

ASIS
HOUSTON CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
10/28/09

The luncheon meeting was held at Space Center Houston with Chapter Chairman Tom Hamilton presiding. We had 53 paid attendees and 4 guests for this month's luncheon.

Butch Roberson, Chapter Chaplin, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Tom asked all the guests around the meeting room to introduce themselves.

Tom acknowledged Pam Duncan for arranging the meeting and tour today and a special thank you to Space Center Houston.

Tom introduced **George Quin, CPP - RVP Region 6 ASIS**

Mr. Quin made a few comments on chapter leadership, committee involvement and the Houston chapter being viewed as the premier chapter in Region 6 and one of the top Chapters in the world.

Chris Dempster, Chapter Treasurer, was absent due to a scheduling conflict but he had prepared financial statements and Chairman Hamilton placed these statements on tables around the room so that the members could review them

Darrin Dillon, Chairman Golf Committee, gave the update on the success of the golf tournament. While all proceeds and expenses have been tallied, it appears that the Chapter may have raised just over \$17,000.00 for its scholarships and charity donations.

Richard Hill, Chairman Nominating Committee, asked for nominations for chapter officers for 2010. Ralph Burdett stood up nominated the following officer candidates for 2010:

Tom Hamilton – Chairman
Mike Mallon – Vice Chairman
Ann Marie Acree – Secretary
Chris Dempster - Treasurer

Mr. Hill pointed out that this was the current slate of officers this year and then asked for a second to these nominations. Butch Roberson seconded the nomination. With no other nominations submitted, Mr. Hill declared the nominations be closed and announced that the election would take place at the regular November meeting.

SRVP Mike Crocker and Chairman Tom Hamilton presented Darin Dillon a special Certificate of Appreciation prepared by ASIS International headquarters in recognition of his 6 previous year's involvement with the Chapter's Golf Committee that through his efforts helped to raise over \$100,000.00 for the chapter's charitable donations.

Mike Mallon, Vice Chair and Safety Committee Chair, introduced the nominee for this months Officer of the Month. Our honoree for the month was FBI Special Agent Christopher Cheatham. Mr. Cheatham was not able to be at the meeting so his immediate supervisor accepted the award on his behalf.

Tom Hamilton introduced this month's speaker, Mr. Daniel Johnson of ASI Group. Mr. Johnson made a very informative presentation about Kidnap and ransom, extortion and piracy. He pointed out numerous tactics used by kidnappers and extortionist all designed to obtain monies for illegal activities as well as the locations where these activities are most prevalent.

If anyone would like a copy of the presentation, email or call Ann Marie Acree and she will be happy to forward a copy of it to you. Due to the sensitivity of the topic, we were asked that we not post the presentation to the web site.

Tom Hamilton presented Mr. Johnson with a plaque of appreciation from the Houston Chapter for his presentation.

With no other business to be discussed, Chairman Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting, 40 meeting attendees were taken on a 90 minute private tour of Space Center Houston. The tour was both entertaining and informative with visits to the astronaut Shuttle Training Center, historic Mission Control and Rocket Park. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the tour.