



SFA CHAPTER 55 MEETING

25 April 2009

Dennis Goodemoot – Host
Piazzano's Restaurant, Lansing, Michigan

1. **Call meeting to order:** Dave Fetters at 1310 Hrs
 - 1.1. Opening Prayer led by President Fetters
 - 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Fetters
 - 1.3. Moment of silence to recognize the “Empty Chair” and members lost
 - 1.4. Ballad of the Green Berets sung by all
 - 1.5. Roll Call: Dave Fetters, Mike Reyes, Richard Smith, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Doug Sherd, Don Bruce, Frank Burns, Art Goatbe, John Southard, Dennis Goodemoot, Bill Schrader, Bob Strange
 - 1.6. Introductions: Debbie Davis representing the Bravata Group

2. **Reports:**
 - 2.1. Adjutant's Report: Minutes of last meeting posted online accepted.
 - 2.2. Treasurer's Report: \$6,393.21 in treasury, \$4,908.67 savings and \$1,484.54 checking. Treasurer will confirm that members who provided seed money to start the quartermaster supply were reimbursed with cash or goods. Dewey LaGuire-Quinn stated that he believed that all of the donors were reimbursed.
 - 2.3. Chaplain's Report: Al Davis status no update available
 - 2.4. Vice-President's Report: Offer to use brother Wally Stork's business, allwaysabarginofmichigan.com, of selling team jersey's as a fundraiser. Chapter 55 could earn 20 percent on each sale. Proposed placing link on chapter web page.
 - 2.5. President's Report:
 - 2.5.1. SFA Chapter “Letter of Charter” sent to chapter by SFAHQ. Letter needed to procure gaming license to raffle SF Sig Sauer 220.
 - 2.5.2. *Veritas* article in next issue will report on the contributions of Bill Ewald, Sr. with training ARVN Rangers.
 - 2.5.3. SFA Motorcycle Club information will be e-mailed to membership
 - 2.5.4. The chapter pistol raffle was license obtained from the state. Rich Smith will compose an ad for distribution and display on our web page. Tickets will sell for \$10 with a limited run, the number of tickets will be determined by the scholarship committee at a 9 May meeting at Piazzano's Restaurant.
 - 2.5.5. Tigers Vet Night information left out for members to review.
 - 2.5.6. Bob Strange, new chapter quartermaster recognized for his good work. Bob provided new items for sale from a new supplier, Casual Wear Unlimited of Clearwater, FL.
 - 2.5.7. Las Vegas 7-12 June. Don Bruce proposed chapter paying for president and wife to attend (airfare and hotel), motion seconded by Dewey LaGuire-Quinn. President Fetters suggested that an expense limit be adopted. Don Bruce amended his motion to limit the expense to \$1000; Dewey LaGuire-Quinn again seconded the motion. Accepted unanimously by voice vote. Unused funds must be returned to chapter treasurer. President Fetters stated that he would only accept \$500.
 - 2.5.8. A-Team Reports:
 - 2.5.8.1. A-553 and A-554: Andy Brown and Frank Burns presented certificates to Detroit Public School ROTC award winners.
 - 2.5.8.2. A-557: Bill Schrader reported that he will work with Grandville Public Schools for the 25 May Memorial day Parade. Jody White donated Bob



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White's SFA gear to the chapter.

- 2.5.8.3. A-558: Don Bruce reported that he and Al Swan are ready for the campout. He noted that space is available for camp tents and RV's. Al Swan will give glass blowing lessons, an event enjoyed by all last East Jordan campout. Don also stated that he and his wife Barb have room to host a couple of attendees at their home, POC don.buce@sfchap55.net. Gave notice to Bill and Lee Schrader for the great job they did as the prior quartermaster.
- 2.5.8.4. A555: Dewey LaGuire-Quinn reported that Memorial Day services would be held at the Vassar Cemetery. Members will gather at Betty Lu's for breakfast at 0930 hrs. He will present a chapter certificate to Vassar Gold Star Mother Michelle Hill.

3. **Old Business:**

- 3.1. Raffle: Dewey reported that the gaming license is in hand and that ticket will be printed after the 9 May board meeting. Drawing date of raffle is 9 January 2010 at the Christmas dinner-dance.
- 3.2. Scholarship: Dewey as of March the scholarship fund held \$4526.57. The scholarship board will meet at Piazzano's Restaurant to review essays from finalist selected by the Vassar High School committee. A \$500 scholarship will be distributed this year 1830 hrs 18 May at Vassar High School. A chapter certificate and coin will be presented to the scholarship winner. Dewey LaGuire-Quinn proposed establishing a succession process for scholarship board.

4. **New Business:**

- 4.1. Chapter Events Calendar for 2008/2009
 - 4.1.1. 2009 Convention 7-12 June, Las Vegas
 - 4.1.2. Summer Campout 7 – 9 Aug 2009, hosted by Al Swan and Don Bruce (A-558).
 - 4.1.3. Fall 2009 – open
 - 4.1.4. Christmas Party – 9 Jan 2010 at the W.F. Bruce VFW Post, 28404 East Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, hosted by Bob Slivatz (A-551) and Bill Ryba (a-552)
- 4.2. Open: Nothing presented

5. **Good of the Order**

- 5.1. Comments: Doug Sherd requested a copy of the Spring 2009 *Drop*, Rich Smith will provide copy.
- 5.2. 50-50 raffle not conducted
- 5.3. Auction will be held at the August campout.
- 5.4. Debbie Davis will conduct an investment seminar after the meeting.

6. **Motion to Adjourn:** Don Bruce and seconded by Dewey LaGuire-Quinn. Accepted and meeting adjourned at 1433 hrs.