

Florida D.A.R.E. Officer's Association, Inc.
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2009 Conference ~ Board Meeting Minutes

Location – Coronado Springs Resort, 1000 W. Buena Vista Drive
Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830

Date – July 21, 2009 @ 9:30 a.m.

Executive Board Members Present-

Deputy Larry Stripling – President
Deputy Sal Anicito – Vice President
Officer Chris Taylor – First Vice President
Outgoing Treasurer – Detective Dennis Bowers
Incoming Treasurer – Corporal Terry Allen
Sgt. At Arms – Deputy Fred Jones
Secretary – Officer Jamie Byrd

Others Present-

Regional Director John Lindsey – DARE
America
Officer Michelle Grogan – Ocoee Police
Department
Mr. Brian Kantor – Dolphin Secure
Mr. Chuck Kantor – Dolphin Secure
Ms. Megan Ostrum – Dolphin Secure
Ms. Drew Kelly – Dolphin Secure
Deputy Bobby Thigpen
Officer Nancy Thigpen

The meeting was called to order at 0938 hours by President Larry Stripling with a Roll Call and introductions. President Larry Stripling welcomed the guests with Dolphin Secure and invited them to give a briefing about their safety products so they might leave prior to the business portion of the meeting.

At the request of Mr. John Lindsey, Mr. Chuck Kantor spoke of Dolphin Secure's new cyber safety systems for families to use in order to protect their children from internet dangers and cyber predators by using software restrictions, thumbprint readers, and parent notifications. Mr. Kantor expressed his company's interest in partnering with FDOA for fundraising purposes in the future. He also asked for group participation in a focus group as well as offered to present his program to local agencies. Dolphin Secure made a \$500.00 donation to FDOA. President Stripling thanked Dolphin Secure on behalf of FDOA and advised he would like to consider the fundraising for in the future. (The donation check was presented during the week and deposited into FDOA's account).

President's Report – President Stripling passed on to Vice President.

Vice President's Report – Vice President Sal Anicito advised St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office always being strong supporters of the DARE program, however Barbara Slaga (Superintendent of St. Lucie County Schools) decided the D.A.R.E. program is not

needed. St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office was informed there would be no DARE program for the upcoming year when they met with school administrators in June. This information was reported in the local newspaper. Instead of DARE, the New Horizons' staff will teach a program called "Too Smart For Drugs".

Vice President Anicito thanked John Lindsey for his public rebuttal letter of the negative statements made by the school board about the DARE program. Vice President Anicito advised he will continue with FDOA with or without departmental support.

Regional Director John Lindsey spoke in reference to conference duties and needs prior to leaving for other engagements.

Treasurer Report – Detective Dennis Bowers advised FDOA began last fiscal year on 7/1/08 with \$37,468.22 and ended the fiscal year on 6/31/09 with \$6,487.86. Prior to the 2009 Conference, FDOA had \$19,000.00 in the checking account before the 2009 conference. Scholarship monies as of 3/1/09 are \$2,968.68 which is twenty-five percent of the total funds in the bank. \$3,200.00 was raised from the golf tournament put on by Vice President Sal Anicito. President Larry Stripling made a motion to evenly split the scholarship monies. Vice President Sal Anicito seconded the motion and the motion carried. Sal Anicito and Bobby Thigpen were commended for the fundraising efforts and all were encouraged to increase fundraising. Treasurer Dennis Bowers is resigned his position due to retiring and Terry Allen is appointed as the treasurer until the end of the term.

Secretary Report – None

New Business – First Vice President Chris Taylor brought up the difficulties with the FDOA credit cards, spending limits. New Treasurer Terry Allen advised these issues will be taken care of this week as the banking accounts, addresses, and new cards, were being managed with a trip to the bank and new organizing of financial aspects. Sal Anicito stated expenditure notifications need to be made to Treasurer Terry Allen in a timely manner. Larry Stripling advised new Sgt. at Arms Fred Jones will need a credit card issued for award purchases, etc.

Vice President Sal Anicito advised the Vice President position needs to be filled. First Vice President Chris Taylor mentioned nominating President Larry Stripling. There was discussion about holding two positions and if the bylaws would support that. Officer Nancy Thigpen stated the Vice President should work their way into the position after the mention of a Lake County Deputy showing interest in the position. Sal Anicito and Terry Allen stated we should research the position further. Chris Taylor advised he would have Webmaster Amy Schmidt post the Vice President position on the website. Vice President Sal Anicito advised executive board members should have a nomination, letter of intent, and supervisor approval. The secretary position will be filled by Officer Jamie Byrd as Officer Alison Smith had to resign from the position. The secretary position will carry until 2011.

Larry Stripling advised every member has the option to see the bylaws on the website. Fred Jones will be the Sgt. at Arms. Any persons wanting to run for the Vice President position should send an email of why they are running. The email vote should go to Sgt. at Arms Fred Jones.

FDLE will be replacing Kevin Sapp with Steve Emerson.

Awards were discussed and presentation date and time set for 1530 hours on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at the Conference.

Fred Jones mentioned promoting DARE programs for homeschoolers and private schools.

The meeting was adjourned by President Larry Stripling.

On Thursday, July 23rd, 2009, the group met at 1530 hours and gave the annual awards and scholarships. At this time Vice President Sal Anicito came into office as the President. President Anicito asked First Vice President Chris Taylor to wait to contact Webmaster Amy Schmidt in reference to posting of the Vice President's position as he would like a further discussion to take place at the next board meeting. A formal board meeting did not take place at this gathering.

Respectfully submitted ~
Jamie Byrd/FDOA Secretary