

## 1) Introductions

There were 22 members in attendance.

## 2) Meeting

- a) **Pearl Chamberlain** was honored as a Master pilot. Mio suggested we fill out a similar application and submit it for Ruth Jefford. Angie has already given an application to Melanie.

- b) **Treasurer report**

Treasurer Barb Spriggs is out of town

\$ 8367.70 checking account

\$ 1750.00 museum display (including 500\$ from Rotary club)

Museum display money – it is suggested that we take it out of regular checking account and move it to a savings account or a six month CD. Opened for discussion. It was suggested not to move to a 6 month CD, as the committee may need something before. Angie moves to donate matching funds to museum display of what has already been donated, which is currently \$1,750 (including rotary club money). Sandi Sumner reminds everyone of the amount that is being sought from the Rasmuson grant, \$25,000 and that it looks better when we show that we are willing to put our own money behind the project. It is also expected that the grant process, once the application is submitted, will take at least 90 days. The questions arises as to whether we will have enough for scholarships once money is withdrawn and matched? We have a \$12,400 CD for scholarships – originally interest is supposed to pay for scholarships, but this is no longer the case. Melanie sees no problem with matching and seconds Angie's motion. All in favour, none opposed.

- c) **Meeting minutes**

Melanie asks for January and February minutes to be in next newsletter.

- d) **Museum committee display report**

Michelle reports that the success has been limited in finding video help from the university. Michelle reports that she has begun on the women pilots database, and Sandi reports status of grant application.

- e) **Chapter birthday**

Melanie announces that it is the Chapter's 52nd birthday, and there is cake to

celebrate.

f) **Scholarships**

Everything is on the web site and up to date, including instructions and applications. The student pilot scholarship includes a current medical. The question is asked regarding how many scholarships the chapter wants to award. Mio recommends that we do what we normally do:

- 1 advanced for \$1,000
- 1 student scholarship for \$500

Helen motions. Angie seconds.

g) **Flying companion seminar report**

The seminar will be held April 22. Angie offered an explanation of what the seminar entails for those unfamiliar. It will tentatively be held at the University and we are looking for volunteers.

h) **Museum Event for Women's History month**

A celebration of Women's History month will be held on Sunday March 19. The event does not have a name or title, but has a focus on women pilots. We are trying to get as many people in Sandi's book to attend as possible. Ingrid Pederson, Roberta Degenhart and Ellen Paneok are speaking.

i) **Other upcoming events:**

- Mat-Su flying companion seminar
- April 8 - Seaplane safety seminar
- June 8 – FAA pancake breakfast and fly-in to Palmer and short field clinic

j) **2008 Convention report from Angie**

The committee is meeting on a monthly basis, the first Thursday of every month. They have secured a contract from the Egan center (\$2,500 at signing, which would get the Egan center for the entire three days of the conference). Airmen's association will take care of welcoming BBQ. Saturday night Banquet – Hilton will cater, but they must find off site location, looking for space to accommodate 1,000. Hilton is willing to guarantee rate for 2008. The theme is "Aviation fun under the midnight sun." Anyone is welcome to come to the meetings – first Thursday of the month 5:30 p.m. Petra offered to donate seatbelt cutters for the goody bags. Sandi suggested that we add Angie and Mio's contact info in Flypaper.

The registration fees for the 2006 international conference in Washington, D.C. is \$325, and we must send a delegate. Clarissa moves to pay for Angie's registration fee. Roberta seconds. All in favour, none opposed.

k) Other business

- Tradeshow (May 6-7) – we have paid for our booth (#185)
- Valdez Fly-in (April 28 and 30) – we sent in a sponsorship for 225 \$
- Palmer Pancake short field clinic – June 3 – check date?
- Vests and bags: Fleece vests – let Melanie know if you are interested. They are \$35 each. Pat Benning would like one.
- Carol Klein – a 99 member involved with Hot air balloons, is moving to Switzerland and renting house – received email for flypaper – will run in March.

### 3) Program

Clarissa introduction of Lt. Jennifer Avery, whose presentation is called "Make the Most of Life."

a) **Who she is**

- US navy reserve
- Active duty for 6.5 years
- Grew up in rural Canada – Davin, Sask.
- Attended the University of Saskatchewan for a year
- Attended Texas A & M on an ROTC scholarship, studied aerospace engineering
- In 1997 she was invited to Virginia Military Institute to participate in female assimilation
- In the summer of 1998 she studied Arabic in Morocco with VMI
- Was accepted to Navy flight school , but left and transferred to the civil engineer corps
- Assigned to the Naval air station in Sicily – client/contractor coordination for planning, design, construction, equipment, and move-in
- Navy sent her to defense language school - 6 months for Italian
- Now: a commander of a construction battalion in the Navy Reserve

b) **Life Lessons**

- **Real life:** tough choices, hard work, courage, rewarding outcomes
  - I want my life to count for something, make a difference
  - Shoot for the moon – if you miss you'll hit the stars
  - What a great failure it has been!
- **Real life** – rejecting other people's limitations, doing what you want to do, working hard
  - Know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em
  - Defining your own success

- Reject what others say
  - What is important
- **Real life:** faith and family first, be the best you can be, make your own way in life
  - Be a problem solver: where there is a will there is a way
- **Real life:** determination, attitude, seeing things for their possibilities, never giving up.
  - Jeremiah 29:11
  - Peace, Joy, determination, courage
  - With woman: be yourself, strive for peace, develop friendships, only mentor when asked, let their boss be their boss
  - With men: be yourself, be open, be honest, be predictable, be low-maintenance, be presentable.
- What moon are you aiming for today?

c) **Floor opened for questions**