

FBI Columbia Citizens Academy Alumni Association
Annual Reunion Dinner Meeting, Tuesday, March 18, 2014
6:00 p.m. FBI Headquarters-Columbia, SC

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rocky Pizzarello, at 6:00 p.m.

Special Agent [REDACTED] made a request for volunteers to participate in an [REDACTED] exercise on May [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. Denise reminded those that are interested in the mall exercise to sign up tonight or e-mail her later of your availability. The event will be after the mall closes [REDACTED]. More instructions will be forthcoming to those interested.

A special presentation on gang trends was presented by FBI supervisory special agent, [REDACTED], of the gang task force who is in his 13th year investigating gangs and gang related crimes. He gave a very information presentation on gangs in Columbia and gang related crimes.

After brief introductions, and recognizing the past presidents in the room: Bill Lackey, Becky Robertson and William Oden, Rocky introduced the officers and board nominees as follows:

Rocco Pizzarello, President

Susan Sanchez, Vice President (Absent)

Brad Gainey, Treasurer

Sandra Ligon, Secretary

Board Members

Ann Eisenstein

Sharon Skvoretz (absent)

John Sjöholm

Charles Brooks (absent)

Becky Robertson and William Oden (both past presidents)

A motion was passed to accept the board members and officers as presented.

Brad gave a financial report. (Attached) He reported that 12 checks for membership renewal were received tonight. A motion was passed to accept the financial report.

Rocky talked about the Web-page. With Brad and Susan's help progress is underway. All rights to the old website were transferred. Updates were given on info regarding insurance.

Denise talked about the Quantico trip scheduled for Sept 17-18 and trying to get a tour of the White House and a congressional tour. She is working with Becky's sister, [REDACTED], a travel agent, on

travel arrangements. She stated that we need at least 40 people to go on the trip. She also mentioned ways to raise funds [REDACTED]. She announced that the office is looking to start a new chapter of CCAAA in Charleston and maybe Greenville. She asked for recommendations for names for Charleston and Greenville from the group.

Rocky announced that the April meeting will be on the 22 at noon at Doc's Barbeque on Shop Road in Columbia. The speaker will be from SC Fusion Center with discussion on the collection and dissemination of critical information in South Carolina

The May 20th meeting will be an evening meeting with the SC Emergency Management Division to talk about the CERT program. He will explain how members can take a series of classes to be prepared for disaster relief. The speaker will be Howard van Dijk.

Rocky passed out index cards for members to list any changes in address, phone number or contact information.

He also talked about and passed out child ID kits and programs we would do for children in the area. It was mentioned that the CCAAA had adopted Logan Elementary as a partner some time ago. Ms. Sheila Washington, who works at the school and is also a member of the Alumni Association, will look into us doing a possible print day at Logan.

Rocky asked for any suggestions for programs for monthly meetings.

A question was raised by [REDACTED] on whether we can have an alumni coin. We had one over 7 years ago they are all gone now. Bill Lackey will check on where they came from and any info about the coins and let us know at the next meeting.

Rocky passed around a thank you card for Denise's Granny for everyone to sign to thank her for the delicious meal. He thanked everyone for coming and the great turnout.

The FBI store was open with lots of new items to purchase.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by

Sandra Ligon, Secretary