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FORT WOLTERS CHAPTER - VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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President Comments

I hope all of you has had a Blessed Christmas and very Happy New Year. We have a new year to mess up so let's get started. First I want to introduce you to our new Vice President Charles Ingram. He chose to take his turn in the barrel and was elected to take on the office. Thank you, Charles. At our last meeting I asked for two items from each of the members present.

1. Our organization can only survive as long as we maintain good leadership and have members willing to fill in the various positions. If you are willing to serve as an officer the Executive Committee will create a schedule to make electing officers a little easier. If you are willing, send your name to me and I will see to it that it is added to the list. This can easily be done by logging on to our site and sending a response to the President.
2. Can you come up with some ideas to help our chapter grow or at least return to near the same level of attendance as we had the last time I was president. That was the year that Huey 091 was placed in the Smithsonian. I am still looking for some ideas. We can discuss what we have out there at our next meeting.

The work on the Museum is still progressing. We have the building in the dry and are moving display units in. There is still a lot of work to be done and the board is working daily to keep it going. We still need funds as always. You should know that this museum is a project started by our chapter. Every member of the board, that can be, is a member of our chapter. The museum is what attracted me to the Fort Wolters Chapter. I hope that all of you continue to support what is going out there on those 12 acers.

Mark your calendars and come and join us on March 2 at Logan's Steak house in Hurst.

Meeting Minutes December 1, 2018

Executive Council Meeting Minutes –

Members in Attendance: Herb Koenig, Rick Couch, Adam Steczko, John Grow, Jim Messinger, and Richard Gaurkee.

Treasurers report: As of Nov 30, 2018 the chapter had 4.41.02 in the bank

The meeting was called to order at 1110 hours.

NEW BUSINESS

As of today's meeting, there was no VP volunteer.

Possible solutions were discussed, to include:

- Changing the organizational structure to a rotating board of directors
- Increasing the participation level of the chapter
 - Tour of Ft Hood or Bell Helicopter plant

The Chapter President agreed to ensure participation in the National presidents' quarterly teleconference.

The chapter president was reminded of his responsibility to provide input for the chapter newsletter.

Jim Messinger provided the chapter's financial status report. Jim also reminded the council of the next Museum's Spring Fundraiser – March 30, at the Ft Worth Rahr Brewery.

OLD BUSINESS

The Army helicopters that were formerly on display at Carswell JRB were returned to the owning organizations. The Base Commander did not want to take responsibility for maintaining the displays.

With no new or old business remaining, the meeting was adjourned at 1139 hours.

General Membership Meeting Minutes –

The meeting was called to order at 1149, and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chapter welcomed Bud Henry to the group.

The Chapter approved Chuck Ingram as the next chapter VP! Thank you, Chuck.

The problem of decreasing participation was the main issue of the meeting. Open discussion, and brainstorming was spirited and well thought.

Some of the ideas were:

- Trips
- Perhaps a change of venue
- Email questionnaires or surveys to gather input
- Emailing reminders prior to the meetings
- A project of some sort – TBA
- Raising the interest in volunteerism / opportunities for leadership

Jim Messinger presented the financial report, and reminded those present of the Museum's Spring Fundraiser on March 30, 2019 at the Ft Worth RAHR brewery.

Having no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1220.

Adam Steczko
Scribe

Treasurer's Report

As of January 31, 2019, the Treasury Contained 4.691.02 which is a \$280 increase over last report. This increase was a result of dues being paid.

Notes from the Webmaster

Any member with an email address already registered in the database can create an account at our website in order to update their own information and read other members' information in the database. This is also the way to opt in to receiving the chapter newsletter by email instead of snail mail. To create an account go to the website home page” <http://fwcvhpa.org>” and click on the “Login” menu item at the top right of the page. When the Login page appears click on the “Create Account” button and follow the screen prompts.

Ed Faught – webmaster and database maintainer

Quarterly Meeting Notice

Our next Chapter meeting will be Saturday March 2nd at Logan's Roadhouse in Hurst. The Executive Council will meet at 11 AM with General Membership meeting at 11:30 (or whenever the EC finishes its meeting). Lunch, which includes coffee, tea, or a soft drink, is \$20 per person. The beer is on you. Guests eat if you or someone pays. Peanuts are free and you can throw the shells on the floor. Address is 948 NE Loop 820, Hurst, TX. Phone is 817-590-0261. GPS data: N 32°49'32.43”: W 97°2'03.69”.

Secretary's Stuff

For questions or actions about membership or dues, contact Gerald Brazell at brazell911@aol.com or 817-267-7596. For change of address and email issues, contact webmaster@fwcvhpa.org .

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