

First State Military Academy Board Meeting Minutes

14 December 2021

Moment of Silence - Quorum present, in-person and Zoom meeting called to order @ 1740

Board Members Present: In-Person: S. Kidner; K Yencer. R Capitan, H Reigle, L Stapleford, V Watson, L Gratteri, C Martin, J Berg. Via zoom: K Stark

Special Guest: Dave McGuigan CM, Melinda Meeks/PSO Chair

Staff/Founding Committee Members: In-Person: P Gallucci, R Wallace SMI, H Rugemalira

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2nd, Passed 10 to 0.

Secretary's Report: Motion to Approve 23 November minutes, 2nd, Passed 10 to 0.

Public Comments: None.

Treasurer's Report: J Berg. WSFS banking statements presented. Ongoing USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k each month continue. Minimal interest earned. Noted deposits made under Classy. Payments for construction work paid, discussion about total amount still needed to finish project. Total in both accounts about \$225,016. Escrow accounts remain unfunded. Motion to Accept Treasurers report, 2nd, passed 10 to 0.

PSO Report: M Meeks. She provided an update on activities and potential new Board taking shape and control in March of '22. Noted a need for new by-laws and moving the accounts into FSF. Also said the "Bag Bingo" event was finally approved by the State and will be scheduled soon. Next meeting will be on 19 January '22 - 1800, Media Center.

Finance Report: Commandant Gallucci. Provided updated Web Report and November numbers. Student count is 456. Most local monies are all in at 97%. Transportation costs will be almost \$500,000 and should run about \$66,000/month. We have received 100% of Federal grant monies. Spending for November was about \$160,000, running a little ahead. Travel, software update and building and grounds were all running a bit higher than normal. Utilities paid in November were average. Noted student activity expenses were very high because of MC Ball, Vetfest, and Induction Day. Mailer for the Open House dates was \$4897. Reported \$0 remaining in Cares Act I (ESSER) and Cares Act II (ESSER II) budgets. ESSER III budgeted approx. \$722k. Total Federal monies improved to \$1.091mm. Spending will begin January '22.

Web Report was presented. Motion to accept, 2nd Passed 10 to 0.

CBOC: S. Kidner. No Report. Next meeting in January 2022.

Commandants Report: Report Attached. Commandant reported Open House date 11 Dec was fairly well attended - still had some no-shows.... next one is 8 January 2022. Current applications are 103.

Commandant asked for Executive Session to discuss recent resignation of staff member... will be held at end of meeting.

SMI provided a review of various events attended and coming for Cadets - 35 Cadets attended Centreville Christmas Parade and Clayton Christmas Parade. Christmas Formation Run with police escort on the 22nd. HITT Locker set up and fully functioning.

Academics - Pat G. 11-14 Jan will be mid-terms.

Athletics -Pat G. No Report

Suggested 5 Minute Break at 1800, Agreed.

Return to regular agenda at 1806.

Committee Reports:

Communication/Marketing/Enrollment: Chair Leslie S. Reported the Classy system is running and some \$3000 already raised from various sources. She thinks we should extend to the end of the year, and then begin with another program in January. Some discussion about “connecting” all the various fundraising efforts that are conducted by the sports teams and Raiders.

Facilities: Chair Kevin Y. Dave M (CM) reported almost all work is done except for install of “splits” and finishing work. Brick will be done by next week. Reported all bills are current except Drain Kings. Light poles around parking lot completed. Issues remaining are grading, finish work, and insulation of the structure. Kevin Y and Dave M will come with estimated costs to complete project. Could be around \$25,000 to finish everything. Fire Marshall inspection date pushed-out.

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

Organizational Issues:

Announced the resignation of two Board members - Hans R effective 1 January 2022 and Verity W effective 31 December 2021. Both made comments thanking everyone for their support and appreciation of the school, what it stands for and the great progress made over their terms. Board Chairman presented parting gifts for their service.

It was also noted Jim B, Board Treasurer, will be resigning effective end of January 2022. A replacement has not been found for his seat.

Discussed the Induction of two new Board members in January - Ray Ott and Ryan Payus. Both their resumes have been published for the Board’s consideration and review. It was noted that another potential Board member Mr. Engle cannot serve at this time.

Finally, Welfare Grant was denied on 7 Dec via a phone call with the Exec. Director and Board Chair.

Motion for Executive Session at 1845 to discuss a personnel matter, 2nd passed 10 to 0.

Motion to return to regular Board meeting at 1912, 2nd passed 10 to 0.

No action required by the Board.

Closing Remarks None.

Meeting adjourned 1913. **Next Meeting:** 25 Jan 2022 in Media Center.