

Fraternal Order of Police Crescent City Lodge #2

Meeting – Thursday, July 8, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order by President Walter Powers – 7:07 p.m.

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers by 1st Vice President Chris Landry

10 Present

4 Absent (Lampard, Lentz, Sarver, O'Brien)

1 Authorized Absences (Bourgeois)

Reading of previous meetings minutes

Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes by Robert Gostl.

Motion seconded by Henry Dean.

Motion carried.

New Members

The following individuals (members of Recruit Class 192) have applied for membership in the Crescent City Lodge #2:

M. Baber Arain
Kerry Brown, Jr.
Terry Gill
Derek Johnson
Preston LeBlanc
Amanda Meyer
Alijah O'Connor
Vanessa Ortiz
Samuel Pope
Sanj Powell
Edward Reynolds
Joshua Steiner
Adam Zoeller

Motion to accept new members by Larry Reech.

Motion seconded by Willie Jenkins.
Motion carried.

Recognition of Guests by President Walter Powers

Attendance – Inner Guard Lucien Sunseri

91 members present.
Membership roster is attached to this document.

Report on 2021 National FOP Conference

Brother Gallagher provided updates on the National Conference. Delegates will be housed at the J.W. Marriott in Indianapolis, which is adjacent to the convention center where the Conference will be held. Since Louisiana won't vote until later in the afternoon on Thursday, Delegates should be prepared to stay late enough to vote and hotel reservations will include Thursday night to allow for departure on Friday. Henry Dean will be seeking election as National Trustee and will need our support. Our Lodge unanimously endorsed Brother Dean's candidacy at the May 2021 monthly meeting. Delegate credentials and travel expense checks for \$600 were distributed to those Delegates in attendance at the meeting. The increase of per diem was approved by the Executive Board due to the high cost of daily parking rates at the hotel.

Communications by 1st Vice President Chris Landry

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

Muriel Belala, wife of Earl J. Belala, Sr. -- \$2,000
Chante S. Loupe, daughter of Charles Schaefer, Jr. -- \$2,000
Laura Saizan, wife of Carl F. Saizan, Sr. -- \$2,000
Cassandra Albert, wife of Marcel Albert -- \$2,000

The lodge sent thank you letters to the following donors to the Louisiana FOP Foundation, to be earmarked for our lodge:

Sharon Dupree -- \$100
Dana Franklin -- \$100

Reports of Officers

President's Report – Walter Powers

Brother Powers provided a report on the FOP labor meeting with Superintendent Ferguson and key members of his Command Staff

1st Vice President's Report – Chris Landry

Brother Landry has been working with the Millage Committee and deferred giving a report as Brother Schlesinger was due to provide a Committee Report later in the meeting.

2nd Vice President's Report – Willie Jenkins
Membership Report

1955 Active FOP Members
14 Associate FOP Members
18 Honorary FOP Members
1987 Total Lodge Membership

Membership by Type:

989 Active NOPD Officers
54 NOPD Reserve Officers
7 Terminated Officers
98 Other Active Law Enforcement Officers
5 Other Associate Members
817 Retired Law Enforcement Officers
17 Honorary Members

Other Membership Information

16 of our Active NOPD Officers are deployed on military duty.
3 retired members are working in the Middle East as LEO contractors.
34 retired members are employed as civilian NOPD/CITY employees.
1141 of our members are working as active or reserve law enforcement officers.

Brother Jenkins reported on the training sessions sponsored by the FOP for the upcoming promotional testing for Police Captain.

Financial Report – Secretary-Treasurer James Gallagher

Report Recap:

Regions Checking Account \$360,178.22
LAFOP Foundation Account \$54,630.31
LAFOP Foundation Account (MILLAGE SUIT) \$555,487.32
Total Cash Assets – Normal Fund Balance \$414,808.53
Total Cash Assets – with Millage Suit funds \$970,295.85

Fund Balances as of 6/30/2021:

General Fund \$97,016.67
Legal Fund \$(67,788.69)
Delegate Fund \$127,078.76
Death Benefit Fund \$52,981.18
Building Fund \$208,501.79
Normal Fund Balances \$414,808.53
Millage Suit Fund \$555,487.32
Total Fund Balances \$970,295.85

Full financial report is attached to this document.

Report submitted.

Motion to accept financial report by Susan Graham.

Motion seconded by Henry Schmidt.

Motion carried.

State Trustee – Billy Roth

Submitted written report on his activities in the last month including information on FOP license plates.

Special Birthdays acknowledgement by President Powers.

Committee Reports

Millage Committee – Claude Schlesinger

Funds have been transferred from the claim administrator to the LAFOP Foundation Account. The Millage Committee is attempting to locate additional claimants or their beneficiaries.

Retirement Committee – Larry Reech

Report on recent MPERS activities, including the Non-chief District I election results which was decided by a margin of one (1) vote.

New Business

Brother Gallagher initiated a discussion about the current process of the Lodge that has narrowed the number of members eligible to hold office due to the government restrictions related to COVID-19; and the practice of the Lodge in regards to the selection of delegates to the Louisiana State Conferences. He suggested that there would be benefits to changing the election of officers of the Lodge to occur in every even numbered year.

After discussion of Brother Gallagher's suggestion, an Amendment to the Constitution of this organization was offered by the Election Committee: Committee Chairman William Roth; and Committee members Lucian Sunseri, James Gallagher, and Pete Menkiewicz. The Amendment was offered in writing and was signed by the four Election Committee members. Brother Landry read the Amendment in full to the membership present at the monthly meeting. The amendment, as submitted, is attached to these minutes and will be published in the August FOP Newsletter.

Motion by Bob Gostl to donate \$500 to Special Olympics.

Motion seconded by Willie Jenkins.

Amendment to the motion to increase the donation to \$1,000 by Larry Reech.

Amendment seconded by John Riviere.

Amendment and motion carried.

Cynthia Watermeier shared information about personal challenges being faced by
(*name/FOP relationship appears in official copy of minutes*). A collection of donations
was made by members in attendance at the meeting.

Motion by John Riviere to donate matching funds from the donations collected.

Motion seconded by Larry Reech.

Motion carried.

Nominations of Greg & Jamie Strategier as Honorary Members by James Gallagher.

Nominations seconded by Peter Menkiewicz.

Motion was tabled in accordance with the Constitution of the Crescent City Lodge and
will be sent to the Awards Committee for investigation.

Old Business

None

Good of the Order

Hilton Stein Memorial 50/50 Raffle

Winner # 2382716 by Walter Powers: \$131

Lodge Share: \$132

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Willie Patin.

Motion seconded by Gus Krinke.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Christopher Landry
Acting Recording Secretary
Crescent City Lodge #2
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