

Knights of Columbus

Louisiana State Financial Secretaries Association

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION MEETING May 1 and 2, 2010

The annual meeting of the Louisiana State Financial Secretaries Association was held in Lafayette, La. at the Cajundome Convention Center on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, 2010.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 by President Keith Gautreau (8147) with a reminder to turn off cell phones and electronic devices.

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

The opening prayer was led by Paul Gisclair (7557), followed by the pledge led by Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (13349).

The roll call of officers was conducted by Secretary Robert Coco (3208); all were present.

President Gautreau opened the meeting with the election of our representative as delegate to the National Convention in Washington D.C. Vice President Paul Gisclair (7557) nominated President Keith, and with no other nominations Keith was nominated by acclamation.

1 Year Trustee Malcolm Fauchaux (1817) was called upon to go over parliamentary procedures.

Past State Deputy A.J. Langley was introduced as a special guest, who was filling in for FS Alex Clostio, Sr. (3015). Alex had stints installed and was getting ready for bypass surgery.

President Keith stated that we as an Association were dedicating our meetings today and tomorrow to Past President Clark Dufrene who passed away after our last convention. We also had a Brother FS's wife pass away and the Association sent a donation to The Bishop Greco Memorial for prayers in recognition of Brother Tony Vavasseur.

The new FS were introduced as follows: 8743 Edwin Luquette, Jr., 1114 Bart Rivere, 3088 Joseph Gremillion, 7350 Chris Dufrene, Jr., 8901 Robert Cusimano, 1099 Donald Verrette, 6496 Joseph Crochet, 3298 Eric Miller, 1208 Michael Forsythe, and 5111 Russell Romero.

Reading of the minutes: A motion was made by Aldon Young (13931) to dispense with the reading of the minutes with a second by Russell Romero (5111). Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (13349) noted on the Sunday minutes, that where it says "Article VII", it should be "Article VII - Section 2"; that in Article IX Standing Committees – Section 5 where it says "by January 31st of the year of that" it needs to add "no later than 30 days before the"; and Article X Quorum add the word "percent" after "15" and replace the 15 percent with "10 percent". A motion was made by Malcolm Fauchaux (1817) to accept the corrections and was seconded by Michael Forsythe (1208). Motion passed.

Appointment to Committees: We have three standing committees. Leonce Waguespack was appointed Chairman to the Audit Committee, Malcolm Faucheux was appointed Chairman to Election Committee, and John Walker, Jr. was appointed Chairman to the Memorial Committee.

We as FS are to submit to the State a list of members from our councils who have died the previous year to be recognized in the Memorial Book at the Memorial Mass. There were some errors in this year's book that should not have happened. Please give the names of deceased FS to the Memorial Committee. A.J. Langley stated we need to go on record to the State Office, that there is an error here that we are not responsible for. John Hauler (9016) stated there was a least one name on the list that was not deceased.

Paul Gisclair (7557) gave a luncheon report. Stated lunch will be tomorrow 12:30 next door. The tickets will be given out tomorrow.

Treasurer's report: Frank Boneno (14822) reported we are ahead of budget for this year. A motion was made by Michael Forsythe (1208) to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, seconded by Aldon Young (13931), motion carried. (See attached report.)

In an attempt to get more participation here at convention the board decided to use gift cards to present to members attending our meetings. We have gift cards worth fifty dollars each, for each day of the convention. Names were drawn. Kenneth Lyon (3870) was not present. Allen LeBlanc III (1819) is present.

Paul Gisclair (7557) would like to present for discussion a one-time donation to St. Mary's School in Alexandria, since we are light on expenses this year, to be presented to Msgr. Susi this weekend. Michael Forsythe (1208) made a motion to donate \$200 to St. Mary's School. Keith Gautreau (8147) amended the motion to \$500, seconded by Fred Foti (1276). Motion passed.

Paul mentioned his idea of having a session dedicated to training at KCLS and Grand Knights Day.

Break 10:25 until 10:55

John Walker, Jr. (3779) asked about how many councils in the State are members of the Association. Frank Boneno (14822) responded that about 90% are members.

Eugene Braquet (6103) thinks Paul has a good idea of having a session dedicated to training to help new members.

Officers Comments: V.P. Paul Gisclair (7557) Another training idea is for the State to let him know when we do get a new FS. We would try to have someone in his area that is familiar with the new program to assist them.

President Keith Gautreau (8147) suggested if anyone has supplies they are not using to bring them with you to convention, KCLS, or Grand Knights Day to share.

Secretary Robert Coco (3208) gave a reminder to speak into the microphone.

Treasurer Frank Boneno (14822) Working the budget or working around the budget is very important. We try to spend your money very, very carefully so we do not waste money.

Warden Gladwin Ball (5022) All I have to say is since I have been coming to every one of these conferences we have, I have walked away with things I did not know. Mr. Lecompte has been a very big help to me and he can also help you. The gentlemen at the head table are the best and you would be wrong not to use their knowledge.

Trustee Malcolm Faucheaux (1817) One of the benefits of the Association is it is composed of FS in good standing of all the councils in the state. The Association is an invaluable tool for you. Officers and past officers are available to assist you. The President furnishes communications via Louisiana Knight. Any member can run for office and if elected this will increase your knowledge. With the biggest benefit being knowledgeable communication with all of the FS in the state.

Trustee John Walker, Jr. (3779) Brother Knights, what I find that is difficult within our Association is getting the report into the State Office with regards to the exemplifications. If your council hosts a degree, make a copy of the attendees and send that to the State so it can get it to the individual councils. That way the FS can update Supreme with the status of that member's degree earned. This is not covered in any handbook but it is the responsibility of the FS.

Trustee Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (13349) Please turn in your Form 100s as soon as possible. If we get training at KCLS make sure we get an adequate room. The New Orleans area has a separate Association. We meet on the fifth Wednesday, contact me for info. The last thing I would like to remind you we have a website. We have email distribution, and a statewide data base if we have your current email address. Our website address is www.LSFSA.org.

\$50.00 Gift Card Phillip DeVaney (1134)

11:34 15 minute break

\$50.00 Gift Card David Cusimano (8901)

Election Chairman Malcolm Faucheaux (1817) announced the following nominations were submitted:

President	Paul Gisclair (7557)
V. President	Robert Coco (3208)
Secretary	Gladwin Ball (5022)
Treasurer	Frank Boneno (14822)
Trustees	3yr. Keith Gautreau (8147)
2yr.	John Walker, Jr. (3779)
1yr.	Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (13349)

Warden nominations were opened to the floor. Robert Coco (3208) nominated Aldon Young (13931). With no other nominations they were closed until tomorrow.

Keith stated that new a FS should receive a handbook. If you don't get one, request one from Supreme or visit our website.

Ken LeCompte (4156) brought up having the Fourth Degree Comptrollers join our Association to take advantage of our training. Keith thought it was a great idea. However we would need to change our by-laws. It was suggested that Ken to submit an amendment thirty days prior to next year's convention.

John Novak (13632) made motion to invite the Comptrollers to join us this year at KCLS. Aldon Young seconded, motion passed.

John also reported on his trip to the Holy Land. So much inspiration to walk in the steps Christ walked. If you get a chance to go, do not pass it up.

Frank Boneno (14822) proposed that we have an election for two year terms, as the State does. Frank will make an amendment next year, 30 days before our meetings.

Leonce gave an overview of the newest computer program from Supreme.

Dismissed at 12:00 for lunch which is across the street.

Sunday May 2, 2010

Meeting called to order by President Keith Gautreau (8147) at 9:21 am.

Warden Gladwin Ball (5022) verified travel cards.

V. President Paul Gisclair (7557) led the opening prayer.

Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (3779) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Robert Coco (3208) took Roll of Officers, all present.

Keith started the meeting with a gift card drawing. Kenneth Lecompte was the winner on the 5th try.

Old Business: Keith had a copy of the Memorial Mass Book and stated there were several errors made by the State. The book was passed around for the members to look at. Keith suggested for Paul to get with the State Office and see if Supreme would send a list of deceased members from April 1 to March 31. Secretary Coco suggested to the membership to keep a folder with copies of the previous year's report, so you would know whose names were sent in. Then proceed in the same manner the next year.

New Business: President Keith stated that the budget was passed around yesterday, so the members could look it over. Michael Forsythe (1208) asked why we start with a balance in the red. Keith answered by stating in the last several years this was started because we do not spend everything that is in the budget, we make allowances. We have a budget where we over estimate most categories, but some are fixed. Therefore, if we have an approved budget we do not have to go back to the membership by having a special meeting or mail in ballot to amend the budget.

We have been in the black the last two years by about \$6,000. If anyone has any suggestions please feel free to give them since that is what we are here for. A motion was made by Chris Dufrene, Jr. (7350) to accept the budget as read. FS from (7103) seconded (did not get name because he was not close enough to a microphone). Motion passed.

Next order of business is the Elections: Chairman Malcolm Fauchaux (1817) gave yesterday's report for nominations as: President Paul Gisclair (7557), Vice President Robert Coco (3208), Secretary Gladwin Ball (5022), Treasurer Frank Boneno (14822), 3 Year Trustee Keith Gautreau (8147), 2 Year Trustee John Walker, Jr. (3779), 1 Year Trustee Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (13349), and Warden Aldon Young (13931). There was no opposition for the position of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 year Trustee, 2 year Trustee, or 1 year Trustee. John Walker, Jr. (3779) nominated Chris Dufrene, Jr. (7350) as Warden. With no other nominations, a vote by secret ballot was taken with the Trustees counting the votes for Warden.

The President called for another drawing for Gift Card. Robert Cusimano (8901) had his name drawn again and donated it back. Lynn Sonnier (8906) was drawn next and accepted.

Break for 15 to 20 minutes to count the ballots.

Session Resumes: For the first time in forever, all three General Agents were present - Terry Kennedy, Kirk Duplantis, and Scott Willis. Terry said that as of April 1, the territories were realigned back to where they were before Hurricane Katrina, so he has the New Orleans area, Kirk has the Baton Rouge area, and Scott has everything else. The goal that Supreme set is for each area to have eight Field Agents. Scott said it was good to be here and that he appreciates what we do and our support. Kirk believes the main blood line with Supreme is the Financial Secretaries, Field Agents, and General Agents. Get your Form 100 to your General Agent - scan it, pdf it, mail it, whatever is best for you. We have a team of GAs who talk to each other and are looking out for us so everything we do with you goes smooth with Supreme.

Election Results: Chairman Malcolm said by the hair of your chinnie chin, chin, the new Warden is Aldon Young. (See attached report.)

Keith asked for a convention chairperson for next year in Kenner. Chris Dufrene, Jr. volunteered.

Keith also said to send in your Honorary and Honorary Life members. Supreme now puts the degree attained on them.

Please recognize our Supreme Board Member Dan Baker. Mr. Baker said your job is to keep your Grand Knight on track. Have your GK read your handbook, so he will know what you as FS do. This way the Grand Knight cannot fail.

Keith mentioned that the FS can be a voting delegate to these conventions, which the State pays for. Delegates do not have to be Past Grand Knights.

Audit Committee Report: Leonce Waguespack, Jr.(13349) gave the Audit Report (attached).

Memorial Committee Report: John Walker, Jr. (3779) gave the Memorial Report (attached).

Closing remarks by officers:

Paul Gisclair (7557) I am excited to serve as President the next year or two. I am hopeful to make improvements and really hope to get the all day training at KCLS. Thank you and I look forward to serving you.

Robert Coco (3208) I think everything is going to be good. I just told Paul not to get sick in the next two years so I can practice.

Gladwin Ball (5022) All I want to say is it has been a pleasure serving each and every one of you, and a pleasure to serve the people at the head table. The new guys that have come in are coming at the right time. You have a wealth of information at the head table. Thank you.

John Walker, Jr. (3779) Brother Knights let me leave with these comments, especially the new members, this something they do not tell you in the handbook. When you made your first degree you were given an emblem. I carry some with me and make sure they get one. The most important thing you can give them is the Rosary. Be an example. Have a safe return trip and I am glad you all came. Vivat Jesus!

Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (13349) I was very happy to work with the current officers this year. We have done a lot of work. Keith has done an excellent job these last two years. I would also like for you to have a safe trip home. If there is anything we can do as officers of the Association, please contact us. Information is on our website and we will try to keep you updated as much as possible. Thank you.

Malcolm Fauchaux (1817) This is rough for me as I have been serving the Association for the last twelve years, in all aspects. Ken, thank you for all your help. Leonce, thank you for the help you have given me. John, thank you very much. Paul, thank you. Robert, thank you. Frank, thank you. Keith, thank you very much. I am stepping down but will help any FS I can. If you need me just call.

Keith Gautreau (8147) I would like to close with this. It has been a fast two years. I have been blessed with a wonderful slate of officers. I've had wonderful help and guidance. Leonce has answered many, many questions for me. Frank, as Treasurer, guides us from things that have been done in the past. I have been very fortunate. Paul and I have been in frequent contact. Paul has been our Convention Chair this year and has done a wonderful job. I look forward to coming up here and taking notes next year. Thank you. Paul would you lead us with a closing prayer?

Drawing for Gift Cards. After seven names of not present members were drawn, Leonce Waguespack Jr.'s (13349) name was called. Keith then pulled ten more names of not present members before drawing William Vieira (4222).

Lunch is next door at 12:30. Meeting concluded.

Attest ~ Robert Coco (3208) Secretary

*The hand written number are as stated by Frank during his report

2010 - 2011 Proposed Budget				
	Proposed Budget	Approved Budget	Expenditures	
	2010-2011	2009-2010	2009-2010	
Convention Location	Kenner	Lafayette	Lafayette	
Awards	178.50	* 300.00	\$175.00	estimated
Convention Mtg Refreshments	\$700.00	\$600.00	\$400.00	meeting door prizes
Convention Door Prizes	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	luncheon, estimated
Convention Luncheon	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,000.00	estimated
Convention Misc Expenses	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$350.00	estimated
Convention Hospitality Room	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	
Advertising (Conv Program Ad)	500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Bishop Greco Fund	600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	
Supreme Representative	500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Postage	140.80	\$600.00	\$500.00	
Printing & Copying	77.00	\$400.00	\$300.00	
Travel Mileage & Expenses	421.92	\$1,000.00	\$1,900.00	
Training Mileage & Expenses	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$80.08	
Office, Software & Misc Expenses	28.56	\$600.00	\$600.00	
Total Expenses	2958	\$10,800.00	\$10,250.00	\$5,786.77
Dues Income	9266.50	\$9,300.00	\$8,400.00	\$9,262.50
Luncheon Income	640.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$620.00
Total Income	9906.50	\$10,000.00	\$9,100.00	\$9,882.50
Net Income vs Expenses	-800.00	-1,150.00	\$4,095.73	

checkbook Balance 25,718.48

Expenses are over estimated as to avoid coming back to the membership if something happens.



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Louisiana Financial Secretaries Association
Elections Report

May 2, 2010

PRESIDENT PAUL Gisclair Co. 7557

VICE-PRESIDENT Robert Coco Co. 3208

SECRETARY Gladwin BALL Co. 5022

TREASURER FRANK BONENO Co. 14822

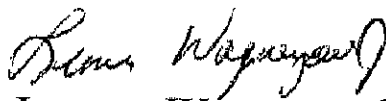
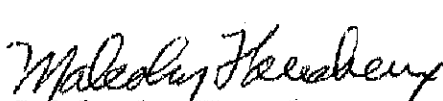
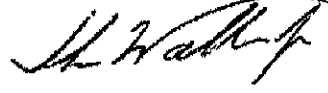
WARDEN ALDON YOUNG Co. 13931

3 YEAR TRUSTEE Keith GAUTREAU Co. 8147

2 YEAR TRUSTEE JOHN WALKER Co 3779

1 YEAR TRUSTEE LEONCE Waguespack, JR. Co. 13349

Respectfully Submitted;

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



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Audit Report

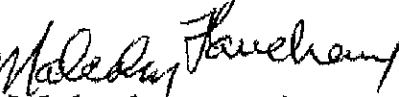
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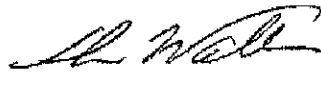
The Treasurer's records were examined and found to be in order.

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;


Leonce Waguespack, Jr.
2-Year Trustee


Malcolm Fauchaux
1-Year Trustee


John Walker, Jr.
3-Year Trustee



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Louisiana Financial Secretaries Association

Memorial Report

May 2, 2010

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

LOND BOUCHEREAU

KIRBY CHATELAIN

ROBERT GAUJOLI

HENRY LADDY

J. BRUCE RAJLOSKI

ROBERT A. TETA SR.

BLAISE M. CARRIERE

CLARK A. DUFRENE SR.

C. DALE NOTARIS

ELISON LEBOUQUEIS


HENRY TOOPS III

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

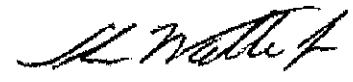
Resolved that, while we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we do none the less mourn the loss of our Brothers who have been taken from us. And, be it further

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

Respectfully Submitted;


Leonce Waguespack, Jr.
2-Year Trustee


Malcolm Fauchaux
1-Year Trustee


John Walker, Jr.
3-Year Trustee