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Subject: TVSFPE October 2011 President's Pen

I hope this letter finds everyone in good spirits as we enjoy the autumn colors and pleasant weather. On Thursday evening, 10/13/2011, the general membership of TVSFPE met at the Shang-ri-la Therapeutic Academy of Riding (STAR) between Dixie Lee Junction and Lenoir City. We appreciate our hosts at STAR for the opportunity to again visit the Academy and enjoy their hospitality. There were approximately 25 members in attendance. The business meeting was called to order by the President followed by the Secretary and Treasurer's reports. Old business included the "second reading" of chapter By-Laws changes to the scholarship program and the vote to accept the changes. The vote was passed without opposition.

New business included a discussion of an opportunity for TVSFPE to help support the establishment of a new chapter in the Middle Tennessee area. The TVSFPE Executive Committee has been in contact with SFPE members in the Nashville Metro area, and SFPE National, regarding support and cooperation we might be able and willing to provide. An offer has been extended from TVSFPE to have Middle Tennessee SFPE members attend our meetings and for TVSFPE members to travel to Nashville and offer assistance. It was also pointed out that TVSFPE should consider a financial contribution at some future time to assist with Middle Tennessee Chapter start-up expenses, as we did with the Mid-South Chapter in Memphis. We will discuss and debate the financial aspect at a future time, depending on the progress toward chartering a chapter in Middle Tennessee.

New business also included a report of the Nomination Committee, who brought a slate of TVSFPE officers that included the existing leadership in the same positions for the next year. There were no nominations from the floor and a motion was made and seconded to close nominations. A vote on the officers for 2012 will be taken at the November meeting.

Another new business item was a discussion of the 2012 Chapter Seminar. The Executive

Committee established general guidelines to hold the seminar in the April-May time frame next year, with the tentative topic of fire stopping and to focus on municipal fire professionals. A request for members to assist with planning and coordinating the seminar resulted in two volunteers, but we need several more. The Executive Committee is still looking for another 3-4 members to assist with the Seminar.

Finally, the evening was topped off by an interesting presentation by Mike Fleenor of Fleenor Security Systems. Mike's discussion addressed the history of Fleenor Security, their UL listed Central Receiving Station operations and the "Fleenet" wireless fire and security system available throughout East Tennessee. Our thanks to Mike for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with us and share information about coming trends in alarm technology.

Our next meeting will be on November 10, returning to STAR. Our guest speaker will be Justin Clift of Hazard Control Technologies to bring a discussion of Encapsulation Technology.

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