

Florida D.A.R.E. Officer's Association

2008 Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, August 30, 2008

Ocoee, FL

Executive Board Members Present:

Larry Stripling- President
Chris Taylor- 1st Vice President
Dennis Bowers- Treasurer
Rob Hogan- Sergeant at Arms
Allison Smith- Secretary

Other Members Present:

Terry Allen- Lake County Sheriff's Office
Burt Gonzales- Miami Dade Police Department
Michelle Grogan- Ocoee Police Department
Jamie Byrd- Ocoee Police Department

The meeting was held at 1701 Adair St., Ocoee, FL. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by President Larry Stripling with a Roll Call.

Secretary Smith began to read the minutes of the last meeting. Stripling made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and it was seconded by Chris Taylor. Hard copies were provided to all attendees.

President's Report:

President Stripling passed until the end of the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Nothing

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Dennis Bowers went over the financial report. Hard copies were provided to all attendees. Dennis advised that he was pleased with the amount spent at the conference in Marco Island. It wasn't as bad as we thought it would be. Larry led an open discussion about the conference and the amount of money spent. Dennis advised that 2 Golf Tournaments and 1 Poker Run helped defer the cost of the conference.

FDOA Checking: Beginning Balance	\$17,676.37 (April)
FDOA Checking: Ending Balance	\$37,468.22 (June)

2008 FDOA Conference Financial Report:

Income: (Registration, 50/50, Auction)	\$13,883.00
Expenses: (Hotel, awards, promotional)	\$32,526.39

***Hard copies are available from Dennis Bowers at daretreasure@aol.com.

Stripling made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Taylor, motion carried.

There was no standing Committee or Special Committee Reports.

1:35PM Break

1:40PM Back in session

Unfinished Business:

Chris Taylor brought up the District Representatives vacancies and those we have not heard from in quite some time.

1A: Bridgett Long- No longer has a DARE Program

1B: Roxane Whiddon- Lifetime member

2A: Keith Shackelford- send email have not heard from, see if he is still interested.

2C: Darrell Green- Daniel Miller would like to take over this district.

3B: Open

4B: Open

5A: Open

5B: Open

Open discussion about the DR positions. We need to contact those that we have not heard from and see if they would like to resign and get someone in there that is interested and may be able to make some meetings. Chris would like to have Amy Schmidt post these openings on the website and possibly put it in the newsletter to see if we get any interest.

New Business:

Stripling brought up the question "What does FDOA have to Offer a new member?" Jamie Byrd advised that she would like to see us be able to share ideas, have a more dynamic website with agencies sending in pictures and articles, links to departments that are still involved in DARE, blogs or chat rooms for DARE Officers and FDOA members, etc. Burt Gonzales brought up a "MySpace" for DARE programs, Jamie Byrd already has one set up through her Department! (GO JAMIE!!!) Jamie advised we need a committee to help work on ideas for the website.

Terry Allen advised we need to put together a committee to go to agencies that are looking to get rid of their DARE program. That committee could go and talk to the agency and their Agency Leader.

President Larry Stripling and Secretary Allison Smith went to Lake County to a School Board meeting to present Deputy Walt Neihaus with the D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year Award.

Stripling made a motion to make Jamie Byrd the new membership chairperson. Motion seconded by Allison Smith. Motion carried.

Stripling brought up the idea of offering a training class for DARE Officers in Florida. There was an open discussion about instructors, classes, locations, prices, etc. If you have any ideas please let Allison know.

Terry Allen brought up fundraising ideas for FDOA and local agencies. Get with Sal Anicito and possibly bring the "DARE Carnival" to different counties to help raise money

for FDOA and local DARE programs. We could also have a DARE car show at each carnival.

Jamie Byrd has an Explorer/DARE night where Chic- Fil-A will donate a percentage of their profits during that night. Jamie will be donating that money to FDOA.

Larry advised that Rusty Keeble, President of the Florida Gang Investigators Association, is having a program (unknown name) in Okeechobee and would like to have all DARE Cars there for a show on November 8th and 9th. More information to follow.

Jamie and Michelle brought up Founder's Day celebration in Ocoee October 11th through the 19th. FDOA would like to participate by having a booth there on one of the weekends and participate in the Car Show/Poker Run on the 11th. We will post more information on the website as soon as we get it.

Chris Taylor made a motion for Daniel Miller to take the position of District Representative in the vacant position of 2C. Larry seconded the motion, motion carried.

Chris Taylor has DARE Officer Practitioner certificates for Monica Sauls and Brian Giguere. Chris gave them to Rob Hogan who will make sure that they get them.

Good of the Order:

We will have more information about the International Conference in 2009. We will need to help at the conference. We will have more information as soon as it is available. Rob Hogan is in constant contact with DARE America and will let us all know what needs to be done.

CONGRATS to Rob Hogan for his 1ST PLACE WIN in his class and BEST OF SHOW OVERALL at the International Conference in San Antonio, TX. Rob's Viper was apparently the talk of the D.A.R.E. Car Show. We also understand that several other FLORIDA Cars won some awards. Please let us know who you are so we can put it on the web site along with some pictures.

Dennis Bowers: Nothing

Terry Allen: Nothing

Burt Gonzales: Nothing but thanks for having him there.

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:25PM. Seconded by C. Taylor, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

The weather was bad, the attendance was low, but the food and fellowship was absolutely amazing!! We want to thank Jamie Byrd, Michelle Grogan, and the Ocoee Police Department for their hospitality. We especially want to thank Jamie and Vince Byrd for the amazing food!!! Vince is a Firefighter (need I say more?) and stayed up all night cooking. We had smoked pulled pork, beans, and rice. For desert we had Jamie's homemade (sinful) blueberry pie. I vote we have all future meetings in Ocoee!!! Thanks again, it was WONDERFUL!!!!

Respectfully Submitted by:
Allison Smith, FDOA Secretary