

HILLSBOROUGH ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

MINUTES - March 7, 2005

In Attendance: Kenneth Allen, Lou Cerreta, Anne Chatfield, John Copeland, Mary Cunningham, Connie Hayden-McPeak, Jean Leone, Lois Mautte, Mari McBryar, John Miliziano, Mike Phillips, Sherrie Sikes, Maria Singfield, David Smith, Pat Smith, Tee Solomon, Elsa Tuggle.

The president, Dr. Ken Allen, welcomed board members and called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM.

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Secretary – Lou Cerreta:

Lou Cerreta presented the February minutes for review. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes, and the motion carried.

II. Treasurer – Elsa Tuggle

Ms. Tuggle presented the February treasurer's report. She noted that the HASA savings has been replenished - \$1,500 is still owed to savings but will be replaced as time goes by. Buffer should see HASA through the months of summer when no payroll deduction is received. February saw a lot of activity – the Forum came in under budget but was still a very nice event. Upcoming events such as Legislative Days and the Spring Social should come in within their budgets, also. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report for audit.

III. Membership Report – Pat Smith

Ms. Smith presented the membership report for February. Cash members who had not renewed were deleted from the rolls and caused the membership numbers to be down to 701. Cash members who did not renew were reviewed, and concern expressed over some that are still active in the district. Efforts will be made to contact those employees.

New members in FASA are growing and it is good to see a growing number in the state organization.

IV. President's Report – Ken Allen

Superintendent's Roundtable on Feb 16: Dr. Lennard was not able to attend but Dan Valdez sat in for him. Solid support continues to come from the Superintendent. Richard Martinez and his staff are addressing the issue of clerical support at the elementary level, although the School Board members are hearing input from clerical support personnel in the district. It is an issue that is not yet resolved and beyond HASA's scope of further influence. All other issues have garnered the Superintendent's support and are being addressed.

Dr. Allen recommended cancellation of the March Superintendent's Roundtable since many of the HASA executive board will be in Tallahassee for Legislative Days. The board agreed to cancel until April.

Dr. Allen reported that the School Board Forum of 2005 was very successful. A suggestion was heard at the Forum that we begin earlier in the future to avoid conflicts. It was gratifying to see every School Board member except one in attendance. Board members clearly voiced agreement with many issues raised. All three priorities were embraced by the School Board. Dr. Miliziano noted that not every School Board member participated in discussion, but HASA was able to get its message across. Mrs. Faliero invited HASA to use the district email to send questions to the candidates for the superintendency. The HASA board was reminded, however, that all district email is subject to review by the media and could be repeated in the newspaper, etc. Be sure that all emails sent to School Board members or questions submitted for the new superintendent are of a nature that could be printed for the public without embarrassment. A suggestion and agreed to that any questions to be submitted over school district email be sent to Dr. Miliziano first.

Legislative Days: A small delegation from HASA is scheduled to go and appointments were being made for personal visits.

The annual school district calendar is again soliciting prior customers for ads in the upcoming calendar. Traditionally, \$1,000 is spent on advertising in the calendar. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of advertising in the calendar. A recommendation was made to stay with a \$1,000 advertising package.

V. Executive Director's Report – John Miliziano

Dr. Miliziano informed the group that Charlotte County is considering joining the Tampa Bay Area Coalition. This would establish a great geographical area. Two other geographical areas (Palm Beach and Seminole/Orange Counties) are working on establishing their own coalitions. The FASA networking workshop was a huge success. Grassroots efforts are paying off. .

Dr. Miliziano distributed Talking Points, the Legislative Priorities, descriptions of the House Bills and their sponsors, a two page article by Larry Carmichael regarding the FRS and HIS, the survey of Southeastern States, and the phone numbers and address of senators and representatives who filed the bills (for thank you).

Dr. Miliziano reported that he'd visited Orange County (in addition to Sarasota and Seminole), mostly principals, to discuss establishing their administrators' association.

Newsletter articles were discussed and a deadline set for the 12th to have articles submitted.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS:

- The Spring Social date was discussed; a date close to the Superintendent's retirement was discussed, and more on a solid date will be forthcoming.
- Award nominations were discussed and a mailing will be done to get nomination forms out to membership. The deadline for applicants to submit nominations will be April 4th.
- Scholarship report – a good pool of applicants was received except for in the "student" category. An all-call went to counselors to help find a deserving student headed for a career in education. If no student is identified, the scholarship can roll over and next year be \$1,000.

C. NEW BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE:

- Tee Solomon thanked HASA for remembering her during the passing of her sister.
- One HASA Board member received an email from Ms. Faliero regarding a position that some personnel in Palm Beach County are taking on changing the retirement law so that each retiree could buy five extra years of service so that one could retire at 25 years after purchasing five years. Two psychologists (non-members of the Palm Beach administrators' association) are pushing the issue but no one thinks it will go anywhere.

With no further HASA business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Cerreta

Lou Cerreta, Secretary

**These minutes are not official until approved at the April, 2005 meeting.*