



On 12-02-09, at about 12:15 pm, President Michele Logan called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in Anchorage at the China Lights Restaurant.

The minutes from the last meeting were distributed and reviewed. It was moved by Andrea Jacobson and a second by Kris Sell to approve the minutes.

President Michele Logan provided the treasurer report. On 12-02-09, there was approximately \$4931.82 in the WPA checking account. However there are two \$1000.00 checks outstanding that were paid to the scholarship recipients this year. The post office rental was paid in September and the total for this expense was \$157.00. It was moved by Kris Sell to accept the treasurer report and there was a second by Tara Tippet.

OLD BUSINESS:

Website:

With the geographical challenges that we face as a membership, the website has proven to be invaluable. New information is added all the time so keep checking back.

<http://www.womenpoliceofalaska.org>

Charitable Gaming Permit:

We are still in the process of finding someone that will play a gaming permit for us.

Promoting our organization:

At our last meeting we discussed ways to promote our organization and one possibility was through job fairs. On October 22, 2009 we had our first chance to do this at the UAA Law Enforcement Career Fair in Anchorage. Several agencies were in attendance as well as several members of WPA. This opportunity provided a chance to help women who are currently studying criminal justice, but also to spark interest in those who might not have considered this career field. WPA members were able to help attendees make connections with department hiring managers and help steer attendees towards departments they didn't previously know about.

The UAA Justice Center and DPS want to make this an annual event. A suggestion was made for next year to contact the media prior to the event to increase outside awareness and attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership renewals will be going out in January. Everyone is encouraged to fill out their renewals or encourage new members to sign up. Membership dues are used to fund scholarships in the fall.

APOA CRIME CONFERENCE 2010:

The APOA Crime Conference 2010 will be held in Fairbanks. Kris Sell reminded everyone about the silent auction and the significant funds this raises for WPA. Everyone is encouraged to donate an item. A few suggestions for donations included jewelry, artwork, hand crafted items and gift certificates. These are only suggestions and creativity is encouraged. All items should be sent to Lt. Tara Tippet, Fairbanks Police Department. She will hold on to the items and transport them to the conference on opening day.

All members are encouraged to attend the APOA Crime Conference, which will be held at the Westmark Hotel in Fairbanks May 10-14, 2010. Please check the APOA web page for further details. www.apoaonline.org.

MENTORING:

Kris Sell would like the group to consider starting a program to mentor new female recruits. She mentioned the last female recruit at the Sitka academy was the only female there. Tara Tippet will check to see what the situation is at Tanana Valley Academy and Michele Logan will ask about APD. This issue will be discussed further at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 pm.