

# First State Military Academy Board Meeting

22 October 2019

Moment of Silence - Quorum present, meeting called to order @ 1734

**Board Members Present:** S. Kidner; B Newman, L Stapleford, V. Watson, J Berg, K Yencer, C. Martin, L Graterri

**Staff/Founding Committee Members:**

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2nd, Passed 8 to 0

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes presented for 1 October 2019. (rescheduled from 24 Sept)

Motion to Approve amended minutes to reflect: Change in unit count; adding language in Treasurer's Report; typo in Finance Report; 2nd, Passed 8 to 0.

**Public Comments:** Recognition of Mr. Hans Reigle as a potential Board member.

**Treasurer's Report:** WSFS banking statements for Sept '19 presented. Report submitted shows the addition of the last payment for interest only to USDA. Discussion about the missing FSMA checks to WSFS, the process involved with FSF, which are to cover the interest and principal payments of approx. \$25,000. The next sweep from USDA is due on 1 November. Multiply conversations with WSFS to determine where the checks have been deposited. Friday 25 Oct is deadline.

**Finance Report:** Presented by Commandant Gallucci. Spending is about 25% of proposed FY'20 budget. Revenues are based on "30 Sept Count" of 452 Cadets vs. estimated budget of 446 Cadets in July. Revenues look to be holding strong and if trends remain for the budget - FSMA will be in some \$800,000 in the black on the total budget in June 2020. Not many changes from previous report in early October.

Expenditures are tracking with the normal front loaded expenses on chrome books, nurse supplies, and insurance all paid early. Salaries are tracking current since increases were realized in September.

Motion to approve Web Monthly Finance Report, 2nd, Passed 8 to 0.

**CBOC:** S. Kidner Acting Chair- Next Meeting to be held 21 November '19. No Report.

**Commandants Report:** Report Attached. No changes in current enrollment at 452 Cadets. Discussion about coming Open House events - now confirmed for 16 Nov., 7 Dec., and 4 Jan '20. All dates are Saturday morning at 0900.

SMI Col. Bob Wallace reviewed coming events. Marine Corps Ball is about 455 attending - missing some 30 Cadets and families because of the National Raider Challenge in Texas on same dates. Discussed the Naval Academy tour and football game on 19 Oct - some 32 Cadets attended. Coming Jr/Sr Washington DC trip, NTN Tour, and 1st Quarter Formation Run.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Academic:** Chair Blair Newman. No Report attached. Discussed the finishing Fall sports - and the hiring of a new girl's basketball coach. Discussed "Pay for College night" event and help for Srs with the Common Application.

**Communication/Marketing/Enrollment:** Chair Leslie S. No Report attached, but discussed updating the website with some new photos, also seeking photos from the Quarterly Formation Run to be posted. Also asked for fliers for Open House for the Girl and Boy Scout organizations.

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

**Facilities:** Chair Kevin Y. Confirmed field will get plugged and over-seeded once football season is done. Continued discussion about the Farmhouse. Discussed whether it should be demolished or renovated, and if yes - for what purposes. Estimate for straight demolition could be around \$15k to \$20k. Current estimate for new roof is about \$11,041.30. Will get quotes on cost for demolition of the building and building a parking lot for November meeting. Kevin Y will also do a quick cost estimate for renovations converting to open space.

Reggie C was absent to discuss the EP Henry project. All the pavers are stored at back of property. Costs for installation in phases may be more in the range of \$5 to \$10K to cover incidentals. Reggie C will continue to lead on this project.

## **Organizational Issues:**

Discussion about the new Army JROTC HS school in the Laurel School District. Overall, we do not see much impact on FSMA, with their intention of getting district students to return to Laurel. the Academy currently will not using 1 to 1 computing ratio or NTN.

Covered the date for the Staff/Board Christmas Party - Blue Earl on Friday 20 Dec at 4:30 PM

Reminded everyone of the new Board dates for Nov and Dec. and also concerns as to where we shall meet since the Media Center will be used for some winter sports training for Nov and Dec. Suggestion to use St. Michaels Hall.

The dates are: **19 Nov and 17 Dec. - which will be our Annual Christmas Dinner.**

## **Closing Remarks**

None

Regular meeting adjourned at 1856.

**Next Meeting:** 19 November 2019, 1730, Media Center.