

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 12 May 2020, 4:30 – 5:30pm (Mountain)
Location: Linda's Place
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Attendees: Kristen, Doug, Doc, Linda, Dave, Angelo, Gayle, Shierae, Gerald Morey

President's Comments/Update (Doc Apodaca)

- *Wellness check on everyone:*
- *Covid-19 updates:* note to Sijan is spot on; rodeo is moving out; NDIA Ball (2d week of August); anything may slip
- *Events moving forward* – Example of Rodeo; it's been moved to 12-15 August
- *IMAGE Golf* – 19 Aug – Meetings starting next Friday—if you want to help, let Doc know and he'll get you contact info; first meeting is by Skype.
- *AF Ball* – push updates to next meeting; everyone received the notice through constant contact
- *Sijan Chapter – Moving forward:* Doc may have an assignment in July/August (PCS), but he put his application in for Space Force—something will happen with him. What it means for Sijan: Angelo is being groomed to take Doc's place (can hold elections early). Big challenges for the Chapter—discussed the challenges with numerous areas including CPs; Doc will come up with some COAs
 - Dave stated that the Space Force is already forming the Space Force Association; this could impact the AFA. Need to sell a pitch to AF Officer. We need to be financially stable too. Can't survive on dues and have no major fundraiser—need to evolve into an org that doesn't have to work so hard every year for funding (financial base).
 - Need nominations for awards; executive committee should determine
 - Linda offered up considering a donation to starting a foundation for Gen Douglas, the previous National President, who passed away recently. Board was favorable.

Vice President's Comments/Update (Angelo Bryant)

- *Constant Contact list update:* will ensure info is coming out, but need to hear from folks if they are NOT receiving info and Angelo will update; Linda will get Angelo a list to update for Arnold Air Society/Silver Wings and Det CCs

State President's Comments (Linda Aldrich)

- *Awards update:* due into Nat'l by May 1—submitted for AE Education, AE Excellence, ESA Communications, but best shot is the ESA for Best Single Program—O'Malley Award; for State Convention, Exec Board needs to determine who to put in for State Awards.
- *State Convention Update:* Linda recommends just an AFA convention (not including Military guests) because this year the host is strapped for funding (supported by CP's which are struggling); Board agreed unanimously with recommendation; no date change—still Aug 15th in Pueblo; National is still scheduled to meet in September
 - 6-month reports are due at end of July; but Portal is not working well, so all the reports are Word Docs. So, we'll scan and submit.

- Chapter sponsored SW member to go to National Conclave in Las Vegas; event cancelled but registration fee we paid will roll over to next year

Treasurer's Report (Bill Houth) ABSENT

- *Monthly Report:*

Secretary's Report (Doug Kendall)

- *Just happy to be out of the house*

Vice Presidents' Reports:

VP, Membership (Kristen Christy)

- *Reports for new members:* may need to start over from scratch; are we still doing quarterly awards for membership reach out? Doc will get an answer. He will initiate the conversation with the Wings, but they have a different battle rhythm. Kristen wants to reach to them.

VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews) ABSENT

- *TBD*

VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships (Dave Geuting)

- *Update on Schriever AFB scholarships & Teachers of the Year:* distributed checks to both college students (\$1,000 each); the Wright Family approved the name (received check and is now given out). One of the stipulations, we have to send Wrights the grades of the students & like to keep in touch with the students to see how they're doing. The two current Wright scholars will get their checks soon. Teacher of the Year has the info to receive her check (\$250). We'll invite her to State Convention. Finally, re Pitsenberger Awards, National wants to know how many grads we'll have—we project two (Academy & Schriever). Linda thanked Dave for his work on the Garcia Award (received two applications).

VP, Communications Report (Bill Houth) ABSENT

- *Website update*

- *TBD*

VP, Veteran's Affairs (Willie Kalaskie) ABSENT

- *TBD*

VP, Programs (Gayle/Brandi)

- Working on AF Ball—this only program that's available to work on right now; Caty is comfortable at the status. Issues: 1) photographer: doesn't have a lot of options for background, but would be quicker. What about not getting a picture printout that night--\$40; do you think people will mind just getting an email image? It would be cheaper for folks who could go to Walmart and get a cheaper package. Board agrees that it would be attractive for folks.

- Willing to work on IMAGE Golf committee

VP, Community Relations (TSgt Shierae Bryan)

- *Update on fundraiser:* getting back into the swing of things; haven't been able to do much on this due to working crisis management at work; asked if Ball is still a go and it is.

- Will now try to promote community relations; Doc recommended Shierae keep folks informed on Ball info; Doc & Linda will keep her informed so that she knows what messaging to push and understand where we're heading.

Other Business:

- *AF Ball Updates (Coty)*: ABSENT

UPCOMING AFA EVENTS 2020

May 2020

12 – Board Meeting
25 – Memorial Day

June 2020

9 – Board Meeting

July 2020

4 – Fourth of July
14 – Board Meeting

August 2020

12-15 Pikes Peach Rodeo (moved)
15 – State Convention and Awards Banquet
19 – IMAGE Golf

September 2020

7 – Labor Day
8 – Board Meeting
18 – AF Ball

October 2020

12 – Columbus Day
13 – Board Meeting
31 Oct – 4 Nov – National Space Symposium

November 2020

10 – Board Meeting
11 – Veterans Day
26 – Thanksgiving Day