

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

2008 Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 3, 2008

Jupiter, FL

Members Present:

Larry Stripling- President
Sal Anicito- Vice President
Dennis Bowers- Treasurer
Rob Hogan- Sergeant at Arms
Allison Smith- Secretary
Monica Sauls- Chaplain
Martha Williams- Membership
Susan Mochen- Educational Advisor
John McLaughlin- Miami Dade PD
Terry Allen- Lake County SO
Marty McKee- Highlands County SO
Jamie Byrd- Ocoee PD
Michelle Grogan- Ocoee PD

Meeting was held at 25 Van Dr. in Jupiter, FL. Meeting was called to order by President Stripling at 1:15 PM.

General Welcome by President Stripling.

Secretary's Report:

Swain began to read the minutes from the last meeting. Stripling made a motion to waive the minutes and Sal Anicito seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Copies are available on the FDOA website.

Treasurer's Report:

Bowers read the financial report for the 2007-2008 Third Quarter.

Beginning Balance Checking: \$17,940.13
Ending Balance Checking: \$17,676.37

Beginning Balance Savings: \$381.04
Ending Balance Savings: \$381.33

Total Balance: \$18,057.70

Hard copies of the financial report were handed out. President Stripling made a motion to accept the report, Sal Anicito seconded the motion. Motion carried.

19 Conference registrations have been received as of this date.

Vice President Report:

Anicito advised that the St. Lucie County DARE Carnival was a great success. The carnival brought in approximately \$12,000.00 for the DARE program. Some of the issues between St. Lucie SO and Port St. Lucie PD were resolved through the carnival.

Terry Allen (Lake County SO) brought his DARE truck to the carnival on Sunday to show.

Open discussion about the issues with the DARE program and agency budget cuts.

Sergeant at Arms Report:

Hogan brought the finished conference brochures for everyone to take and get out to the Agencies and Schools. Martha Williams will be responsible for getting them mailed out to the Police Chiefs. Terry Allen will be responsible to mail out to the Sheriff's.

Hogan brought up that if any board members need to buy Polo shirts for the conference that they need to be bought soon to get them back in time for the conference.

Essays have been submitted for the Scholarship. They are being read by Educators at this time and winners will be announced soon.

A short discussion about the awards that will be given at the banquet including "Officer of the Year", "Educator of the Year", and "Lifetime Achievement Award". Some nominations have been received.

Open Discussion about Quantum Corporation and community Promotions. Deanna Raney is our representative.

Hogan advised he has been working with them and they are giving back to the DARE program. The representatives from your area need to have a contact at your agency.

The company sets up in front of a business (if it a business they already have on their list \$50 goes to the DARE program and \$50 goes to DARE America). They aggressively get people to donate money or buy items they have for sale and donate them back.

Quantum then donates the items to the local agency so they can give them out to needy children. There are many issues with this company. Marty McKee (Highlands County SO) has paperwork from the Chicago meeting that explains the company fully).

Break @ 2:50 PM

Back @ 3:00 PM

Round Table Discussion:

Marty McKee: Spoke on Quantum Events and their involvement in DARE and DARE America. Marty has information from the meeting in Chicago where this topic was discussed in depth. If you need that information you can contact him at mmckee@highlandssheriff.org.

Monica Sauls: Everything in Highlands County is good. DARE program in good standing. DARE Celebration was a big success. Monica also came up with the idea that any programs we have should be put on the web site for all to use.

Terry Allen: Lake County DARE Program is running strong. Sheriff must be at all graduations. They had DARE Night at their County Fair where they brought out all DARE vehicles and had a display.

John McLaughlin: Miami Dade has over 200 schools and 20 DARE Officers. Over 20,000 DARE graduates each year. There was a \$52 million budget cut but as far as they know they will continue to offer the DARE program. John advised that they have had issues with Quantum when they came in and sold items at their office and never came through with the donation. He also advised that they have had several issues with John Lindsey and DARE America.

Susan Mochen: The school board police will be taken over by the Sheriff's Office. If this happens then there may be a chance to get DARE back into the system. She will be in touch with Monica Sauls to get names of those who can meet together to discuss this issue with the school board.

We are still not sure how the in service points will work for educators for the conference. Palm Beach County can not cover all counties under an umbrella.

Conference Talk:

Allison gave out hard copies of the conference schedule for all to look over and approve. All classes and instructors have been confirmed. The schedule will be sent to Amy Schmidt to be posted on the FDOA website.

Workers at the conference will be the Executive Board and District Representatives. Representatives will proctor classes. There will be no stamps only sign in sheets and hopefully everyone will be adult enough to show up for all classes and sign in.

Melissa Blackman will not be available for the conference so Monica Sauls will teach a class called "The Leadership skills of Santa Claus". It is a lesson on keeping your organizational skills going all year long.

OTC/RX Update class will be mandatory for all DARE Officers. You will have to attend class to receive the material.

Kevin Sapp will teach the DARE Supervisor Class.

Monica will make baskets for Silent Auction.

Larry brought in Joe Passanisi from Martin County So. Larry would like to make Joe an Honorary Member of FDOA. Joe does a lot of work to fundraise for FDOA. Larry made a motion to make Joe Passanisi an Honorary Member of FDOA. Martha Williams seconded the motion. All in favor.

This is the last meeting before the conference in June. If anyone needs anything or has any questions please contact Allison Smith at 321-263-5687 or by email.

Larry Stripling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Allison Smith. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

**We would like to thank Susan and Steve Mochen for their hospitality at the meeting. We would also like to thank Larry and Vivian Stripling for their hospitality over the weekend. **

Respectfully submitted by:
Allison Smith, FDOA Secretary