

Florida D.A.R.E. Officer's Association 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 25, 2011 @11:00am
Hallandale Beach, Florida

Members Present:

President Frederick Jones
Vice President Scott Wardingley
1st Vice President Christopher Taylor
Treasurer Terry Allen
Sergeant-At-Arms Mark Roberts
D.A.R.E. America Rep. John Lindsay
Mike English Hallandale P.D.
Jill Caraballo Miami-Dade P.D.
Bernardo Suarez Miami-Dade P.D.
Karen Lovelace Lake County S.O.

Board Members Absent:

Past President Larry Stripling
Secretary Martha Williams

Meeting held at the Hallandale Beach Police Department.

Karen Lovelace will be acting secretary today and will keep the minutes.

The meeting will be conducted in parliamentary procedures as in the FDOA bylaws.

Minutes from the previous meeting:

1st V.P. Taylor made a motion to wave the reading of the previous minutes due to them being available on-line. It was seconded by Treasurer Terry Allen. A vote was unanimous.

President's Report:

President Jones stated that the conference planning for July is going very well. Thanks in large part to all the Lake County S.O. D.A.R.E. Officers who are putting in several hours on the event planning besides doing their regular D.A.R.E. duties. The classes are pretty much scheduled along with all of the speakers and events. The conference will be held July 11-15th at the Mission Inn in Howey-In-The-Hills Fla.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary is not here. No Secretary report.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Allen pasted out a copy of the Treasurer's Report. The balance as of this time is \$4600.00. \$3000.00 of this will go to Patrick Reynolds. This will be half of his speaking fee and travel expenses. His total cost for the 2 speaking engagements will be \$4000.00. We are selling seats to hear him speak for \$35.00 a seat. Can seat 220 people at the luncheon. We are working on group rates. There has been a lot of interest in hearing him. He is the grandson of tobacco mogul R.J. Reynolds. He is an anti-smoking advocate. He draws a lot of attention when he speaks. He will also be our keynote speaker at the Thursday night dinner. Lake County Sheriff Gary Borders stated that the Lake County Sheriff's Office will pay for the last night's dinner. It is estimated to be \$4000.00. We should do well with this. The conference is paid for and we are almost out of money. **Thank goodness for the Thigpens from Jacksonville.** They hold a fundraising golf tournament every year and it is our biggest fundraiser. We need to see if they want any of us from Lake County to take our D.A.R.E. vehicles up there for the tournament to display them or help in any other way. It's the least we can do besides providing them with a room at the conference. President Jones will call Bobby Thigpen to see what he needs.

The conference is going to be called "keeping Our Kids Safe" sponsored by FDOA. The idea is to bring in other law enforcement officers other than just DARE Officers. This was decided due to the economy and departments not willing to send their personnel to more than one conference per year. We have geared several classes to attract all law enforcement officers. Classes such as Active Shooter and School Admin/SRO Relations.

We are also getting sponsors to put their company names on the banners and shirts. Several companies are interested. Gander Mountain has requested to be a major sponsor. VP Wardingley and Tres. Allen will meet with them next week. This concludes the Treasurers report. Pres. Jones made a motion to accept, VP Wardingley seconded. Voted unanimously to accept.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report:

There were a few minor changes made to the by-laws to update them. These changes were voted on 2 meetings ago and it was passed to accept. The changes were made and signed by SAA Roberts. To view changes go to website. Treasurer Allen passed out a copy of the corrected by-laws to the executive board members. End SAA report. Pres. Jones made a motion to accept SAA report, Tres. Allen Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Vice President Report:

VP Wardingley stated that conference sponsor levels will be as follows if board agrees. There are 220 seats available.

- Individual-\$35.00-Lunch for one and speaker.
- Silver-\$300.00-Table for 8 and group photo with Mr. Reynolds
- Gold-\$1000.00-table for 8, group photo with Mr. Reynolds and an acknowledgement in our newsletter and event program.
- Platinum-\$2500.00-2 tables of 8, group picture with Mr. Reynolds an acknowledgement in our newsletter and event program and a presented plaque at the event.
- Diamond-\$4000.00-3 tables of 8, group picture with Mr. Reynolds and acknowledgement in our newsletter and event program. An advertisement on our T-shirts and a presented plaque at the event.

Pres. Jones asked for discussion on this. There was none. Pres. Jones asked for a vote and VP Wardingley seconded it. The luncheon sponsor amounts were passed unanimously.

First Vice President Report:

VP1 Taylor wanted to discuss Pres. Jones taking over for former Pres. Anicito. According to VP1 Taylor, Pres. Jones would have to leave the presidency at the summer conference. This is because when he took over from Pres. Anicito he basically took his Presidency and would not get to move up as he would of as all vice presidents do. VP1 Taylor wanted to put this up for a vote at the conference to leave Pres. Jones in position to do his 2 years as president starting at the conference. VP Wardingley seconded it to put it to the members as a vote the first day of the conference. It was passed unanimously.

New Business:

Pres. Jones stated that we need to add paypal to our website. We have had a big response to people wanting to pay for the conference with credit cards. VP1 seconded it. It was passed unanimously. Pres. Jones would look into how to do that.

Treasurer Allen reminded everyone to get names in for scholarships teacher, law leadership, Officer, and Pete Lennon lifetime award winners.

Pres. Jones asked John Lindsay to update us on when we can have the next DARE Officer training class and status with FDLE and DARE in Florida.

John Lindsay stated that Steve Emerson told him about 6 weeks ago that DARE might be on the chopping block. If DARE is cut from FDLE Steve wants to have one more training in April or May. If not chopped than one in the summer. If

chopped FDOA would have to take over training. We will know soon. Also DARE America is developing a new elementary school curriculum. DARE Officers will have two years to transition to new curriculum. Also John has a template letter that he will make available so we can flood the governor and speaker of the house with 'please don't cut DARE' letters. John also likes the LEO based conference rather than just DARE. It will bring more participants. John also stated we have to be careful allowing any vendors at the conference selling anything with DARE registered trademarks or copyright violations. This has been a problem in other states.

Pres. Jones stated that each board member needs to bring items for silent auction at the conference.

Karen Lovelace went through a tentative schedule for the conference classes. We want everyone to be registered by the end of the day Sunday. We want everyone at the opening ceremony on Monday because we will do the essay awards along with other awards that day instead of the last night. The mission Inn lowered the amount of their meals to coincide with average per diem amounts of each agency.

Tres. Allen asked Miami-Dade to keep us informed of what is going on in their county. Also if there is anything we can do to help with insuring they keep DARE.

Pres. Jones nominated Bernardo Suarez for District Rep (Miami-Dade County) VP1 Taylor seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Pres. Jones set the next meeting for **June 10th, 2011 at the Mission Inn in Howey-In-The-Hills, FL**. All agreed they could make it. It was set.

Pres. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. VP Wardingley seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 1225.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Lovelace