

**Minutes of Public Meeting of the Police Officers Memorial Board of Meeting Held
2/17/2015**

Members in Attendance

Blackburn, John Jr.	Ideus, Lynn	Trimble, Marshall
Blaser-Upchurch, Jan	Martin, W. Steven	Young, Ron
Buckmister, Cathie	Rodbell, Alan	*DPS Director Designee
Chavez, Jimmy	Ryan, Charles	**County Sheriff Designee
Coleman, Deston*	Stair, John	***Chairman Designee
Gaffney, Tim**	Stevens, John***	

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

- I. Call to Order (10:05am)
- II. Roll Call
 - A. John Stevens in attendance as designee for Attorney General, Mark Brnovich
 - B. Deston Coleman in attendance as designee for DPS Director, Frank Milstead
 - C. Tim Gaffney in attendance as designee for County Sheriff, Paul Babeu
- III. Chairman's Summary
 - A. Mr. Stevens briefly described a recent walk through with the Memorial Committee and the rental company.
- IV. Approval of Minutes (Jan. 13, 2015)
 - A. Motion to approve 12/9/2014 minutes
 - i. Moved by John Stair, seconded by Charles Ryan. Passed with unanimous consent.
- V. Officer Bandon Mendoza
 - A. Officer Mendoza was on a list for promotion to Sergeant prior to his EOW. The board discusses changing his rank for the memorial.
 - B. Motion to change Brandon Mendoza's rank from Officer to Sergeant.
 - i. Moved by W. Steven Martin, seconded by Alan Rodbell. Passed with unanimous consent.
- VI. Reports
 - A. State Fund – balance as of 1/31/2015 = \$2,260.70
 - B. Memorial Run
 - i. Ms. Blaser-Upchurch informs the board that registration for the run will begin at 6:30am on March 8th. There are currently 400 registrations. The City of Phoenix will be donating barricades and officers. Volunteers should arrive around 5:30am. The start of the run will be moved closer to 17th Ave. And phantom runners are being accepted as well.
 - C. Golf Tournament
 - i. Teri Barnes informs the board that flyers and registration forms went out on the first Friday of February. They are working on getting sponsors and raffle prizes.
 - D. Charity
 - i. Mr. Young informs the board that there is not much new to report, the account has been opened and the checks ordered.
 - E. Memorial Service
 - i. Jennifer Eastman informs the board of some changes to the service this year. There are some fences in place for the Fire Fighter Memorial so there will be no landed helicopters. The dinner will be on the House Lawn and there will be no tents. Explorers are being

recruited now. Will have signage for registration and will be handing out meal tickets. DOC will be doing the dinner and the Memorial Committee will finalize that. DPS will be doing the photos/video/sound. Permits being worked on. Ms. Eastman needs a Motor contact for Mesa and asks Director Milstead if he can help with that. Program is being worked on, there is a poem that is in the program that has been in there for a while and there is another poem from Tyler Stewart's funeral that might be nice to put in instead. Sgt. from Phoenix will singing the National Anthem. Closing song will be done by Andy Swann and Wes Ellington. Sgt. Chavez will be the M.C. again this year.

- ii. Ms. Eastman talks about having met with all families two weeks ago at the COPS orientation, all except with Border Patrol. Mr. Young asks about the magnets and lets the board know that the charity will pay for new ones.
- iii. Ms. Eastman lets the board know that without tents this year that will save around \$5000. Ms. Eastman will send the invoices to Connie Drushel so that the charity can pay directly. Invoices will be brought to the board but the cost has been about the same the past two years. Money will not be going through the treasurer's office this year but directly from the charity. Registration for the dinner will begin at 5:30pm and the service will begin at 7:30.
- iv. Board members who will host current year families are as follows:
 - a. Mesa – JR Blackburn
 - b. Phoenix – John Stevens
 - c. Chandler – W. Steven Martin and Charles Ryan
 - d. Flagstaff – Deston Coleman and Cathie Buckmister
 - e. Salt River – Alan Rodbell
 - f. Navajo Nation – John Stair
 - g. Border Patrol – Jan Blaser-Upchurch
- v. The previous year the board sat with the families and it should be the same this year. There will possibly be family signs for the tables. Chandler Explorers and ALL motors will be attending. Mr. Gaffney says that Pinal County can also help and he will reach out to them.
- vi. Ms. Eastman asks the board if they have read the poem yet. Mr. Trimble wants to make sure that Ms. Nielson would be ok with changing the poem. Ms. Buckmister asks if there is a possibility to have both poems in the program. Ms. Eastman says it would come down to a spacing issue that she will look into. One possibility could be to see if Officer Stewart's sister would like to read the poem, but not sure if she will be up to it. Mr. Martin suggests possibly having an insert of the new poem.

VII. Call to the Public

- A. Mr. Martin lets the board know about an annual highway clean up that is happening on February 21st in honor of the 20th anniversary of DPS Officer Bob Martin's Line of Duty Death. It will be at 9:00 for anyone that would like to attend.
- B. Director Ryan lets the board know that a bill has been submitted for consideration a Corrections Employee Fallen Memorial. Upon approval it will be sited between two of their buildings. Senate Bill 1186.

VIII. Next Meeting/Agenda Items

- A. Set for March 3rd, 2015
- B. The Poem will be included on the next agenda.

IX. Adjournment (10:48am)