

**Society of Fire Protection Engineers
Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter
Meeting Minutes: January 2005**

President John Gillette called the meeting, held on Monday, January 10, 2005, to order at 12:00 PM.

Self-introductions were given by the members and guests present.

Old Business

1. Minutes from the December, 2004 meeting were approved by those present with no corrections noted.

New Business

1. Treasurer's Report:
 - a) Checking account:
 - i) General fund: \$1800.23
 - ii) Scholarship fund: \$2220.89
 - iii) Total \$4021.12
 - b) 43 paid Chapter Members
2. SFPE national is proposing a number on initiatives to promote fire protection engineering including the following:
 - a) Develop educational programs for school presentations.
 - b) Teach topics in FPE survey course at local community colleges.
 - c) Participate in the take your children to work day.
3. SFPE national will provide server space to host a chapter website at no cost to the local chapter. John Gillette requested suggestions from the members for material to include on the site. A local Webmaster is not required to manage the site. Just forward the materials to SFPE national and they will manage the content.
4. Visioneering 2005 at SMU will be held on February 19, 2005. Please let John Gillette know if you would like to volunteer. The theme for this year's event is "high Technology. The following items were proposed for discussion and future consideration:
 - a) What should we provide for an award? There are 13 students on a team.
 - b) Jay Cash proposed allocating \$250 dollars for participant awards. The motion was seconded and approved by those present.
5. John Gillette will complete the survey from SFPE national that was distributed at the December meeting regarding local chapter activities.

6. Nominations for SFPE Fellows were discussed. John Gillette reviewed the eligibility requirements. Del Holm proposed that the chapter nominate Chief Bill Peterson from the Plano Fire Department for his years of service to SFPE. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
7. Greg Willis reported the status of the Scholarship Committee:
 - a) There was a mix up with the current addresses for local school districts. Materials did not arrive as expected.
 - b) Student chapters of SFPE have been contacted at Oklahoma State University and the University of Texas at Austin to solicit applications.
 - c) Tentatively plans are to award (2) \$1000 dollar scholarships if suitable applicants are found.
8. The Ethics Seminar will be presented on March 7, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel. The seminar will begin at 10:30 AM and will be followed by the regularly scheduled monthly meeting and lunch. The cost to attend the seminar is \$15 for members and \$40 for non-members, including lunch. We have booked a room with a capacity of 80 persons. Everyone is encouraged to attend and promote the seminar among his or her colleagues to make this a successful venture.
9. Tom Izbicki received a letter jointly from the Southern California, San Diego, and Northern California/Nevada chapters of SFPE requesting financial assistance for a legislative effort to preserve the P.E. exam in Fire Protection Engineering in California. California currently has a Title and Practice structure for registered professional engineers. Mechanical, Civil and Electrical engineering are considered Practice Acts. Engineering disciplines such as Chemical, Manufacturing, and Fire Protection are considered Title Acts. California has proposed eliminating recognition of all Title Acts, including fire protection. The local SFPE chapters are supporting an initiative to elevate FPE to a Practice Act in lieu of elimination as a Title Act. Copies of the letter will be distributed at the next meeting for consideration by the membership
10. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 7, 2005.
11. Greg Willis introduced the speaker, Mr. Michael Carter, Vice-president of Sales with Viking Electronic Services. Mr. Carter provided information on Viking's introduction into the fire alarm market and the formation of their new Fire Alarm Division to complement their automatic fire sprinkler division. Mr. Carter can be contacted mcarter@vikingservnet.com or (630) 248-4007 for further information.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Izbicki, Secretary