

**SPECTRE BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, 06 January, 2009, 1840 CST**



Pat Carpenter, President  
Dick Vancil, Vice President  
Bill Patterson, Treasurer  
P. J. Cook, Web Master, teleconference  
Kim Coryat, teleconference  
Norm Evans  
Barry Gossman, teleconference  
Larry Hickey  
Chuck Kaczmarczyk, teleconference  
MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recording Secretary, teleconference  
Mike Skerrett, teleconference

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Pat Carpenter called the meeting to order with the above-listed Board Members present, either in person or via teleconference.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Andy DeMeyer submitted a report of the following funds on hand as of 1 January:

\$ 6,426.41 -- Checking Account  
5,631.48 -- Scholarship Fund/Building Fund  
500.10 – Scholarship Operating Fund  
10,159.50 – CD from Gunner Jack  
30,472.17 – Coastal Bank & Trust (Vanguard Bank) CD

\$53,189.66 – TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

Our CD at Vanguard Bank matures on 10 January. Vanguard Bank is now known as Coastal Bank and Trust of Florida. Pat, Dick, and Bill need to meet with the people at Coastal about reinvesting this money and getting three (3) signatures on this account. Norm suggested that they check out the rates on CDs being offered by other banks before making a decision.

We currently have \$1,925.00 in the Jim Thrasher Memorial Fund. \$1,000.00 will be designated for an additional scholarship to be given in Jim's name at the 2009 Reunion. All additional funds will be put in the Association's Scholarship Fund.

### **WEB STORE**

Merchandise sold from the Spectre Web Store during the month of December 2008 totaled \$1,929.39.

Pat announced that all of the new shirts, hats, and coins, have been received and are ready for sale. An Inventory of all merchandise will be taken on Friday morning, 16 January.

### **SPECTRE SPOTLIGHT 2008**

The Spectre Spotlight was posted on the Spectre website on 30 December 2008..."On Time, On Target"!! Since it was acknowledged that it took two (2) women – Kim Coryat and MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk – to get the Spotlight organized and sent to the Webmaster, P.J. Cook, for posting before the end of the year, the Board suggested that the 2008 Spotlight Team which also included Chuck Kaczmarczyk be in charge of the 2009 Spotlight.

### **REUNION 2009 INFO**

Norm met with the Sheraton Four Points and feels that their pricing is way out of line. He will be meeting with the Wingate Inn later this week. It was suggested that he also check LaQuinta Inn which is under construction. Norm is also working on menus and a location to dine, possibly a VFW or an American Legion Post.

### **REUNION 2010 INFO**

We must get a ballot out before 31 January to determine the location of our next out-of-town reunion in 2010. The three (3) cities that were chosen by vote of the general membership at the 2008 Reunion are: Branson, MO; Las Vegas, NV; and Biloxi, MS. It was suggested that we consider changing the By-Laws in order to allow our members to vote at the Annual Business Meeting two (2) years prior on the exact location of the out-of-town reunion.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jim West, navigator, Charter Member and the first President of the Spectre Association died 30 December 2008. P.J. posted the obituary on the web site and is awaiting pictures to be sent by family members.

Dick Vancil moved that we increase the amount of the annual Spectre Scholarship from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00 per year. Larry Hickey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dick Vancil moved that we transfer the donations in the Gary Knecht Memorial Fund to the Scholarship fund. Norm Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

We awarded two (2) scholarships this year in the amount of \$750.00 each. Checks will be mailed to the University of Arkansas for Morgan Elizabeth Clayton and to the University of Texas for her twin brother, Richard Alexander Clayton.

Norm suggested that we begin now to locate a guest speaker for our 2009 Reunion to be held this October in Fort Walton Beach. Norm said he would like to hear both an Officer and an Enlisted person from either the 4<sup>th</sup> or the 16<sup>th</sup>. Norm also suggested that we try to get one (1) female speaker.

Chuck said that he continues to receive e-mails from various members concerning the year bars that are given at the reunions. Chuck asked about the ownership of the die and the minimum number of bars that must be ordered. Pat said we own the die which we bought this past year. We have to pay a set-up fee for the change in the year date and the location. The minimum order of bars is 100. Chuck suggested that the year bar become a purchase item on the Registration Form. Pat said that if the members no longer want these bars, this should be addressed at the Annual Membership Meeting in October.

Chuck reported that he has received e-mails questioning whether or not only members in good standing including associate members voted on questions at this year's Annual Meeting. This was prompted by the pictures of the business meeting that are posted on the web site. Pat said that he believes that everyone who voted was either a member in good standing or an associate member in good standing.

Bill Patterson stated that he is going to begin looking at computers to buy for the Association with the money donated by Al Dilts at this past Annual Business Meeting. Chuck remembered that Gene Eller said that former gunner, Jim Fudge, who lives in the area, owns a computer business and can give us a good discount on Dell products.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 1921L.