

Fraternal Order of Police Crescent City Lodge #2

Meeting – Thursday, February 9, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order by President Walter Powers – 7:15 p.m.

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Roll Call of Officers

15 Present
1 Absent (Lentz)

Recognition of Guests

President Powers recognized National Trustee Kelly Gibson and State Secretary Ronnie Labarriere who were in attendance.

Swearing in of 2023-2024 Board of Directors

Past President Willie Patin administered the oath of office to the newly elected Lodge Board of Directors.

Reading of previous meetings minutes

Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and approve them as published by Henry Dean.
Motion seconded by Billy Roth.
Motion carried.

New Members

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

Sandra Perrin Slidell PD (Associate)

John Paul Batiste Tulane PD

Motion to accept new member by Ross Bourgeois.

Motion seconded by Willie Jenkins.

Motion carried.

Correspondence

The lodge sent letters of thanks to the following for their donations to the FOP Family Fund:

PMBA -- \$500

Noreen Taylor, wife of Arnesta Taylor -- \$500 (donation earmarked for scholarship)

David Lentz, PFIA -- \$1,000

Dwight Rousseve -- \$100

Jimmy Aucoin -- \$100

Gordon Parker -- \$500

Karen Broussard, sister of Louie Kistner, -- \$240

Gordon Parker -- \$500

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

Nancy Payne, wife of John Payne -- \$2,000

Tena Marie Gros, daughter of Robert Breaux -- \$2,000

Donna Maher, wife of Clifford Maher -- \$2,000

Hortense Reine, wife of Samuel Reine -- \$2,000

Kendra Gray Thomas, daughter of Charles Henry -- \$2,000

Gayle McGehee, wife of Edgar McGehee, Jr. -- \$2,000

Scarlett Locicero, daughter of Raymond Seely -- \$2,000

Tanieeka Williams, daughter of John Hall -- \$2,000

Officer/Committee Reports

President's Report – Walter Powers

Brother Powers recognized the special birthdays this month and discussed the recent activities including a BBQ for Special Olympics and performing the burial ritual at the for Past President Gus Krinke. He also discussed donations for coffee trucks at Mardi Gras.

President Powers appointed Jerry Baldwin as the Chair of the Community Engagement Committee.

Vice President's Report – Chris Landry

Brother Landry reported on the Office of Motor Vehicles allowing officers and retirees to place a PO Box or work address on their driver's license, rather than a home address.

Second Vice President's Report – Willie Jenkins

Brother Jenkins recapped his participation in Leadership Matters seminar in Nashville. He also reported that the Superintendent has committed that no NOPD officers will get paid less than the outside agencies working Mardi Gras.

Financial Report – Secretary- Treasurer James Gallagher

Report Recap:

Regions Checking Account	\$175,450.02
Treasury Direct Investment Account	\$30,320.00
Home Bank CD (11 month)	\$50,200.36
Home Bank CD (17 month)	\$50,200.36
LAFOP Foundation Account	\$70,067.26
LAFOP Foundation Account (Millage Suit)	\$398,526.75
Total Liquid Cash Assets	\$376,238.00
Total Escrowed Millage Suit Funds	\$398,526.75
Total Cash Assets with Millage Suit Funds	\$774,764.75

Fund Balances as of 1/31/2023:

General Fund	\$35,247.33
Legal Fund	\$(17,699.29)
Delegate Fund	\$96,768.72
Death Benefit Fund	\$53,419.45
Building Fund	\$208,501.79
Normal Fund Balances	\$376,238.00
FOP Millage Suit Fund	\$398,526.75

Total Fund Balances \$774,764.75

Full financial report is attached to this document.

Motion to approve the Financial Report by Willie Patin.

Motion seconded by Ross Bourgeois.

Motion carried.

Brother Gallagher discussed the National Conference to be held in Las Vegas, NV at the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino. All hotel reservations for delegates will be handled by the Lodge.

Scholarship Committee – Louie Shaw

Brother Menkiewicz recognized Brother Louie Shaw for his 30+ years of service as the Scholarship Committee Chairman.

The scholarship drawings were held and the winners are as follows:

PFIA Scholarship (College) -- \$500/each

Khalid Watson, Delgado

Connor Gibson, grandchild of John Weber, Tulane

J. Fant Taylor Scholarship (College) -- \$500/each

Marilyn Roth, grandchild of Billy Roth, Mary Baldwin University

Brady Haag, grandchild of John Weber, LSU

“Bud Rip” High School/Grade School Scholarship -- \$500/each

Jezell Stuart, grandchild of Damon Murray, Arthur Ashe Elementary

Hayes Corbello, grandchild of Charles Imbornone, Christian Brothers

Raymond Gonzales Memorial Scholarship (College) -- \$500

Samuel Sharp, child of Barbara Sharp, LSU

PMBA Scholarship (College) -- \$500

Abigail Wertz, grandchild of Paul Wertz, LSU

Arnesta Taylor Memorial Scholarship (High School/Grade School) -- \$500

Nathan Pylant, grandchild of Pete Menkiewicz, Lee Road School

State Trustee’s Report – Billy Roth

Brother Roth submitted a written report of his activity since the last meeting.

State Trustee’s Report – Claude Schlesinger

Brother Schlesinger reported on his efforts relative to take home vehicles. There are 75 vehicles here now and another 450 coming this year. He also reported that the \$2,000 merit pay incentive has passed the Civil Service Commission and the City Council and he is working with Councilman Giarrusso and the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office to get the retention incentives in March.

New Business

An amendment to the Constitution and By-laws of the Lodge Article 1, Sections 4-9, relative to Lodge finances was submitted by the entire Executive Board. The amendment was read in its entirety, will be published in the next newsletter, and voted on at the March meeting.

Old Business

Brother Gallagher reported that he received a written request for reinstatement from Greg Migaud.

Motion by Jim Gallagher to deny the reinstatement request from Greg Migaud.

Motion seconded by Susan Graham.

Motion carried.

Good of the Order

Prior to the meeting tonight, the members assembled were addressed by Judge Mark Shea of Municipal and Traffic Court who thanked the FOP for our endorsement of his successful re-election to the bench.

National Trustee Kelly Gibson gave updates on the upcoming conference and National FOP initiatives.

Hilton Stein Memorial 50/50 Raffle

Winner (#8208242) Pete Perrin -- \$163.00

Lodge share -- \$163.00

Attendance

111 members present

Membership roster is attached to this document.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Larry Reech.

Motion seconded by Charles Maitre.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Ross J. Bourgeois
Recording Secretary
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