

First State Military Academy Board Meeting Minutes

22 June 2021

Moment of Silence - Quorum present, in-person and Zoom meeting called to order @ 1732

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

Special Guest: Melinda Meeks - PSO President.

Staff/Founding Committee Members: In-Person: P Gallucci, COL B Wallace Zoom:

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

Secretary's Report: 27 April and 25 May minutes presented, Motion, 2nd, Passed 8 to 0.

Public Comments: Ms. Meeks offered some comments on what the PSO has done over the last many months and their efforts to support our Cadets. Spoke of some coming fundraiser events, including a picnic for new parents this August. She also told the Board that she and Ms. Hecker will be stepping down in the coming months as that their cadets have graduated from FSMA.

Treasurer's Report: S. Kidner. WSFS banking statements presented. Ongoing USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k each month continue. Noted minimal interest earned. Noted deposit of \$50,000 from Support our Soldiers Foundation. Payments beginning for construction work on maintenance building and parking lot. Total in both accounts approx. \$207,000. Escrow accounts established and remain unfunded. Motion to Accept Treasurers report, 2nd, passed 8 to 0.

Finance Report: Commandant Gallucci. Estimated revenues for FY21 based on 458 Cadets from final 13 November count (delayed C-19). Local revenue funds show \$1.305m for the year and is complete. Spending is approx. 91.7% of FY '21 budget. Spending for May was approx \$121,499.00. Larger than normal spending includes landscaping (new trees) field maintenance, and utility billing. Athletic supplies are also ranging higher for the month. Discussed various federal grants. No dollars remaining in Cares Act I (ESSER) and Cares Act II (ESSER II) budgets. ESSER III budgeted approx. \$722k, plan was submitted to DOE for review. Outlook has risen to approx.. \$2.009m. 75 days cash has been met.

Web Report presented, Motion to approve Web Report, 2nd passed 8 to 0.

CBOC: S. Kidner. Next meeting was re-scheduled for 24 June.

Commandants Report: Report Attached. Discussion about enrollment for FY'22, with over 289 cadets applied and 139 Cadets signed for September. Noted less actual total applications, but more families joining our school. Meetings are ongoing. Discussed Graduation and if we need to seek indoor setting or move date to Friday mornings. Presentation next month on changing graduation. He also discussed two PNL workshops in June and July. Total count for FY'22 about 487 Cadets.

SMI presented events that included Gettysburg Trip for Seniors on 17 June, noting almost 75% of trip covered by Quantico and Gettysburg National Park. FSMA was well received. Also presented dates for SOC and update on "HITT" box requisition from USMC, and placement of box/pad site near Swagger Hall.

Academics - Pat G. No report.

Athletics - Pat G. No report.

Committee Reports:

Communication/Marketing/Enrollment: Chair Leslie S. Ongoing discussion about engaging parents and others for fundraising to include a "Go Fund Me" site. Looking to produce a video to help tell our story. Seeking to have this all completed by Induction Day. Discussed getting the updated "Graduation Snapshot" completed.

Facilities: Chair Kevin Y. Reviewed construction project and noted complete demo of farmhouse. Discussed the timing of getting the water line dug - so9li moved to pad site for maintenance bldg., and parking lot start date. Kevin Y will coordinate with CM Dave McGuigan. Also discussed placement of HITT locker, and demo of garage. Painting has started on Morrell Hall and St Michaels.

Reggie C - Only one path remains - but need 5 more pallets of pavers. He also noted that EP Henry was sold recently - but Mr. Eric Long will still be our guest speaker for Induction Day. Discussed getting soil smoothed out later this summer. Paver Art completed "Globe and Anchor" in front of Drexel - seeking to place two large planters to prevent cars from driving over the spot.

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

Organizational Issues:

Discussed seeking a one-day Strat Planning Session/Retreat with Board and School Leadership in August. More details to come. Welfare Grant will be submitted in Fall 2021.

Closing Remarks None.

Meeting adjourned at 1912. **Next Meeting:** 27 July in Media Center.