



OKLAHOMA FIRE SERVICE CHAPLAINS, INC.

www.okfirechaplains.org

Friday, November 4, 2011

Bible Baptist Church – Chickasha OK

PRESENT: Chuck McDade, Gary Dill, Kim Hayes, Danny Ringer, Hal Penner

BUSINESS:

Notice new logo and heading for the minutes page

1 – Current Financial Situation

- * Paid “My Church Website”

2 – CISM

- * none being planned as of now

3 – Chaplain Training (Regional)

- * Fort Worth, TX (at Seminary conference center) - planning another one for April 27-28, 2012
 - o Chuck provided a brochure for this event
 - Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy
 - Essentials of Biblical Counseling for the Fire Service
 - New Advanced Course
 - o For more information you can get more info at either their website (www.txcfc.org) or the federation website (www.firechaplains.org) click on “The Institute” tab
 - o Danny and Chuck planning on attending
- * Louisiana hosting training event in conjunction with state fire school in June, so target is primarily LA fire fighters
- * Albuquerque NM planning for 2012
 - o Nothing new to report
- * OKC BASIC/ADVANCED CHAPLAIN TRAINING – 2012
 - o Chuck talk with Jimmy Babler at SW seminary in Fort Worth about his Biblical Counseling class for dealing with Fire Fighters
 - o Babler is not available but is providing this exact class at the Fort Worth training in April
 - o Chuck suggests that we push our Ok Fire Chaps to look into the training at Fort Worth and we will be willing to provide financial assistance for those who request it

4 – National Convention

- * 2011 – Alexandra, LA – October 15-20
 - o Report from those who went:
 - o Chuck told of the different training options and the atmosphere and how he enjoyed the event
 - o Chuck will check with the Louisiana group to see how it ended up financially
- * 2012 – Eureka, MO (St Louis area) – October 19-25
- * 2013 – Puget Sound (Tacoma / Seattle WA area)
- * 2014 – Baltimore, MD

5 – OTHER

- ★ DISCUSSION OF FEDERATION
 - Finances and future leadership issues
- ★ OK FIRE SERVICE CHAPLAINS LOGO
 - How about a nice banner stand?
 - Would we like to order shirts with our logo? Cost?
 - Hal will contact Brett Loftis out of Edmond who we have used before
- ★ MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT FOR FIREFIGHTERS & SPOUSES
 - Wait on Teddy to update info on this
- ★ OKLAHOMA FIRE SERVICE CHAPLAINS WEBSITE
 - Domain name: www.okfirechaplains.org
 - You can follow the above link to the site
 - names, contact info, pictures and a bio on each member of our organization (each person needs to supply these to Danny)
 - Danny did a tutorial for us on updating and working with the website
 - POSSIBILITIES
 - training opportunities
 - previous minutes (Hal will begin taking any financial matters and personal info from the minutes, then convert to PDF and give to Danny)
 - bios and contact info of each of us
 - NEEDED
 - PayPal account – allow for payment online of yearly dues and registration costs for any training events we sponsor (Danny will set this up)
 - Use Gary Dill office address
 - Bios and pics of each of us (if you have not already)
 - Mission statement: “Providing encouragement, training and support for Oklahoma fire chaplains.”

6 – Next OSFA Article:

- ★ penelopes@osfa.info (remember it is due by the first of the month prior to the one you are assigned – IE: for May it needs to be in by April 1st, etc.)
 - Feb – Kim Hayes (by Jan 1)
 - Mar – Jacob Toews
 - Apr – Tim Dorsch
 - May – Pete Petree
 - Jun/Jul – Chuck McDade
 - Aug – Danny Ringer
 - Sept – Gary Doty
 - Oct – Teddy Wilson
 - Nov – Gary Lillie
- ★ If the state newsletter (Penolope) does not have a photo of you to include with your article, please email her one with your next article
- ★ We also need to post all pics on the website

7 – Next Meeting (s):

- ⇒ Friday December 9, 11:00am – Elk City Fire Dept (then lunch) 303 West 5th St