

Knights of Columbus

**Louisiana State Financial Secretaries Association
Minutes of the Annual Financial Secretaries Association Meeting
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
May 4 & 5, 2019**

Saturday May 4, 2019

1. Call to Order- President Chris Dufrene, Jr. (7350) at 9:05am
2. Verification of Travel Cards- Maurice Evans (7358) Standing in for Warden Robert Ferguson (6326) who was unable to attend.
3. Opening Prayer- Keith Gautreau (8147) 1 Year Trustee
4. Introduction of State Program Director Mark Carver (1437) and GK Terry Miazga (17205)
5. Pledge of Alliance- David Landry (7275) 3 Year Trustee
6. Verification of Roll of Officers - Mike Callais (9000) Secretary
Officers Attending:
 - Chris A. Dufrene, Jr. (7350) President
 - Tommy J. Rodrigue (8932) Vice-President
 - Charles "Mike" Callais (9000) Secretary
 - Robert F. Ricca (1819) Treasurer
 - Excused - Robert F. Ferguson (6326) Warden
 - David K. Landry (7275) 3 Year Trustee
 - Peter Peragine (5530) 2 Year Trustee
 - Keith Gautreau (8147) 1 Year Trustee
7. Opening remarks by LSFSA President Chris Dufrene:
 - Brother Malcolm Faucheux (1817) passed away so Brother Keith Gautreau was appointed to fill in for him for the rest of this fraternal year.
 - Introduction of Worthy State Deputy Rennan Duffour – He thanked us for being here and for what we do.
 - Introduction of Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly – He thanked us for what we do for our councils.
 - Introduction of Supreme Regional Growth Director Dave Tebo.
 - Question from Bob Ricca about the cost of the 4th Degree Regalia.

- DSK Patrick Kelly said Supreme is working to bring the cost down. We need to trust Supreme's decision. Trying to bring younger men in.
 - Comment from Richard Bouchereau (1087) – New regalia is a bad idea.
 - WSD Rennan Duffour reported that Worthy District Master Don Ducote said that we didn't join the 4th Degree just to wear the old regalia. You can do the patriotic work of the 4th Degree without a uniform.
 - Comment from Gerald Toups (3411 & A 314) – Feels that the Color Corp will die out because of required new uniforms.
 - Question from Mark Carver – Will we be able to fill in Form 100 online for new online members? Form 100 will be paperless in future.
 - Comment from Gasper Corpora (A 323) – Can 4th Degree members be suspended for wearing old regalia? Old regalia won't be allowed.
 - Comment from David Landry – 4th Degree should have a tuxedo in the uniform. FS role is being diminished in the councils by Supreme.
 - Comment from Regional Growth Director Dave Tebo – Supreme is not perfect. Supreme appreciates what Financial Secretaries do for councils.
 - Comment from WSD Rennan Duffour – FS is a critical position. State has been having too many suspensions. Try to not suspend members.
 - Comment from Kenneth LeCompte (4156) – FS in his council is not able to suspend any members.
 - Comment from WSD Rennan Duffour – Councils need retention chairman, or they won't be able to suspend anyone.
 - Comment from Chris Dufrene – Thanked WSD and Supreme guests. Councils should waive dues for active military members. Check with Insurance General Agents to get current mailing addresses.
 - Comment from Paul Tholen (6211) – There are councils on some foreign military bases.
8. Nomination for Delegate to the Supreme Convention
- Keith Gautreau nominated Pete Peragine as Delegate to the Supreme Convention. Pete accepted the nomination.
 - Anthony Kinard (3872) nominated Russell Ruh (A 2052).
 - Ballots were handed out and voting was conducted.
 - Brother Pete Peragine did not participate in vote counting.
 - Pete Peragine was elected LSFSA nominee as delegate.
 - Keith Gautreau moved we destroy the ballots.
 - Ronnie Delatte (6389) seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

9. Introduction of new Financial Secretaries and Faithful Comptrollers:
 - Anthony Kinard (3872)
 - Jerome Benoit (8906)
 - Lin Kiger (8898)
 - Curtis Constrantiche (5013)
 - Thomas Scheibel (10080)
 - Roland Leleux (5499)
10. Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings
 - Leonce Waguespack (13349) moved we accept the minutes as presented in the printed copies available for members to check over.
 - David Landry seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
11. Committee Appointments- President Chris Dufrene made the following appointments:
 - David Landry to chair the Audit Committee.
 - Peter Peragine to chair the Election Committee.
 - Keith Gautreau to chair the Memorial Committee.
12. Treasurer's Report - Robert Ricca – We had 189 members pay dues this year. He handed out copies of an income and expense report. We had income of \$8,190. We had expenses of \$9,938.05. We have a current checking account balance of \$19,900. For the coming year we are budgeting \$8,300 in income and \$11,100 in expenses.
 - Robert Rome (8840) made a comment that we are spending more than we are taking in as income.
 - David Landry commented that most of the deficit is a result of the Association making charitable donations and we want to reduce it.
 - Chris Dufrene commented that we will be reducing the amounts of our donations. The WSD wants us to donate to the new council at the seminary. He said we will try additional fundraisers. He said we may cut out the breakfast during the convention if we don't charge more for it.
 - David Landry commented that we have too large a balance in our checking account because we are a charitable organization.
13. Proposed Budget- Chris Dufrene mentioned that we will vote on the proposed budget at the Sunday meeting.
14. Nomination of Officers –
 - Keith Gautreau nominated Chris Dufrene, Jr. for President.
 - Robert Rome nominated Tommy Rodrigue for Vice-President.

- David Landry nominated Mike Callais for Secretary.
 - Leonce Waguespack nominated Bob Ricca for Treasurer.
 - Ronald Folse (8770) nominated Robert Ferguson for Warden.
 - David Landry nominated Paul Gisclair (7557) for Three Year Trustee.
 - David Landry urged members to consider serving as officers.
15. Old Business –
- Leonce Waguespack gave a report on the need for councils to submit a Form 990 every year to maintain our tax-deductible status.
 - Peter Snatic (3208) asked when the 990 is due.
 - Bob Aitken (12997) said it is easier for smaller councils to file it.
 - Chris Dufrene said we have been doing FS training and other members besides FS can attend the training. We will be doing more training sessions with one being right after our meeting today.
 - Bob Ricca asked for a list of Assembly Comptrollers in our state.
 - Leonce Waguespack said he has a list of Comptrollers that he is working to get updated and consolidated in our data base.
 - Chris Dufrene said he will do a training session for Comptrollers at the 4th Degree District Promotional Meeting.
16. New Business:
- Chris Dufrene reported that our Treasurer Bob Ricca has dues bills for the upcoming year with him to give out to any members who would like to get theirs now.
 - Need help after meeting to stuff envelopes with new dues bills.
 - We need to decide if we will donate to the new seminary council. We can decide on that tomorrow.
 - Chris Dufrene will try to get an insurance agent to address us tomorrow.
 - Tomorrow morning we have Mass at 8:00, breakfast at 9:00, our meeting at 10:30 and our luncheon at 12:30.
 - Pete Peragine asked members to ask their councils' voting delegates to vote for him as a delegate to the Supreme Convention.
17. Closing Remarks:
- Chris Dufrene said we need locations for training sessions.
 - We will draw for the 50/50 at our meeting tomorrow.
18. Closing prayer was led by Keith Gautreau.
19. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am.

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2. Verification of Travel Cards- Maurice Evans (7358) Stand-In Warden
3. Opening Prayer- Keith Gautreau (8147) 1 Year Trustee
4. Pledge of Allegiance - David Landry (7275) 3 Year Trustee
5. Verification of Roll of Officers- Mike Callais (9000) Secretary

Officers Attending are:

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6. Deceased Brother Financial Secretaries for Memorial Committee:
 - Malcolm Faucheux (1817)
 - Donald Carey (5530)
 - Art Brizzolaro (6870)
 7. Reopen Nomination and Election of Officers:
 - Chris A. Dufrene Jr. (7350) President
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- David Landry moves that President Chris Dufrene casts one ballot to elect the slate of officers nominated.
 - Anthony Vavasseur (10606) seconds the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
8. Old Business:
- Consider donation to the new seminary council. Bob Ricca said we should consider making a \$500 donation to the new seminary council to show them our support. Maurice Evans moved we donate \$500. David Landry seconded the motion.
 - Keith Gautreau amended the motion to move we put \$500 into our budget to make a \$500 donation to the seminary council. David Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - President Chris Dufrene reported that our luncheon today will be in the Premier 1 room at 12:30.
 - President Chris Dufrene reported that he will be able to present the LSFSA donation checks St. Mary's, the Bishop Greco Fund and to the new seminary council during the convention General Session.
 - President Chris Dufrene suggested we should always keep \$15,000 in our LSFSA general fund account so we can do what we need to do.
 - President Chris Dufrene brought up possible suggestions for cost savings and revenue increases. He suggested we could do an annual raffle. There was discussion on whether we can do a raffle.
 - Discussion on budget for next fraternal year. Keith Gautreau moves we accept the budget as amended. David Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed with one nay vote.
9. New Business:
- David Landry reported that our Association has had a problem getting our nominee as a delegate to the Supreme Convention elected by the delegates to the State Convention. He would like to write a resolution from our Association to be presented to the State Convention that it be designated on the ballot our choice to be a delegate to the Supreme Convention. Peter Snatic (3208) stated that at one time it had been noted on the ballot as such. Robert Rome (8840) suggested we ask for an amendment to the bylaws of the constitution that we automatically get our choice as a delegate to the Supreme Convention. Pete Peragine moved that our Association write a resolution asking the State Council to designate on the ballot the LSFSA choice to be a delegate to the

Supreme Convection. Seconded by Leonce Waguespack (13349). Motion passed unanimously.

10. Report of the audit committee:

- David Landry reported that the Treasurer's records were examined and found to be in order. The bank account was reconciled and as of the last bank statement agreed with the balance on the books of the Treasurer.
- Maurice Evans moved to accept the report of the audit committee. Pete Snatic seconded the motion. Motion passed.

11. Report of the Election Committee:

- Peter Peragine, Election Committee Chairman, said that nominations were opened for all positions and since there were no other nominations today, all officers were elected by acclamation.

Newly Elected Officers for the 2019-2020 year:

- Chris Dufrene, Jr. (7350) President
- Tommy Rodrigue (8932) Vice-President
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Motion to accept the Election Committee Report by Maurice Evans.

Seconded by Louis Frey (3246). All were in favor and the motion passed.

12. Report of the Memorial Report by Keith Gautreau, Committee Chairman. Recently Departed Financial Secretaries:

- Malcolm Faucheux (1817)
- Donald Carey (5530)
- Art Brizzolaro (6870)
- Dudley Landry
- Motion made by Anthony Vavasseur (10606) to accept the Memorial Committee Report as read. Seconded by Gasper Corpora (A 323). All were in favor and the motion passed.

13. Closing Remarks - Louisiana State Financial Secretaries Association 2018-2019 Officers:

- President Chris Dufrene reported that Council 4222 in Marrero offered their home to do an FS training in the New Orleans area. He said that if a council on the North Shore would offer to host a training session, he

would appreciate that. We also need other locations and an email would be sent out notifying members if a location is secured. Ken LeCompte (4156) said he would try to get a location to host a training session. Chris thanked the membership for electing him for another year as the LSFS President. He is looking forward to doing more training sessions. He thanked David Landry for doing the training yesterday.

- Vice President Tommy Rodrigue thanked the membership for electing him to another year. He said that he will help with training if he can and if anyone needs anything, they can call him for help.
 - Secretary Charles "Mike" Callais thanked everyone.
 - Treasurer Bob Ricca reported that he found the things that were missing, and he thanked everyone for reelecting him.
 - President Chris Dufrene said he will call Bob Ferguson to let him know we were praying for him, to let him know he was reelected, and he will let us know about his condition. He thanked Maurice Evans for filling in as Warden. Maurice thanked everyone for cooperating with him
 - 3 Year Trustee David Landry thanked everyone for their help. He offered to do personal training in the Lafayette area. He said he will even train FS family members. He asked for prayers for his dad.
 - 2 Year Trustee Peter Peragine offered to help anyone.
 - 1 Year Trustee Keith Gautreau said he was honored to fill in for Malcolm. He pointed out that some of our FS members received awards at the banquet last night, but the State Council didn't give our president Chris an opportunity to present our donation checks at the banquet.
 - President Chris Dufrene said he would like to thank his officers, Leonce, and all the members. He asked for prayers for David's dad and for his dad. Leonce pulled the 50/50 winner and David Landry won the 50/50.
14. Keith Gautreau led in the closing prayer.
15. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles "Mike" Callais
Secretary