

HILLSBOROUGH ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
Minutes - March 1, 2004

In Attendance: Ken Allen, Lou Cerreta, Tammy Crawford-Morse, Mary Cunningham, Ernest Fernandez, Connie Hayden-McPeak, Jean Leone, Lois Mautte, Mari McBryar, John Miliziano, Lanness Robinson, Peter Russo, Sherrie Sikes, Dave Smith, Don Sorondo, Tee Solomon, and Charlotte Valenti.

The president, Mrs. Charlotte Valenti, called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Secretary – Peter Russo

The February minutes were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Treasurer – Nelson Luis

In the absence of the treasurer, Dr. John Miliziano presented the February treasurer's report. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the treasurer's report for audit. Dr. Miliziano informed the group that the Tampa Bay Area Coalition now has a total of seven members, with Lee County joining as well as one of Sarasota County's two administrator groups

Membership Report – Ken Allen

Dr. Allen presented the February membership report. He named one new member for a new total of 668 members for February 2004.

President's Report – Charlotte Valenti

Ms. Valenti asked Dr. Miliziano to report on his and Nuri Ayres' meeting with Dr. Lennard in February. Dr. Miliziano reported that Dr. Lennard was supportive of FASA information being shared with principals' councils, and also agreed to consider signing a letter for publication in the HASA newsletter encouraging FASA membership. A suggestion was made to have information available at various forums such as new principal meetings, assistant principal meetings, etc. Many administrators may be unaware that institutional memberships for FASA are allowed through internal accounts, one per school. It was suggested that HASA continue to promote FASA in the newsletter and on the web site.

Ms. Valenti asked for suggestions for the March Superintendent's Roundtable. One suggestion was the BEST Career Ladder. Administrators would like a better understanding of the program's benefits for teachers and possibly administrators in the future. Dr. Miliziano reminded the Board that the district is looking at the career ladder for administrators (per Mr. Valdez at the Forum) but that dollars are a problem.

Ms. Valenti mentioned a couple of issues that were brought to her by an unnamed HASA member, one regarding the possibility of a "floating" holiday for administrators throughout the year and one about lost interest on DROP dollars paid out late. Dr. Miliziano agreed to address those concerns personally with the member.

Executive Director's Report – John Miliziano

Dr. Miliziano briefly discussed the success of the annual School Board Forum. It was noted that the school board members seemed quite supportive and interested in the issues discussed.

Susan King has contacted Dr. Miliziano about HASA advertising again in the annual School District Calendar. The cost for HASA's ad in the calendar is \$1,000. The Board agreed to continue the tradition of advertising in the calendar.

A suggestion was made to supplement the HASA-PAC account (currently held in Tallahassee) for future endorsements. A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$500 from Contingency to the Legislative Activities

budget line and then send \$1,000 from the Legislative Activities line to FASA to bolster the balance of the HASA-PAC account. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Miliziano reminded the board that he would be out of town for the regularly scheduled April 5th monthly meeting. The board discussed options and decided to hold the meeting on the scheduled day rather than change the meeting date.

It was suggested and agreed that a complimentary newsletter be distributed to all non-member administrators when the April issue is printed for regular distribution.

At this time, the HASA board meeting was adjourned and the HASA-PAC board meeting was called to order. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the HASA-PAC telephone session(s) between board members regarding \$500 endorsements to both Ashley Smith and Ralph Arza. The motion was seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented. Dr. Miliziano noted that endorsement letters and checks have been sent to Ashley Smith and Ralph Arza, and that now is the time to follow up with a letter, call or email. Also, the legislative delegation needs to be contacted and asked to support the bills that their peers have agreed to file.

With no further HASA-PAC business, the meeting was adjourned and the HASA Board meeting was reconvened.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS

The Special Projects committee gave a brief update on the upcoming Spring Social, themed "Sharing the Experience". The board is considering inviting all past presidents of HASA, along with executive directors and board members. Special badges or pins will be provided to these distinguished guests.

It was noted that the Special Projects committee did an outstanding job coordinating the School Board Forum and stayed well below the amount allocated in the budget for the event.

Dr. Ken Allen gave an update on the progress of planning FASA Days. Nine members were originally planning to attend, but a couple have had to cancel. Still, seven members will be attending and are looking forward to the FASA workshop and appointments with legislators.

Pat Smith sent word that scholarship applications had come in and there would be a good number from which to choose recipients.

NEW BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE

Dr. Miliziano informed the group that FASA publishes a Friday Report. Dave Smith gave information on viruses and advice on scanning computer drives periodically.

With no further HASA business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Russo

Peter Russo, Secretary

**These minutes are not official until approved at the April, 2004 meeting.*