

**SPECTRE BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, 09 December, 2008, 1845 CST**



Pat Carpenter, President  
Bill Patterson, Treasurer  
Roger Betterelli  
P. J. Cook, Web Master, teleconference  
Kim Coryat, teleconference  
Barry Gossman  
Larry Hickey  
Mark Johnson  
Chuck Kaczmarczyk, teleconference  
MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recording Secretary, teleconference  
Michael 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**

Pat announced that Bill Patterson has accepted the position of Treasurer for the Spectre Association.

Andy DeMeyer supplied the following report. Funds on hand as of 09 December:

\$ 8,085.42 -- Checking Account  
5,431.02 – **Scholarship Fund** (*formerly* the Building Fund)  
10,159.50 – CD from Gunner Jack – 4.5% for 15 months.  
500.06 – **Special Operating Fund** (new Account)  
30,472.17 – **The Life Membership Fund** (*formerly* the Scholarship Fund)  
(This CD is in Vanguard Bank and will mature on 12 January 2009.)

**\$54,648.17 – TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

Since our last Board Meeting on 4 November 2008, our receipts have totaled \$2,096.06 and are made up as follows:

\$ 1,292.92: Sale of Merchandise  
71.00: Life Membership Dues  
195.05: Gary Knecht Memorial Donations  
537.09: Jim Thrasher Memorial Donations

**\$ 2,096.06: TOTAL RECEIPTS**

Disbursements since our last Board Meeting (04 November 2008) for which Andy has written checks total \$1,002.84 and are made up as follows:

- \$ 74.00: VFW Post 7674 for Keg of Beer for the Reunion
- 94.00: Post Master at Mary Esther for Post Office Box Rental for one (1) year
- 37.22: PayPal Fees
- 797.62: Visa Credit Card Payment that consisted of:
  - \$ 176.26: Postage for Mailing Merchandise from Store
  - 16.68: One (1) Conference Call for Board Meetings
  - 255.60: Restock tee shirts in Store
  - 109.72: AAFES Class VI for booze for raffle basket
  - 106.64: AAFES Class VI for canned beer for reunion
  - 65.98: Plaque for Reunion Banquet Guest Speaker
  - 66.74: Office Supplies

\$1,002.84: TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

Andy also transferred \$537.09 to the Scholarship Fund.

The current checkbook balance is \$8,085.42.

Pat reported that the Jim Thrasher Memorial Account is fast approaching \$2,000.00. We need to give some thought to increasing the amount of the Spectre Scholarships since \$750.00 does not go very far toward college expenses today. This matter will be addressed at a later Board Meeting.

### **SPECTRE SPOTLIGHT**

Kim and MarthaAnn reported that all of the Spectre Spotlight articles have been received. The Spotlight will be sent to P. J. before the end of this year for posting on the Web Site. A copy of the Spotlight in pdf form will be sent to Pat so that it can be printed for any Spectre member who does not have Internet access. Pat suggested that Kim, Chuck, and MarthaAnn check out [cozypdf.com](http://cozypdf.com) or [primopdf.com](http://primopdf.com) for a free pdf program. Pat will also send to us before the end of this week, a ballot for the 2010 Reunion Site to go in the Spotlight.

### **SPECTRE MERCHANDISE**

Pat has ordered and received 48 Zoomin' and Boomin' 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tee shirts, and about 18 of them have already been sold. The first order for Spectre Association Plastic License Plate Holders has been received, and several of them have already sold. He has ordered Ladies V-Neck tee shirts as well as 100 more Spectre coins from Korea. He spoke with the people from Zippo, and they no longer making the money clips. Bob Wollman contacted Pat about our selling insulated cups into which pictures can be inserted. Pat has asked for a quote for 200 of the cups. Pat has also spoken to a vendor and requested a quote for a Spectre necktie. He will be getting a quote on a Spectre Garment Bag.

Larry & Pat will take an inventory of our web store merchandise after the first of the year. After this is accomplished they will know whether or not we need to order any of our other shirts.

### **2009 REUNION**

Norm Evans is working on getting quotes for the 2009 Reunion. Two (2), new hotels are opening in the Fort Walton area in the next few months.

### **SPECTRE WEB SITE**

P. J. is getting a lot of inquiries and remarks about the historical data contained on the web site regarding gunship activities. Pat is the historian for our Association, but he said that he does not have a great deal of information. Chuck said that Dave Burns could be a source of historical data regarding Spectre.

### **2008 SPECTRE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Pat reported that the Clayton Family has been notified that both of the twins will be getting a Spectre Scholarship. The first name drawn for a scholarship this year was that of a grandson; and, therefore, he is ineligible.

Pat reported that \$200 has been received in Memory of Gary Knecht. Pat suggested that we add the money to our Scholarship Fund account. Chuck so moved. Roger seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chuck reported that several members voiced to him at this year's reunion that they feel the Reunion Year Bars are a waste of money and should become an optional purchase item, the same as the tee shirts. Pat said that the cost of these bars is the same whether we order 10 or 100. We will discuss this further at a later meeting.

Chuck also reminded Pat that a tremendous number of our members voiced the opinion that the golf shirt emblems need to be changed to include "Spectre" in an arch on top and "AC-130 Gunship" in an arch on the bottom of the emblem. This is how the shirts were made several years ago.

Kim asked about getting the Spectre Association included in the CFC (Combined Federal Campaign) since we are now a not for profit organization.

Barry checked on the possibility of getting the engraved 105 Rounds. The cost will be \$40 for the projectile, \$25 for engraving on the brass casing, and we must supply the brass. In the past brass could be obtained from one of the Maintenance Squadrons, but

this is no longer an option. Mark Johnson was asked to check about the possibility of our getting the spent brass from Hurlburt Field.

Mark Johnson announced that he will once again retire on 1 February 2009. Among other things, he looks forward to attending the Spectre Board Meetings.

MarthaAnn reported that the Promiscuous Pachyderms have traveled to Key West for Fantasy Fest and Jimmy Buffett's Meeting of the Minds, to San Diego, CA, for a Marine Corps Reunion, on an 8-day Carnival Cruise where they went through the Panama Canal and to Costa Rica and Belize. Their travels have taken them to MacDill AFB, Homestead ARB, Key West Naval Air Station, San Diego Marine Corps Recruit Depot, the USS Midway, and Patrick AFB.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 1927L.

Respectfully submitted,  
MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recorder