

Knights of Columbus

Louisiana State Financial Secretaries Association

Keith Gautreau, President

MIMUTES OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL SECRETARIES ASSOCATION MEETING

May 2 and 3, 2009

The annual meeting of the Louisiana Financial Secretaries Association was held in Shreveport, La at the Shreveport Convention Center on Saturday and Sunday May 2 and 3, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by president Keith Gautreau (8147) at 10:25am, with a reminder to turn off cell phones and pagers.

Warden Gladwin Ball (5022) verified that all present were in possession of a current membership card.

The opening prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by Paul Gisclair.

The roll call of officers was conducted by secretary Robert Coco (3208). Treasurer Frank Boneno and 3 year trustee Leonce Waguespack, Jr. were absent due to a death in the family.

President Gautreau opened the meeting with the election of our representative to the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. Dave Bodden (4873) volunteered to go and was elected without opposition.

President Gautreau announced the State Meetings would be held in Dutchtown and Natchitoches. Also that Leonce get changes of addresses and the web site address is www.lsfa.org

The new F/Ss were introduced as follows..

Albert Oubre (1208)	Brent Dhuet (13819)
Jay Cruse (3200)	John Nowak (13632)
Malwin Theriot (6211)	Henry Sonnier (7568)
Anthony Vavasseur (10606)	

Reading of the minutes of the previous years meeting. A motion was made by Don Guidry (1710) to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and seconded by John Nowak(13632). John Walker (3779) asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, there were none. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports: Memorial report --please turn in names to John Walker.
Also asked to pray for Richard Bouchereau's father. Richard is a 4th Generation F/S.

Presidents Report.

President Gautreau introduced the new form 100. Next was the States Conservation Form and instructions, instituted by Steve Thomas. This is designed for Grand Knights and Trustees however we must do our part for member retention. The state request this form be used for documentation. In our by laws it states that we will attempt to host a hospitality room on odd number years, the officers decided to make a \$500.00 contribution to the state hospitality room (#1210 at5 the Hilton). General Agent Scott Willis was introduced. Scott said he has north and western LA. He thanked us for what we do for our councils, stating we are the contacts. He said the reason for the new form 100 is the change in new member insurance. There are no more \$50.00 policies, the \$100.00 annuity replaces this for new members or their wives. Suggested we collect the money and send it to the general agent, or give it to the field agent. This annuity is guaranteed income, never will go below 3%. Old members must buy an annuity for \$300.00. Suggested to receive STAR COUNCIL a council needs to get one sale from associate member to insurance member for the state, this annuity is a great opportunity.

Treasurers report. Since treasurer Boneo was absent this was handled by president Goutreau, stated our balance was \$22,055.74 which includes \$550.00 for the state hospitality room and \$550.00 for the Bishop Greco Fund. We have a budget of \$ 10,300.00 and have spent \$2,300.00 so far however our expenses are now for our convention, we should make about \$2,000.00 this year, last year we lost about \$2,300.00. Keith asked for questions from the floor, none asked. Proposed budget for next year \$50.00 less than the year before, bumped up printing and paper, Bishop Greco fund to \$600.00 next year and help the state if needed, they pay our convention expenses so we should help them. See attachment

Supreme Treasurer Jack O Reily entered the room and was given the floor. Good morning it is a pleasure to be here. I have a list of who has not signed on the web site, please use the website or at least try to use it. You need to take care of the members not paying dues, get rid of them early so you still have time to recruit to make your quotas. Also have a list of 32 suspended councils in the state, gives the state 200 for our quota for new members. We need to do something to find the lost members, mostly from New Orleans area. The state will let you know when they disperse the members around. Culture of Life apologized for the way it was implemented but Culture of life needs to be done. The way things are today we are in much danger of loosing our tax status. The IRS is constantly in

our offices. If we spend \$1.00 from insurance money to do something on a campaign, we will lose tax status. At the same time we need to do something against same sex marriage, and abortion, we will continue to do things. We stopped same sex marriage and totally pro choice in California. The board of directors will recommend at the 2009 convention that we have this tax at \$2.00 per member instead of \$3.00. Yes it is a tax and you have to pay it. Thank you for your time. Thank you for letting me be here.

President Gautreau asked if anybody needed a break, if you do take it, we will continue on and get out a little early.

Remarks by officers VP Paul Gisclair will save his remarks for tomorrow.

Secretary Robert Coco none

Warden Gladwin Ball none

Trustee none

Nomination of officers John Walker (3779). Nominations were opened to the floor.

President	Paul Gisclair (7557) nominated Keith Gautreau (8147)
Vice President	Keith Gautreau (8147) nominated Paul Gisclair (7557)
Secretary	Aldon Young (13931) nominated Robert Coco(3208)
Treasurer	Robert Coco (3208) nominated Frank Boneno (11921)
Warden	Aldon Young (13931) nominated Gladwin Ball (8147)
3 rd year trustee	Keith Gautreau (8147) nominated John Walker, Jr. (3779)
2 year trustee	Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (13349) moves to this position
1 year trustee	Malcolm Faucheux (1817) moves to this position

Presidents closing remarks We have Bro. Dave Bodden nominated to convention as an insurance delegate please tell your delegates to vote for our nominee. The hospitality room with general agents is 1210 in the Hilton. Mass 5pm. Rosary 8:30am Sunday, Breakfast 7 to 8:30 am. We start at 9:00 am. followed by lunch at 12:30.

Ken Lecompton (4156) said if you have questions about FSPC, stay after the meeting, also there is a sign up sheet for training sessions if interested.

Keith said he has a copy of FSPC with instructions on how to load it, stay after meeting to get it. We are here to help you in any way we can.

Paul lead the closing prayer and prayer before meals.

Sunday May 3 2009

President Keith Gautreau (8147) called the meeting to order at 9:18am, with a reminder to turn off cell phones and pagers.

Warden Gladwin Ball (5022) verified that all present were in possession of a current travel card.

Trustee John Walker, Jr.(3779) lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. President Paul Gisclair (7557) opened the prayer with a reminder to pray for Bro's Bouchereau, Boneno, Waguespack Sr., Dufreen Sr., and Sanameaux, followed by The Our Father.

Secretary Robert Coco verified the officers present with the following being absent treasurer Frank Boneo and Leonce Waguespack.

Warden Gladwin Ball's phone went off and president Gautreau stated he would hold off on assessing his \$10.00 fine until the banquet. Congratulations were offered to John Walkers' council (3779) for finishing number one in the state for the fourth year in a row. Old business-- Visit the state web page for a lot of valuable information. We are saving money by using electronic media. Invitations and registration forms are mailed out of the state office at their bulk rate saving about 50%. Send in your e mail addresses. We lost F/S Vincent Congolese (969) and Ledgerin Vidrine (3015), they were added to the memorial report from yesterday.

New Business-- By Laws Article III Officers --Section 5 add the following: Appointments to one of the Trustee positions will be for the duration of that position's remaining term.

Article V Meetings--Section 3 -- Delete the following. He shall present the credential card - signed by his council's Grand Knight, Recorder, and himself - to the Association's Secretary. The attendance roll shall be prepared from these credential cards

Article VI Dues-- Delete the following. Normally this meeting is held in late February or early March.

Article VII Financial Secretary Expenses-- Delete the following. This shall include a travel allowance at a rate authorized by the Association. -- ADD--We will use the State of LA Division of Administration web site, just for mileage only

Article IX Standing Committees Section 5-- Delete the following. by January 31st of the year of that

Article X Quorum-- Delete the following --fifteen

Jerry Toups (3411) made motion to accept the By Laws as amended. Fred Foti (1276) seconded the motion. Motion carried after vote.

Proposed budget-- see attachment--Nathan Arceneaux (8898) made motion to accept the budget as proposed. Aldon Young (13931) made second -- motion carried.

Interruption of meeting to let the voting delegates leave for votes on the floor.

Brother John walker, Jr. asked for a volunteer from the floor to assist with the audit report. Ronnie Delatte(6389) will assist John after the elections. Brother Walker opened to the floor nominations for the office of president -none offered- Brother then asked if there were any nominations for any of the other remaining positions-- no other nominations--list read will be officers next year. See attachment. Paul Gisclair made motion for the secretary to cast one ballot for each officer on the ballot. Len Sinnier seconded the motion. Motion passed. Secretary Robert Coco (3208) cast one vote, election completed.

Closing Remarks: Vice President Paul Gisclair--We are here to help especially the Lafayette, New Iberia area that is where I am at Broussard, feel free to call.

Secretary-- Robert Coco no remarks

Warden-- Gladwin Ball -- thank you for having me. Doubled his phone fine to \$20.00, said it is great to meet people and that he totally enjoys being here.

Kenneth LeCompte-- Gave phone number 337-208-1886 and his e mail address for anyone who needs his help.

State Deputy Ben Davidson came in and offered the following. Thank you for your work. Make sure you submit memorials on time and do not let your members hang on without paying their dues. For your councils to do good, we depend on you for collections, billing, and keeping your reports up to date. I know it is a time consuming job for all of you, we do appreciate your effort. This year we had a problem with memorials, some of the F/Ss have not turned in their memorial reports. So this year some members got left off of this years totals, so if in the future you could keep up with it, of course I know I am preaching the choir. Do your intent to suspend right, please. Retention is always a problem for me. I've tried to ignore some that have come by that wasn't done completely proper. The following up is probably the biggest thing, it is not on your back. The D. D.s and the retention committees should be making calls. With a little bit of effort we should be able to save some of them. Do not let your members get behind. Thank you for letting me

come to say hi to y'all and to say thank you to the Financial Secretaries Assoc. This is where I got my start so many years ago. Keep up the good work I appreciate it, thank you.

Break 9:52 till 10:13

President Gautreau called the session to order, said it would be short and sweet, Brother John was called to do the committee reports.

Beginning with the audit report. The treasurers records were examined and found to be in order. The bank account has been reconciled, and the bank account is found to be in agreement with the book of the treasurer. We respectfully submit our report, the balance in the check book is \$22,055.74.

The election report, our slate of officers for next year will be. President Keith Gautreau (8147), Vice President Paul Gisclair (7557), Secretary Robert Coco (3208), Treasurer Frank Boneno (11921), Warden Gladwin Ball (5022), 3 Year Trustee John Walker (3779) 2 Year Trustee Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (13349), and 1 Year Trustee Malcolm Faucheux (1817).

Paul Gisclair read the memorial report, see attachment.

The president thanked Paul and John for filing in for him while he was voting on the floor.

John Walker closing remarks addressed the luncheon, asked if anyone needed tickets or desired tickets to the luncheon. The luncheon will be at 12:30 rooms C and D.. John also stated hr enjoys the position of trustee. He stated he knows we each have a lot of hard work in front of us every year. One thing I do is do my stuff on Sunday. Remember to pray the Rosary, remember your first degree. Charity is our first degree. We are men set the example for the entire family. Vivat Jesus .

President Gautreau -- John was our convention chair for this years convention, everything was wonderful. John did an excellent job, also did an excellent job as president, trustee and I don't know where we would be without him. So John thank you very much.

Kenneth LeCompte showed a reward he received from Supreme. Recognition of outstanding recruitment efforts. Elevated to the 20 member level V I P club signed Carl Anderson.

Keith said he enjoyed being president this year and looks forward to doing the second year. Presidents work is not work its rewarding. Thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. If you need help with anything, ask, we encourage everyone to go to the web site. Encouraged everyone to try member management.

Brother Paul led the closing prayer, Hail Mary.

Lynn Sonnier (8906) noticed a new F/S who was not in attendance yesterday. Curtis Knight (12285) introduced himself and said it was nice to be among us.

Meeting adjourned 10:25 am.

Attest

Robert Coco
Secretary

1210 in the Hilton

2009 - 2010 Proposed Budget

	Proposed Bgt	Budget	Actual
<i>Convention Location</i>	2009-2010 Alex. or Laf.	2008-2009 Shreveport	2008-2009 Shreveport
Awards	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 37.82
Convention Mtg Refreshments	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00
Convention Door Prizes	\$ 150.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 150.00
Convention Luncheon	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,800.00
Convention Misc Expenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 150.00
Convention Hospitality Room	\$ 500.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 500.00
Advertising (Conv Program Ad)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
Bishop Greco Fund	\$ 600.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Supreme Representative	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 313.22
Printing & Copying	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 36.68
Travel Mileage & Expenses	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 701.96
Training Mileage & Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Office, Software & Misc Expenses	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 149.76
Total Expenses	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 5,689.44
Dues Income	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,644.92
Luncheon Income	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 470.00
Total Income	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 9,114.92
Income vs Expenses	\$ (1,150.00)	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ 3,425.48
	<i>2008-2009 Dues Income includes \$42.42 in Misc Income</i>		

The amounts shaded are estimated costs only.



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Louisiana Financial Secretaries Association
Elections Report

May 3, 2009

PRESIDENT

Kevin Gaudreau - 8147

VICE-PRESIDENT

Paul Guscaw - 7557

SECRETARY

Robert Coca - 3208

TREASURER

Frank Boneno - 11921

WARDEN

Gladwin Ball - 5022

3 YEAR TRUSTEE

John Walker - 3779




2 YEAR TRUSTEE

Leonce Waguespack, Jr 13349

1 YEAR TRUSTEE

Malcolm G Fauchaux 1817

Respectfully Submitted;

 Leonce Waguespack, Jr. 3-Year Trustee	 Malcolm Fauchaux 2-Year Trustee	 John Walker, Jr 1-Year Trustee
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Audit Report

May 3, 2009

The Treasurer's records were examined and found to be in order.

The bank account was reconciled and as of the last bank statement, the bank account was found to be in agreement with the balance on the books of the treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted;

ON BEHALF OF L. WAGUESPACK, JR.

Leonce Waguespack, Jr. 6389

Leonce Waguespack, Jr.
3-Year Trustee

Malcolm Fauchaux

Malcolm Fauchaux
2-Year Trustee

John Walker, Jr.

John Walker, Jr.
1-Year Trustee



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Memorial Report

May 3, 2009

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to withdraw from our midst our well beloved Brothers:

*Council # 969 - Vincent Cangelosi,
Council # 3015 - Ledgerin Vidrene*

And, whereas by the deaths of these Brothers, the Louisiana State Association of Financial Secretaries has sustained the loss of exemplary Catholics, zealous members, and worthy Knights, therefore, be it

Resolved that, while we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we do none the less mourn the loss of our Brothers who have been taken from us. And, be it further

Resolved that this testimonial of condolence be offered as an expression of heartfelt sympathy.

Respectfully Submitted;

Leonce Waguespack, Jr.
3-Year Trustee

Malcolm Fauchaux
Malcolm Fauchaux
2-Year Trustee

John Walker, Jr
John Walker, Jr
1-Year Trustee