

**Minutes of Public Meeting of the Police Officers Memorial Board of Meeting Held  
3/31/2015**

Members in Attendance

Bennett, Courtney*	Martin, W. Steven	Stair, John
Blackburn, John Jr.	Nielson, Sherry	Young, Ron
Blaser-Upchurch, Jan	Pollack, Paula ***	*Chairman Designee
Chavez, Jimmy	Rodbell, Alan	**DPS Director Designee
Coleman, Deston**	Ryan, Charles	***County Sheriff Designee

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided at the meeting:

- I. Call to Order (10:03am)
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Courtney Bennett in attendance as designee for Attorney General, Mark Brnovich
  - B. Deston Coleman in attendance as designee for DPS Director, Frank Milstead
  - C. Paula Pollack in attendance as designee for County Sheriff, Paul Babeu
- III. Chairman's Summary: N/A
- IV. Officer Yazzie
  - A. Mr. Young thinks Officer Yazzie should be added to wall. Mr. Blackburn instructs that it needs to go to the Names Committee. Ms. Nielson thought adding names was changed to calendar year. Mr. Blackburn said in past it has been left up to the family on if they are ready or want to wait until next year.
- V. Poem
  - A. The new poem will be read by Tara Stewart at the service so it does not need to be put into program because of spacing. Ms. Nielson said she is okay leaving the poem in or taking it out.
  - B. Motion to accept the format of program as it is for this year, including the poem.
    - i. Moved by Jan Blaser-Upchurch, seconded by John Blackburn Jr. Passed with unanimous consent.
- VI. Reports
  - A. State Fund – balance as of 2/28/2015 = \$2,261.88
    - i. Mr. Blackburn asked if charity has paid to state fund. Ron said no, because charity is paying directly to businesses.
  - B. Golf Tournament
    - i. So far there are 21 teams signed up and nine more hole sponsorships are needed. Some people from last year have not checked in yet. Mr. Young says more foursomes and more raffle prizes are still needed. If they don't receive enough they have to buy them.
      - a. Teri Barnes has copies of 501c3 information and sponsorship letter to hand out.
  - C. Memorial Run Update
    - i. Ms. Blaser-Upchurch says the event went well but the timing company was not good and we are still waiting on money from them. They issued the check wrong. They had a list of winners day of which then changed so more medals had to be ordered. The run made between \$28,000 and \$30. There were about 1100 to 1200 people. Race Place Events has already been secured for next year. Final numbers will be provided by next meeting. Great media coverage also.

#### D. Memorial Service Report

- i. Courtney Bennett says every year ADOA is informed of the engraver working on the wall and dates are worked out. This year they asked for a letter of approval from the Arizona Historical Advisory Committee in order to put the names on the wall. Courtney sent the names to the AHAC but has asked an attorney within the Attorney General's office to look into. Invitations were sent out. Ms. Bennett removed names from the survivor list which had no contact information and agency heads because they are not survivors. About 80 people have registered already, most current survivors who knew ahead of time about service.
- ii. Ms. Eastman updates on the rest of the service. There is a flower order form in each letter for orders. Chandler wants five identical arrangements which can be done. AZ Post will be sending out another email with all the information.
- iii. There are confirmations for the following: Jaime Escobedo is confirmed to speak, Tara will do the poem, Andy and Wes will sing "We Will Never Forget" song, Water will be provided by Fry's, Fire will loan fridge, Dispatch will do Last Call, food is confirmed, Classic Party Rentals will do a walk through, Explorers are being worked on and may be done through Goodyear PD, video and pictures will be done by DPS, media will be worked on.
- iv. Walk through dates have changed times due to schedule change.
  - a. April 25<sup>th</sup> is now at 10 AM.
  - b. April 28<sup>th</sup> is now 5 PM.
  - c. April 30<sup>th</sup> is now 9 AM.
- v. Honor Guard is scheduled to do a walk through. Horse will be done again this year.
- vi. Construction guys will be talked to and confirmed to not be working on during ceremony.
- vii. Mr. Blackburn suggests agency liaison attend walk through with their board
- viii. Chief Rodbell asked what people can do on top of just showing up at ceremony. Reminded them to bring flags or apparel to show support. Word must be put out that this is an open event and everyone is welcome.
- ix. FOP Auxiliary ladies will be handing out blue ribbons and cards describing history of ribbons at the end of ceremony. Blue lights confirmed which they will help with. 6 to 8 ladies will attend. FOP will be doing food.
  - i. Mr. Martin informs the board that David Payne's father has illness that affects his legs and feet and causes him to be ill after twenty minutes of standing. He wants to participate but the concern is that he will not make the walk from Capitol to Memorial. He does not want a wheelchair. A second option is a golf cart. He may not be able to be driven however, because of motorcycles. He would bypass dinner but he does want to be a part of the procession. He does not want to be a problem and is not counting on going up to flag presentation. He asks that something be given to David's daughter since he and the mother are divorced and his daughter wants something. We will get in contact with Chandler PD and will accommodate so that everything is taken care of.
  - ii. Ms. Bennett received an email from engravers asking about the Navajo Officer's abbreviations. In the past it has been done as TPD (Tribal Police Department) but do they want something else because it is Navajo Department of Public Safety. Mr. Blackburn says to confirm what the agency wants. Engraver also had question about slabs, do they want a new slab for this year or a continuation of old? Group decides to start a new one and leave previous slab for historical names.

VII. Call to the Public (none)

VIII. Next Meeting/Agenda Items

A. Set for April 7, 2015 at 10:00am and April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

IX. Adjournment (11:03 AM)