.
Motion carried.

Officer/Committee Reports

President's Report – Walter Powers

Brother Powers recognized the special birthdays this month and also reported on his activities during the Carnival season providing meals and snacks for the men and women of the NOPD.

First Vice President's Report – Christopher Landry

Brother Landry reported that the date has not yet been set for the St. Baldrick's event, but Brother Tim Bayard will be honored this year as a Knight Commander to recognize 10 years of support to St. Baldrick's Foundation.

Second Vice President's Report – Willie Jenkins

Brother Jenkins reported on a recent meeting with Council Member Giarrusso who committed to assisting the NOPD via his position as Chair of the Council Budget Committee

Recording Secretary's Report – Ross Bourgeois

Brother Bourgeois reported on the surveillance ordinance sponsored by then Council Member Jason Williams and adopted by the City Council in December 2020 as well as the amendment to that ordinance being sponsored by Council Member Green.

Motion to support the amendment to the surveillance ordinance sponsored by Council Member Green by Jim Gallagher.
Motion seconded by Willie Jenkins.
Motion carried.

Financial Report – Secretary- Treasurer James Gallagher

Report Recap:

Regions Checking Account	\$333,426.16
LAFOP Foundation Account	\$51,899.47
LAFOP Foundation Account (Millage Suit)	\$400,792.31
Ericksen, Krentel Account (Millage Suit)	\$58,876.75
Total Liquid Cash Assets	\$385,325.63
Total Cash Assets with Millage Suit Funds	\$844,994.69

Fund Balances as of 2/25/2022:	
General Fund	\$70,132.08
Legal Fund	\$(44,733.05)
Delegate Fund	\$95,844.59
Death Benefit Fund	\$55,580.22
Building Fund	\$208,501.79
Normal Fund Balances	\$385,325.63
FOP Millage Suit Fund	\$400,792.31
CPA Millage Suit Fund	\$58,876.75
 Total Fund Balances	 \$844,993.69

Full financial report is attached to this document.

Motion to approve the Financial Report by Pete Perrin.
 Motion seconded by Dave Lentz.
 Motion carried.

Legal Report – Donovan Livaccari

Brother Livaccari gave an update on the investigations into paid details and discussed the retention incentives pending before the Civil Service Commission. Brother Livaccari also advised that he believes that there will be an opportunity soon to address the root cause of the retention issues, which is usually not monetary. The FOP position is that we are going to support the monetary payments to our members and going to keep pushing for other changes to improve retention.

Millage Suit Committee – Jim Gallagher

Brother Gallagher discussed the activity of the Millage Committee and advised that he was going to increase the balance in the CPA Millage Escrow account to \$50,000 until the end of 2022 for any outstanding claims. As always intended, the lodge was going to make a 10% donation of any remaining funds to the LA FOP Foundation, this donation will be \$38,164.00. This will leave a balance of \$343,482.25 in the lodge's foundation account. Brother Gallagher discussed using those funds to increase the death benefit and he was seeking quotes from our insurance provider.

Insurance Committee – David Lents

Brother Lentz encouraged everyone who was hired before March 7, 1967 to update their beneficiary of their \$2,000 death benefit at the Pension Board office.

State Trustee's Report – Billy Roth

Brother Roth submitted a written report of his activity since the last meeting. He mailed out 16 license plate renewal letters to lodge members worked on the millage suit committee.

Legal Report – Claude Schlesinger

Brother Schlesinger reported on the millage suit and for the time period from 1995 to 2002 there is outstanding discovery that has been sent to the City, to which they haven't responded.

New Business

Brother Gallagher also reported that on May 1st the newly elected Orleans Parish Sheriff will be taking office. Currently, sheriff's deputies can only join our lodge as associate members.

Brother Gallagher reported that the National Police Credit Union was offering a 1% interest rate on accounts up to \$250,000.

Motion to open an account with the National Police Credit Union by Ross Bourgeois.

Motion seconded by Willie Patin.

Motion carried.

Old Business

None.

Good of the Order

Hilton Stein Memorial 50/50 Raffle

Winner (#2387380) Jim Danner -- \$99.00

Lodge share -- \$99.00

Attendance

85 members present

Membership roster is attached to this document.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Eddie Branch.

Motion seconded by Willie Jenkins.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Ross J. Bourgeois
Recording Secretary
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