

HILLSBOROUGH ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Minutes ~ May 5, 2003

In Attendance: Mary Cunningham, Ernest Fernandez, Jean Leone, Nelson Luis, John Miliziano, Pat Smith, Tee Solomon, Don Sorondo, Charlotte Valenti, and Mari McBryar.

In the absence of the President, the President –elect, Charlotte Valenti, called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Secretary – Ken Allen:

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Valenti presented the April minutes. A motion was made by Jean Leone and seconded by Don Sorondo to approve the minutes as presented.

II. Treasurer – Nelson Luis

Nelson Luis presented the April financial report. He noted that major expenses were from the Communications funds (newsletter, brochures, and website). A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the treasurer's report for audit. A comment was made that the Special Projects Committee did an outstanding job planning events that came in under budget this year.

III. Membership Report – Charlotte Valenti

Charlotte Valenti reviewed the membership report, noting that ten members have been lost since December. Mr. Luis asked if a percentage report could be included on the monthly membership report. Mr. Fernandez suggested lunchtime meetings for his group and others who work in the evenings and cannot make it to evening events. Perhaps meetings could piggyback other daytime meetings. Dr. Miliziano underscored that with a suggestion that the association think of adding a line item to the budget to fund daytime/lunchtime/breakfast meetings for our groups that cannot attend otherwise. More discussion on that point will take place at the June meeting. A motion was made to accept the April membership report. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. President's Report – Nuri Ayres

In the absence of the President, Superintendent's Roundtable was discussed and it was agreed to postpone issues until the June meeting. Issues mentioned for that time were (1) Budget cuts, (2) mileage increases adjusted to be more in line with State reimbursement amount, and (3) How can HASA assist during these trying budget times. Mr. Fernandez reminded the group of the administrators at the top of the pay scale that do not receive raises when annual raises are approved.

V. Executive Director's Report – John Miliziano

Dr. Miliziano reported that the Spring Social was as well attended as possible, considering all of the year-end activities that are scheduled, especially in high schools. Discussion ensued regarding changing the date of the social and having it up to a month earlier. This option will have to be explored further, along with the suggestion of showcasing in-house talent and keeping the event in a centrally-located place.

Dr. Miliziano thanked Pat Smith and her committee for pulling together the scholarship program this year. He also informed the group that Linda Denison would be taking a sabbatical from the Special Projects committee in the coming year. Mary Cunningham agreed to step in and work in that capacity.

Dr. Miliziano spoke about the upcoming FASA conference. Several members present expressed a desire to attend, including Tee Solomon and Pat Smith. Hospitality was discussed, as was registration and accommodations. Nelson Luis made a motion that the association expend a similar amount as was expended last year for the FASA conference. Mary Cunningham seconded the motion and it carried.

Dr. Miliziano mentioned that he would be out of town on June 2nd and asked if the Board would agree to move the meeting to June 9th. A motion was made and seconded to reschedule the June meeting to the 9th.

Dr. Miliziano gave a Tampa Bay Area Coalition report: Two districts are still holding out from membership – Pinellas and Pasco. Pat Smith suggested acknowledging the current member counties at the FASA conference as incentive for Pasco and Pinellas to join. Dr. Miliziano mentioned tentative plans for a regional meeting in September and inviting Mr. Latvalla to discuss coalition building.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS:

Don Sorondo brought Insurance Committee news. He recently sat in on a health insurance meeting where six scenarios were discussed (gloom and doom). The last of the six is the one moving forward. Initially, it appears that EPO, HMO and Staff HMO will remain basically the same. The remainder of plans may have a moderate increase in cost and co-pays. Most increases will be single digits. An increased number of employees are opting out, up to 1,200 (from 200 last year). More information is forthcoming.

C. NEW BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE:

Dr. Miliziano read a thank you letter from Senator Lee, expressing his appreciation of visits during FASA Legislative Days.

Mary Cunningham gave tentative date of August 21 for the Fall Social, and the Ballast Point Yacht Club as a tentative location.

With no further HASA business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Allen

Kenneth R. Allen, Secretary

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