

First State Military Academy Board Meeting

April 25, 2017

Moment of Silence

Quorum present, meeting called to order @ 5:37 p.m.

Board Members Present: S. Kidner ; C. Martin; D. Fiore; T. DeVary, K Yencer; J Berg

Founding Committee Members/Staff: Commandant, Arles Wood, BM/FSMA, COL Wallace.

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2nd, Passed 6 to 0

Opening Remarks:

Secretary's Report: March minutes not presented

Public Comments: None

Treasurer's Report: Presented WSFS banking statements for Mar '17 reflecting \$9,881 in account, that includes \$2000 pay to Strongpoint. Coming meeting with Wilm University President. Report submitted.

Strongpoint - need various list for email survey. Board members provide lists to Jim B. Then focus groups/expectations are after survey data is compiled . Program about 1 month behind.

USDA - all paid out of AS#13 to Ventresca except for remaining \$17000+. Payment plan to be worked out.

Finance Report: Business Manager presented March numbers. Revenues from state and local are 100% received. Overall budget revenue is 99.5% in - only local share is remaining. Summer encumbrances are funded. Discussion about specific expense lines showing differences with budget. Motion to accept the Web Monthly Finance Report, 2nd, Passed 6 to 0.

CBOC: Chair Jenn D. - No Report.

Commandants Report: Incoming enrollment now at approx. 114 freshman applications accepted. 319 total applications. Discussion about possible Open House event - no date selected.

Executive Session requested for personnel matters. Motion for Exec. Session, 2nd Passed 6 to 0 at 6:25 PM. Discussion about three new hires/salaries for school.

Motion to close Exec. Session, 2nd, passed 6 to 0 at 6:44 PM

Motion to hire Cassandra Garton, Gina Peluso, and Katherine Stark, 2nd, passed 6 to 0.

Commandant offered further items for discussion - report attached.

SMI gave a brief on various programs - including numerous dates for Camps, including Cadet Leadership Camp at Bethany Beach Training Site 25 - 29 June 125 Cadets signed-up, and Cyber STEM Camp at Front Royal VA., in July. Also discussed establishment of POW/MIA Chair for the school. Details to come.

Committee Reports:

Tony DeVary (Academic): Report Attached. Discussed SAT and PSAT testing. AP Exams will be taken in May. Four FSMA students got selected for full ride at U of D for 4 years!

Dawn Fiore (Communication/Marketing/Enrollment): Report Attached. Stated we have over 14, 924 views on FaceBook - up 66%. Discussed numerous postings and views, including Drill Meet and Tug of War events. Discussion about Board's website/postings. Discussion about coming O Course event/media notifications etc.

Open (H/R): This committee shall be discontinued until call of the Chair.

Open (Facilities):

O Course about 90% complete - ready for a potential ribbon cutting, set for Friday 26 May at 1245 hrs.

Organizational Issues:

Next Meeting: 23 May 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at First Military Academy, Clayton, DE.

Closing Remarks: Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.