

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

Meeting – Tuesday, August 12, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

## ***Minutes***

**Call to Order** by President Walter Powers – 7:12p.m.

**Opening Prayer** by Chaplain Emile Goetz

### **Roll Call of Officers**

13 Present  
3 Absent (Lentz, Sharp, Patin)

### **Reading of previous meetings minutes**

Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and approve them as published by Alex Vega.  
Motion seconded by John Meehan.  
Motion carried.

### **New Members**

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

William Kirby	NOPD – Recruitment
Justin Rice	State Police (Reinstatement)

Motion to accept new members by Danny Mack.  
Motion seconded by Ross Bourgeois.  
Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

The lodge received an email from Wendy Siegel thanking us for supporting Richie Siegel's fundraising event.

The lodge received a thank you card from LA-FOP State President Darrell Basco thanking us for the support over the past two years.

The lodge sent the letters to the named beneficiaries of deceased members along with their death benefit proceeds:

Dan Wirth, son of Norman Wirth -- \$2000.00

## **Officer/Committee Reports**

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

Brother Powers reported on the recent LA FOP State Conference held in Lake Charles. Brother Powers also updated the members on recent discussions with the Superintendent on uniform vouchers, ADP, and pay raises.

### *First Vice President* – Christopher Landry

Brother Landry reported that he is no longer serving on the uniform committee and that the majority of the uniform committee has been replaced recently. A request has been made for a list of personnel assigned to that committee and the divisions/districts that they are assigned to. We are still awaiting the awarding of the new bid for a uniform contractor for the voucher system.

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

#### Report Recap:

Regions Checking Account	\$29,319.01
LA FOP Foundation Account	\$1,557.27
Total Cash Assets	\$30,876.28

National Legal Plan Advances	\$9,625.00
Total Assets	\$40,501.28

#### Fund Balances as of June 30, 2014:

General Fund	\$89,687.77
Legal Fund	\$(378,873.29)
Delegate Fund	\$58,517.27
Death Benefit Fund	\$53,042.74
Building Fund	\$208,501.79
Total Fund Balances	\$30,876.28

Full financial report is attached to this document.

Motion to accept financial report by Herbie Bovia.

Motion seconded by Gary Gremillion.

Motion carried.

*Membership Report – Recording Secretary Ross Bourgeois*

1926	Active FOP Members
27	Associate FOP Members
13	Honorary FOP Members
1966	Total Lodge Membership

By Membership Type:

998	Active NOPD Officers
33	Reserve NOPD Officers
18	Terminated NOPD Officers
60	Other Active Law Officers
5	Other Associate Members
840	Retired Law Officers
12	Honorary Members

*State Trustee's Report – State Trustee Billy Roth*

Brother Roth advised that he served as the Awards Committee Chairman at the State Conference in Lake Charles and was re-elected as State Trustee. Also, Brother Krinke was re-elected as State Recording Secretary.

Our lodge received the following awards:

Lodge of the Year  
Member of the Year – Donovan Livaccari  
Willie Patin Lifetime Achievement Award – John Schluter

73 delegates attended the State Conference from our lodge.

Assisted 6 FOP members to obtain FOP license plates.

Brother Roth advised that now you will need a new membership letter in order to renew your FOP license plate and motorcycle license plates are also available.

License plates have raised over \$8,000 for the state lodge in the past 2 years.

*Legal Report – Claude Schlesinger*

Brother Schlesinger updated the membership on the city's wellness program, and that after a meeting with the CAO's staff the program was no longer mandatory for employees. Brother Schlesinger also advised that the city agreed to participate in the cost of the CPA in the millage suit at a much higher level than they had previously committed to.

#### *Legal Report – Donovan Livaccari*

Brother Livaccari updated the membership on the mayor's "Great Place to Work" initiative (Civil Service reform). There is another Civil Service meeting this Friday to entertain more public comment.

#### *Retirement Committee – Larry Reech*

Brother Reech advised that there were six recent NOPD retirees that were not getting pension benefits as a result of the city not sending MPERS the correct records.

The next meeting of the MPERS board will be on Wednesday (8/20) in Baton Rouge and the Attorney General's opinion on the COLA raise should be ready prior to that meeting.

#### *Scholarship Committee – Louis Shaw*

Brother Shaw reported that at the September meeting \$3500.00 in FOP scholarships would be awarded.

#### *Education Committee – Henry Dean*

Brother Dean reported that the committee is researching a Caliber Press Street Survival Seminar for the metro area and they are preparing for the lieutenant's exam preparation course.

Brother Dean advised that he was interested in purchasing the textbooks for the lieutenant's exam in an electronic form that can be shared with our members.

Motion to approve the expenditure of funds to purchase the electronic textbooks needed for the lieutenant's exam preparation course by Ross Bourgeois.  
Motion seconded by Steve Pepin.  
Motion carried.

#### **New Business**

An amendment to Article IV (Election of Officers) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the lodge relative to allowing for absentee ballots was submitted by Alex Vega, Lunas Penn, Gary Dewey, and Cliff Maher.

Per the Constitution and By-Laws the proposed amendment was read.

Brother Gallagher reviewed the pros and cons of moving the meeting location from our current location at Lakeview Presbyterian to the KOC Hall at St. Dominic on Vicksburg Street.

Motion by Harold Hand to remain at Lakeview Presbyterian.  
Motion seconded by Alex Vega.  
Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **Good of the Order**

Brother Powers recognized Emile Goetz on his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

50/50 Raffle

Winner (#675276) Archie Kaiser -- \$60.00

Lodge share -- \$61.00

### **Attendance**

111 members present

Membership roster is attached to this document.

**Closing Prayer** by Chaplain Emile Goetz

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Emile Goetz.  
Motion seconded by Gary Gremillion.  
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:351 p.m.

Ross J. Bourgeois  
Recording Secretary  
Crescent City Lodge #2  
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