

F.D.O.A. Board Meeting Minutes
13 Dec 2002

President Dale Crosby called meeting to order at 1305

Members Present:

Dale Crosby-President
Roxane Whiddon-Vice President
Ken Stevens-1st Vice President
Glen Ansley-Past President
Wayland Mann-Secretary
Ella Hart-District Rep.
Cecil Elkins-District Rep.
Robert Murray-District Rep.
Nestor Figueroa-District Rep. 2A

Members Excused:

Dennis Bowers-Treasurer
Rob Hogan-Sgt. at Arms

Minutes from the Previous Executive Board Meeting were reviewed.
President Crosby made the correction that the meeting was not a full board meeting.
Stated that in the future it will be referred to as an Executive Board Work Shop.

Ken Stevens made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Glen Ansley. Motion passed unanimously.

Presidents Report:

Had a sit down with Tom Clutch of the Adams Mark Hotel. Tom stated that he was unable to come up with the original contract, so he requested the contract be renegotiated. The contract now calls for 60 rooms/night 220 total rooms. Meeting rooms will be one big room and six breakout rooms. Dale was also told that the mezzanine could be used for a family event if needed.

Dates for the 2003 F.D.O.A. Training Seminar (formally know as FDOA Conference) will be July 7th-11th, 2003. Board members coming to set up for the Training Seminar can arrive on July 5th or 6th 2003. Room block will run from the 5th – 13th. The room rate will be \$89.00/night.

Dale said that if we have any ideas for potential trainers, to please make a list of those people, any contact information we have, and forward it to Roxanne.

A comment was made that bi-laws said the yearly training would be known as the F.D.O.A. Conference. Glen Ansley made a motion that the bi-laws be changed where the conference was concerned so that it would be known as the F.D.O.A. Training Seminar. Dale Crosby seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor none opposed.

Dale said that Amy has the newsletters ready to go and at the printers. He advised that there was no information in the newsletter about the upcoming training seminar. He stated that he did not want to delay the newsletter or over burden it, so he told Amy to go ahead and get out. Dale said that Amy would be doing a flyer on the training seminar to be mailed out at a future date.

Vice Presidents Report:

Members of the executive board conducted a sight visit of two hotels on Marco Island. Of the two, the Hilton had the best Deal for the association. So an agreement was made with the Hilton to host the 2004 F.D.O.A. Training Seminar pending approval by the full board. Dates will be from 12-18 June 2004. Room rates will be \$99.00/room/night.

A motion was made by Roxanne to hold the 2004 F.D.O.A. Training Seminar at the Hilton on Marco Island. Cecil Elkins seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor none opposed.

Met with Sheriff Don Eslinger of the Seminole County Sheriff's Department in reference to co-sponsoring the 2003 Training Seminar. Sheriff Eslinger agreed that his department would co-sponsor the training seminar.

1st Vice Presidents Report:

Ken Stevens presented the board with the new association letterhead.

DOE Grant

I have received the final paper work for the Grant from the Department of Education of Education for \$55,000. Dennis Bowers met with me and we completed a Financial Review for the previous year. I will be submitting a budget with the application within the next two weeks and anticipate disbursement of funds shortly thereafter. The funds will be disbursed in a lump sum payment. I advised Dale Crosby that I would need a letter authorizing me to sign applications and submit paperwork as well as administer the grant. Dale has signed that letter.

District Reps

I have been making contact with as many of the District Representatives as possible.

District 1A Lee Davis could not attend today

District 1B Robert Murray is attending.

District 1C Corporal Mike Mahoney has been transferred and is no longer a District Rep. Cpl. Greg Horne (Columbia Co. S.O.) is to notify me this week if he can replace Mike but it looks positive.

District 2A Nestor Figueroa is in attendance.

District 2B, I received no response from Nancy Thigpen.

District 2C Ella Hart was attending today, was asking for directions, agency planning to bring Power Team for community event.

District 3A Claudia Webber is in attendance.

District 3B Juan Landaeta has been in touch with me but Orange County has a large project taking place as we are meeting.

District 3C Bruce Pinkman was transferred and is no longer a rep. looks like Larry Stripling of Martin Co. S.O. will be filling the position.

District 4A Clayton Miller is in attendance.

District 4B Cecil Elkins is in attendance.

District 4C Rod Bisson had a previously scheduled training assignment. A District meeting will be held at Pinellas County School Board on 1/7/03. Training as well as John Lindsey will be present. John Lindsey should be making presentation at that time regarding new curriculum. ADT is also providing luncheon. You are invited but need to make reservations through me ASAP.

District 4D Melissa Reynolds was planning to attend but advised me yesterday that a conflict arose and she had to miss. She states that contact she has had with Collier County indicates that they will send DARE people to FASRO and not FDOA.

District 5A Vito Camardella. District is facing several issues and struggles with the DARE Program. Planning to meet with him in near future and together address key community leaders about DARE.

District 5B is vacant

District 5C is Vacant

Bids

I have received a number of bids from potential conference sites. The leading contenders at this time are the Tradewinds Resorts, the Belleview Biltmore Resort in Pinellas County and the PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens. I have toured the Belleview Biltmore in Belleair and it is a very unique facility. The Biltmore agreed to host a board meeting in January 24-25, 2003. Before I would consider this facility further it would be best that we meet there. I have negotiated a very favorable agreement with the PGA and would recommend it unquestionably. I believe that they would host a board meeting in the future if we wish to do so.

January Executive Board Workshop

Hotel site visit at the Belleview Biltmore in Clearwater FL on January 24-26

Pamphlet

I have requested that Amy create a brochure that can be produced and distributed to persons interested in the DARE Program or FDOA. The brochure would also include a Membership application.

Host Agency

I spoke with Lt. Helgren regarding Orange County Sheriff's Office being the host agency for the '03 Conference at Adams Mark Hotel. Lt. Helgren has given a tentative ok to doing this. I will be submitting a letter to Sheriff Kevin Beary officially requesting their involvement. The involvement that I have requested is:

- a) Coordinating services, i.e. arranging for AV Equipment to be loaned from Orange County Public Schools and etc.

- b) Inviting and providing services to VIP's that attend as in the Sheriff, local chiefs, the Governor, etc.
- c) Arranging ground transportation to and from airport for speakers and similar duties
- d) Assist with Registration
- e) Facilitate classes
- f) Prepare goodie bags
- g) Assist with record keeping
- h) Such other duties as may be agreed upon in the future
- i) Provide info to attendees and coordinate any special packages or events Lt. Helgren states that she believes that these services would be beneficial and believes the Sheriff will probably approve the request. She does request that the Conference Fees and Membership Fees be waived for those directly involved in the event. She also request that since she would be assigning persons to be on site from early morning to late evening that some form of muster room be provided where persons can take a break at appropriate times.

District Meeting 1/17/03

District 4C hosting a meeting on 1/17/03 at the Pinellas County Schools Administration Building. The address is 301 4th Street SW Largo FL. The time will be from 0900-1500. The day will include 1 hour for FDOA business and a report from John Lindsey of DARE America, 2 hrs training dealing with crisis' in your schools, 2 hrs training bully proofing your schools, and an hour for lunch provided by ADT. All are invited to attend but I need to know if you are coming so that we can make all necessary arrangements.

Meeting with Governor Bush and Secretary McDonough

I have requested an opportunity to meet with Governor Bush and also secretary McDonough. The Purpose of these meetings would be to foster their public support for the DARE Program, provide information regarding the latest updates and revisions to the curriculum, and invite them to attend and address the Conference in July. I have received word back this week from the scheduling office to set an appointment. What other issues should we bring forward?

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

President Crosby attended the DARE America update for the new curriculum. Target date for release of the new middle school, or elementary, or both are September 2003. Said that they received a definite MAYBE that the middle school curriculum will be out in 2003.

The main curriculum will be the Middle School Curriculum with the Elementary and High School curriculums working off of that.

All curriculums will use the facilitation method. Now the DARE Officer will go from being “The Sage on the stage to the Guide on the side”.

Once implemented the new DARE Officer Training will certify the officer in all curriculums, Elementary, Middle, High School, and will also make the officer a Certified School Resource Officer.

Attended a state conference workshop and was told that state conferences would be required to provide facilitation training, 3 hrs on the new elementary school curriculum, and 3 hrs on the new middle school curriculum.

No information was available on the cost or availability of the new workbooks. It is hoped that the cost will remain about the same.

There was a question as to whether DARE qualified for the Drug Free and Safe Schools Money. DARE does qualify for those funds. There is a letter on the DARE WEB sight that clarifies any misunderstandings and can be used to show DARE does qualify.

DARE Web sight got hacked over the summer. During the repair of the sight additional security measures were added. As a result of the rework some subscribers were accidentally dropped from the system. If you have not received a bulletin in the last 30 days you should sign up again.

Motion was made by Ken Stevens for the Full Board to allow the Exec. Board to make the Decision about the upcoming conference rate. Motion seconded by Nestor Figueroa. All approved motion.

Motion made by Roxanne Whiddon to approve funding for travel and per diem for President and Board Member to necessary meetings. Motion seconded by Cecil Elkins. Motion approved by all.

Future Meetings

Executive Board Workshop-Jan 24-26, 2003 Clearwater FL-Rea Hotel visit

Executive Board Workshop March 1st 2003 at 0930

Full Board Meeting March 1st 2003 at 1100

Motion to adjourn at 1320 by Roxanne Whiddon seconded by Robert Murray. Motion approved by all.