



AFA Chapter 416 – Northeast Texas

Meeting Agenda: 16 Mar 2011 // 1130 // McCullough Rec Center @ L-3

2011 Meeting Attendance													
Last Name	First Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Date of Meeting			16	16									
Abel	Alexis			Y									
Bailey	Tom		Y	Y									
Bryant	Tammy		Y	Y									
Bushnell	Mark		Y										
Clarke	Vance		Y	Y									
Krotky	Marsha		Y										
Mathis	Dennis		Y										
Neese	Vicki												
Ratliff	Larry		Y										
Thomas	Terry			Y									
Wilkins	Patti												
Williams	Ricky			Y									
Wiser	Joe		Y	Y									
*Foye	Davis			Y									

Call meeting to order: Opening comments from Chapter President

Membership (Joe Wiser):

- Went over roster we received from HQ. Stated membership down from approx 430 to 362. We must continue to push and recruit new members. Vance stated that at AFA State meeting they told us overall Texas membership down from 12,000 to 9,000.

Treasurer’s Report (Vicki Neese):

- Tammy briefed the report for Vicki. Covered past couple months to ensure everyone was up to date.

Community Partners (Terry Thomas):

- Terry briefed on efforts and that overall we continue to have strong support. He is working some new prospects as well as working to get all renewals to CPs and get them worked.

Veteran's Affairs (Larry Ratliff [via email](#)):

- We are setting up a visit to the Bonham Veteran's home 7 May 2011. More details coming.
- Continued coordination with Terry on obtaining hotel type "shampoos, soaps, etc." for collection/donation to the VA home for use by residents. Vance will forward suggestions to Terry for possible action. Desire to see if we can include other hotels in region Chapter 416 covers.

Flag Program (Fly-to-Beautify) (POC):

- Vance desires to see if we can develop a Community Partners handout/sign that can be given out when we give out the flags. We will continue to present membership information as well to see if we can increase our support to our Air Force.
- Vance will coordinate with Marsha to see if she has past research information on where we have purchased flag materials in past to prepare for a new order. Supplies are down.

Old Business:

ENP Update (Marsha Krotky [via email](#)): 9 Apr 2011, Tickets \$20, BG Trebon guest speaker

- We are ensuring invitations have gone out to all past speakers, etc. to garner fullest participation
- Will need help from folks to setup, etc. Please contact Marsha Krotky (marsha.d.krotky@l-3com.com) if you would like to help. Will need a few folks to show up at around 5:00pm to assist in setup.

Phase II of the Lot we helped with: (Larry Ratliff)

- Getting more information from Larry on this. We desire to see how we can contribute to continued development of this area.

Fund Raising:

- Alexis Abel briefed on "candy bar" effort she has uncovered. For an initial investment of \$400 we could raise \$400. Candy bars come in boxes with 50 bars you purchase for \$25. Selling the bars for \$1 each provides a gross of \$50 and profits of \$25 for chapter. We are exploring ideas on how to let members at large do our sales and provide profits back to chapter. Trying to explore all possibilities and possible pit falls.
- If a member is interested in assisting in this type of fund-raising please contact us via e-mail (vancemclarke@aol.com) and we will see to getting information to you.

New Business:

Brief on Houston State Meeting: Vance and Tammy

- **Airpower Advocate:** Need someone to participate in weekly telecoms and share information
- **ENP Topics and Judging:** We as a chapter raised issue and concern with the current methods used for the ENP competition. We have discussed and state representatives have echoed our concern and provided a vehicle for future discussion. Vance will work up our positions and concerns and send it to them with hope of future discussion and changes coming for next year. Tom Bailey provided concern about judging criteria as well as the initial issues with topics and level of effort we are seeing in the scholarship essay contest. These concerns are shared by other chapters and members at state. Will continue to work this.

Teacher of Year (Tammy):

- Tammy has a nominee (Crystal Dodson) and is working to finalize nomination and turn it in.

Visit Veteran's Home: Larry Ratliff is POC. 7 May 2011 Target date

- Working a trip to Bonham VA home 7 May. More to come.

Wounded Warriors:

- Tammy has received information from one of the Wounded Warriors organizations.

- Terry stated he would do some research on this one and some others to ensure our dollars would go where we would desire them too. We will look into this and make a future recommendation.

F.I.S.H.

- The Hunt County Shared Ministries (F.I.S.H.) sent a letter of appreciation, thanking us for our support and vows to be good stewards of the money entrusted to them. Reported that they fed over 5,300 families last year, which included over 15,000 individuals. (didn't have exact numbers here at home).

AFA Developments:

Joe Wiser retiring from L-3 on 31 March 2011. Joe has served the company well and will still work in some part-time capacities. Congratulations Joe and we look forward to continuing to work AFA issues with you!