

SOUTH FLORIDA WINTERGUARD ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the General Meeting Sunday – December 14, 2008 Westin Hotel – Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks – Kathy Porter, President
 - The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM
 - Kathy commended the hard work, dedication and passion for this activity.
 - Kudos were given to Flanagan HS (for marching in Disney Christmas parade on ABC), Special Needs Colorguard (Macy's Thanksgiving Parade) and JPT (for marching in the President's Inaugural Parade).
 - Review of the rule that no group is allowed to BBQ, cook etc on contest grounds. This is a violation and hurts the host school trying to raise money. If your group is found doing this, you may be fined.
 - Gene Remillet advised that the circuit will be doing digital recordings of the judges commentary. Daniel will be our computer person and all recordings will be uploaded. These files will be ready 1 hour after your performance to download to MP3 player or flash drive. We will be keeping these files on the computer throughout the season.
 - Dean Broadbent promoted the Ft. Lauderdale regional. We need to get 30 guards by January 1. Present count is 24. Next year it doesn't look like there will be a Tampa and Orlando Regional. For those guards who compete on regional A sheets, you can still participate. We don't want to risk losing having no regional contests in Florida except Pensacola.
 - We will be having a new school hosting a show this year on the west coast of Florida. It's a great facility with large floor space and short travel time. (Palmetto Ridge)
2. No committee reports
3. Louise Cannon announced DVD's are here to be picked up.
4. For the good of the order
 - Any changes from this point on must utilize forms on the website, not emails
 - Concern addressed for correctness of contests selected. My Team link will show all the shows that each unit signed up for. If there is an issue, contact Gene. The goal is to have this posted by Jan 1
 - The circuit is still looking for a circuit photographer.
 - Milton Joselyn commended Gene for the great job he is doing on the website

- Is it possible to have a membership listing on the website? Gene will have a list with current units. If units have website, it will be helpful to have a link. Milton suggested going through county reps.
- Ellen from Special Needs asked if any unit has old flag material that they would like to pass on, Special Needs would appreciate it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Mielke
Secretary, SFWGA