

HASA MINUTES

August 11, 2003

In Attendance: Sylvia Albritton, Ken Allen, Lou Cerreta, Mary Cunningham, Connie Hayden-McPeak, Ina Helmick, Joe Leavens, Jean Leone, Rick LeGendre, Nelson Luis, Lois Mautte, Mari McBryar, John Miliziano, Bill Orr, Mike Phillips, Tom Rao, Peter Russo, Tee Solomon, Don Sorondo, Charlotte Valenti

The President, Charlotte Valenti, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Secretary – Peter Russo:

The July minutes were reviewed and a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

II. Treasurer – Nelson Luis

Mr. Luis distributed the June and July monthly reports, and the annual budget for 03-04. He discussed the highlights of the June treasurer's report. Sylvia Albritton made a motion to accept the June report. Dr. Miliziano reminded the Board of the increase in membership during 02-03, resulting in a higher checking account balance for the beginning of 2003-2004. The motion was seconded and the June report was accepted for audit.

Mr. Luis then presented the proposed 03-04 annual budget. Questions regarding balances were clarified. Connie Hayden-McPeak made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Peter Russo seconded the motion and it carried. Dr. Miliziano noted that because this is not an election year, HASA would not be building PAC funds.

The July treasurer's report was reviewed. Jean Leone made a motion to accept the report. Sylvia Albritton seconded the motion and the July report was accepted for audit.

Dr. Miliziano informed the Board that Dr. Jack Lamb had sent a check to HASA to cover \$29 worth of additional charges incurred during his stay in Orlando. The Board agreed to deposit the check into the HASA checking account. Dr. Miliziano also presented an invoice from Cathy Davis for web page maintenance charges and the domain name fees. The Board agreed to pay these charges to maintain the web site.

III. Membership Report – Ken Allen

Dr. Allen distributed membership drive packets to each component group representative in attendance. He reviewed the contents of the packets and the *Each One Recruit One* membership drive timeline. The July membership report was given, noting that 16 new members have been added. Two members have retired since the last meeting, and 16 members either resigned or did not renew their memberships.

IV. President's Report – Charlotte Valenti

Charlotte Valenti reported on the results of the July Superintendent's Roundtable. Dr. Lennard wanted to thank administrators for their patience and assistance during the budget crisis. Although the budget is balanced, FTE projections and the outcome of negotiations will determine further cuts. He agreed to look at the cost of increasing the mileage allowance and at the usefulness of the Principals Away From School Form. The HASA representatives thanked him for not pairing select staff at smaller elementary schools.

Charlotte Valenti asked for discussion of possible topics for the next scheduled Superintendent's Roundtable. Issues mentioned for that upcoming meeting included (1) Administrative salary study, (2) the No Child Left Behind national standards – what are the implications to our schools? (3) Status of Principals Away From School form.

Ms. Valenti reviewed her goals for the year, all of which appear on the cover of the August newsletter. Two that were mentioned specifically were (1) increase membership and (2) professional development.

V. Executive Director's Report – John Miliziano

Dr. Miliziano talked to the Board about their new three-ring binders and asked them to keep the binders updated and bring them to every meeting. He also reminded the Board of Alternate vacancies that need to be filled.

Dr. Miliziano introduced Rick LeGendre to speak about the Legislative and Benefits Committee's new report comparing salaries in larger Florida school districts, using the process Dr. Lennard recommended for a clearer idea of the difference in salaries. Mr. LeGendre distributed copies of the new report and reviewed it with the Board. Some discussion ensued. Tom Rao commented that many administrators have been lost back to the classrooms over the years because of salary and schedule issues. Mr. LeGendre informed the Board that the report would soon be revised to include FTE information for comparison.

Dr. Miliziano reminded the group of the September 11th meeting at Stavros Institute on how to better access the legislative process. Mike Eader may be visiting and Coalition representatives from all six districts will be in attendance, as well as lobbyists from the Coalition counties. Pinellas County is the last county of the six that will be joining the Coalition soon.

The September newsletter was discussed and Dr. Miliziano asked members to contribute articles of interest by September 8th.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS:

The Fall Social was discussed and it was decided to keep a short agenda. The event will take place Thursday, August 21, 2003, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Tampa Yacht and Country Club. All guests should be eligible for membership.

Bill Orr distributed copies of the Constitution and By-Laws changes that would be voted on at the Social. A ballot will be prepared for the membership to cast their votes. Ken Allen made a motion to approve the changes to be brought before the membership for a vote. Connie Hayden-McPeak seconded the motion and it passed.

C. NEW BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE:

The Board was reminded that the September meeting would be held on September 15th., not the first Monday in September.

With no further HASA business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Russo

Peter Russo, Secretary

**These minutes are not official until approved at the September, 2003 meeting.*