

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 11 February 2021, 5:00 – 6:00pm (Mountain)
Location: 625 Suffolk St. Bldg 863, Peterson AFB, CO 80914;
AFOTEC Ingelido Conference Room (ICR)
Dial-in: Commercial: 1-301-909-7352
Access Code: 24732270

Attendees: Linda, Angelo, Caty, Willie, Brandi, Justin, Doug, Shierae, DJ Marquez

President's Comments/Update (Angelo Bryant)

- *Sanity Check*- Health and wellness of the members is important. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you or your family are in need and we can support.
- Training Plug
- *2021 Priorities update*
 - *Virtual/In-Person Membership meeting shift to Mar (9-12 Peterson Club)* – Plan to have Senior Air Force and Space Leadership to discuss “What’s Happening in Space” – need something by next Friday
 - Executive Council Member vacancy announcements (VP, Membership VP)—Angelo will send out an email about the changes; Morey (VP) is PCS'ing and we need a fill ASAP and so is an open position; Kristen (Membership) is stepping down, so we need to fill this one; Althoff is expecting to depart so we need to get someone trained up; Shierae (CP) is PCS'ing and will need to be replaced (TSgt Marquez is working with Shierae); Expect e-mail to be sent before the end of the month for Nominees to fill positions.
 - Would like to have backups for the positions, especially those filled by military members
 - *State Convention discussion*: we have some opportunities in August to discuss; it's our turn this year and so we may partner with Mel Harmon chapter—we want to help MH and fulfill our obligations
 - Linda and Angelo discussed the info in the emails and why we should help MH; expect it to be a scaled down event—the expense is significant, so we may only honor the AFA personnel
 - Board will put to a vote in an email

Vice President's Comments/Update (Gerald Morey)

- *Covid-19 updates*:
- *Constant Contact*: very involved; with the membership drive, 20-25 signed up to be AFA members and we are doing a big push for the AF Ball;
- *Newsletter update*

State President's Comments (Linda Aldrich)

- Encouraged members to take module training; it's on the National Webpage
- Reports update—all complete
- New IT system from National—all executive board members must take the security training and sign up for the new email for their officer position

Treasurer's Report (Justin Althoff)

- *Monthly Report*: gave monthly report on savings and CDs. Will take care of tax obligations.

Secretary's Report (Doug Kendall)

- Angelo appreciates getting the minutes and thankful for the hard work that Doug has been able to accomplish as the secretary.

Vice Presidents' Reports:

VP, Membership (Kristen Christy) ABSENT

- *Reports for new members:* still updating the roster and constant contact; reached out to Membership to make sure they are pinged when an update is made.

-- In December sent 2 different postcards to our members: 1,115 went to members who we have email addresses for; 509 went to members who we have addresses for, but no email addresses asking for an email update; 74 emails went to those we don't have mailing addresses for.

-- Updated on the portal: 13 deceased members; 24 mailing addresses (some are Life Members and get the magazine); 29 returned postcards with no email address on file so I checked "Bad Primary Address"; 79 email addresses updated

-- Updated Constant Contact. Because of an address change, one member should change Chapters to Ft Walton Beach. Added Brig Gen Doug Schiess to our Chapter.

-- 53 New/renewed members since 12/25/2020 – I sent them the Ball info.

-- Requested National to send an updated list

VP, Community Partners (Shierae Bryan)

- *Update on overdue invoices*

- *Update on CP's as sponsors*—working the event for CPs; notified them about AF Ball; making sure to keep contact with CPs and keep them on board; brainstorming ways to recognize them; not sure if members are receiving medallions

-- Angelo: National should be sending medallions in the mail

-- Linda: don't count on National sending, we should request; Shierae will check with Kristen

VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships (Dave Geuting) ABSENT

- *Update on Schriever AFB scholarships & Teachers of the Year:*

- *Re CCAF/Pitsenbarger Award update*

VP, Communications Report (Bill Houth) ABSENT

- *Website update:*

VP, Veteran's Affairs (Willie Kalaskie)

- *Upcoming events:*

- *Wreath update:* not sure where we stand on wreaths; Angelo is talking to Doc this weekend; we want our AFA Wreath to stand out or at least be comparable; costs have increased (\$75 for 5 wreaths) from Wreaths Across America; Willie will let us know the status over the summertime

-- Brandi's husband's company have a \$600 check to go towards Wreaths Across America—maybe donate it through AFA; Angelo believes that sounds good—**need to check the legality of that**

VP, Government Relations (Paul Bailey/Matt Dougherty) ABSENT

- *Updates*

VP, Programs (Gayle/Brandi)

- *AF Ball Update*: \$15,000 payment due to Broadmoor; working through logistics for set-up time (they have another event scheduled that day, so we need to coordinate)—we have time to work; need to ensure the appropriate people are invited; photographer (roaming)—still need to sign contract; still need to identify the entertainment (musical & entertainment components)—probably like a DJ and get folks on the dance floor

VP, Community Relations (Timothy Crouch/ Paul Bailey) ABSENT

- *Update on Space Force*:

Other Business:

- *AF Ball Updates (Coty)*: **New Date is 18 September 2021**

-- we have another Diamond sponsor and may get a third; we will have a cool presentation for Gen O'Malley award;

-- we have a couple of options in Denver for entertainment; VIPs: we have several VIPs interested in attending; hoping for great attendance; we've opened up the art work competition—check out the Sijan Website

-- Locally we want to do a pilot program for cyber generations program (start last week in April); sending to Northcom; if you know anyone who wants to host a cyber patriot camp let Coty know. CAP cadets didn't realize they were AFA members—so get the word out and about; start thinking about Stellar Explorers competition

-- Pitsenberger and Teacher of the Year awards are coming up; so encourage them to put an application in with Dave; there are so many scholarships that are tailored, so get on the AFA website to check out those going to college

-- Linda: ensure Mel Harmon gets into on cyber generation; Coty will take care of it

-- Angelo: regulations are changing in the Air Force, so you may see members changed a bit—new and improved Air Force

UPCOMING AFA EVENTS 2021

February 2021

9 – Board Meeting

15 – President's Day

27 – **AF Ball** (Moved to September)

March 2021

9 – Board Meeting

TBD- General Membership Meeting /“What's Happening in Space”- Space Leadership

April 2021

9 – Board Meeting

May 2021

11 – Board Meeting

31 – Memorial Day

June 2021

8 – Board Meeting

July 2021

4– Happy Fourth of July!
13 – Board Meeting