

(Minutes December 2008)

21st Century Partnership 4th Quarter meeting

Thursday December 18, 2008

10am Eagle Room MOA

In attendance: Pat Bartness, Gary Lee, Brad Fink, Bill Stenbridge, Lee Slade, Ed Rodriguez, Jim Newton, Beth McLaughlin, Jack Steed, Ralph Nix, Don Moncrief, Phil Best, Bob Walker, Ned Sanders, Jim Worrall, Paul Nagle, Larry Harper, Carla Hon, Kathy Balletto, Chip Cherry, Andrea Gould, Megan Smith, Morgan Law, Mark Byrd, MaryTherese Tebbe, Ron Smith, Ron Carbon, Larry O'Neal, Laura Mathis

Welcome

Chairman Byrd

Meeting called to order at 10am.

Invocation/Pledge

Bob Walker

Approval of 3rd Qtr Minutes

Byrd

Larry Harper gave motion to approve...Ned Sanders second...minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Report

Tebbe/Mathis

Pat Bartness gave motion to approve...Megan Smith second...financials approved unanimously.

Introduction of ALC commander Byrd

Special Guest

Maj Gen Polly Peyer

Major General Polly Peyer, WRALC Commander began her remarks by offering her idea of P3 I or "P cubed I" as she put it. It stands for People, Product, Processes and Infrastructure. The General Talked about the Way ahead for AFMC citing that new Commander General Donald Hoffman said "Change of Command is not change of course". He did say he is looking for fresh new ideas and continuous improvements. She also said General Hoffman would be visiting RAFB sometime in the beginning of February.

General Peyer outlined 2008 accomplishments for the base and community: The Businessweek article naming WR as a top place to raise your kids was no surprise to her. She stressed military

families want to know about schools, housing, environment and quality of life in a community and Warner Robins and the Robins Region.

From the base side she talked about VPP (Voluntary Protection Program). She noted banners that encourage safety practices are all over the base...she said Robins is a “gold” safe site with over 100 bronze and silver citations...She says that Robins has lead the way for 10 years for LEAN institutions.

Nomination Committee

Ned Sanders

Ned Sanders thanked the nominations committee for serving. The committee included Ralph Nix, Neal Reardon and Mike Hale and Ned Sanders. Mr. Sanders revealed the names nominated for two officer’s positions: Vice Chairman, Chip Cherry and Asst Treasurer Dan Slagle. A unanimous vote in favor of both was delivered. Sanders also revealed that officers Mark Byrd, Chairman, Morgan Law, Secretary, Megan Smith, and Asst Secretary all agreed to serve another term which received unanimous support from the Executive Board.

Mr. Sanders then announced that 5 names were nominated for At Large membership to which there was a unanimous vote of yes to all. They are Chuck Shaheen, Brad Fink, Patty James, Mike Dyer, and David Cyr.

Vote

Byrd

See above paragraphs. All votes were unanimous and “yes”.

Old Business

Byrd

Bob Walker, out-going Vice Chairman, was recognized for his hard work a dedication to the Partnership. Chairman Byrd thanked him for his service and the crowd honored him with applause.

Ron Carbon asked to share one thing before adjournment. He said that the WR Chamber MAC fed the troops the week before and that one of the troops mentioned how much the local support means to them. He specifically spoke about Sonny’s BBQ donating food to them when they are deployed.

MT Tebbe echoed the sentiment and added that Brad Fink at Sonny’s does this all year long, not just Christmas time. She also thanked the group for all their support of the troops all year noting that many in the room adopt deployed airman or make donations to their families all the time.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 19, 2009