

First State Military Academy Board Meeting

August 22, 2017

Moment of Silence

Quorum present, meeting called to order @ 5:46 p.m.

Board Members Present: J. Durham; K Yencer; S. Kidner, Jim B., Shari S.

Staff/Founding Committee Members: Commandant Gallucci, Arles Wood, BM, Lori Dill, President of PSO, COL Robert Wallace, SMI (late)

Motion to Approve Agenda , 2nd, Passed 5 to 0

Opening Remarks: Ms. Lori Dill updated the Board on some of the activities the PSO is taking to raise money and awareness for the school including the FSMA Car Show on 9 Sept , and 13 October for the golf tournament at Back Creek CC. Offered their help in supporting the Strongpoint Survey.

Secretary's Report: July 25 Minutes presented. Minutes to be amended to reflect actual date of 25 July - not 28 July as stated at top. Motion to Approve amended minutes, 2nd Passed 5 to 0.

Public Comments: None

Treasurer's Report: Presented WSFS banking statements for July '17. Report submitted. Moved \$4000 from savings to checking to cover the Strongpoint invoice. Also, Treasurer noted the WSFS account will be used to pay the USDA loan since they must do automatic withdrawals. Next, survey sent out to over 1000 email addresses that were provided. Response rate is low with some 115 responses. Further discussion about how to increase response rate to support the base line on the focus groups, which happens next. Concerns about driving more information to assess the ability of a capital campaign.

Finance Report: Presented by Arles Wood, Bus Manager. July numbers and budget narrative presented. FY18 Budget remains very tight based upon 415 students. Salaries are lower since one position was not replaced. Transportation monies were restored but loss of \$80,000 in State funds. Motion to Approve Web Monthly Finance Report, 2nd, Passed 5 to 0.

CBOC: Chair Jenn D. - Meeting minutes presented. Review of last CBOC meeting and draft of the '17-'18 budget. More discussion on the coming budget, areas to watch. Monthly dates presented - 14 Sept, 12 Oct, 9 Nov, 14 Dec . Next meeting is 9-14-17 at 1300.

Commandants Report: Submitted written report. Total enrollment is 414 Cadets for September. Discussed loss of gym teacher, resigned, and the hiring of Ms. Stacy Clark as new FSMA Guidance Counselor. Motion to approve Ms Stacy Clark, 2nd, passed 5 to 0. Review of the school's calendar with changes. Motion to Approve, 2nd, passed 5 to 0. Brief discussion on the "Social Media Policy for FSMA." Will be presented with some changes - however current policy is posted. Motion to Approve "Social Media Policy" with the noted changes, 2nd passed 5 to 0.

Review of MCJROTC program with coming events, Townsend Parade on 23 Sept. Two new instructors, one is on board, 2nd due to arrive 1st week of Sept.

Committee Reports:

Open (Academic): No Report Submitted.

Dawn Fiore (Communication/Marketing/Enrollment): No Report Submitted

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

Open (Facilities):

Organizational Issues:

Discussion of the Wilmington University meeting has been postponed. Welfare Foundation application will be due 15 October. Seeking to have a meeting with them prior to app submittal. Discussion of the Induction Day ceremony and possible guest speakers.

Next Meeting: September 26, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at First Military Academy, Clayton, DE.

Closing Remarks: Commandant brought forward concerns and issues of the current practice field and if there is a way to build a new field soon. Kevin Y. will review and see what costs may be incurred to put in top soil, a AG well, pump, and irrigation.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 1941 hours.