

DMA MINUTES

Date of Board Meeting: 11/18/19
Start Time: 18:01 Hours
Adjourned: 18.44 Hours
Meeting Duration: 43 minutes
Absent from the Meeting: Al DiEmedio, Kristen Doughty, Anthony Manerchia,
Guest Present: Cindy Ferry

Call to Order

The November DMA board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sharon Kurfeurst. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed after which Chairperson Kurfeurst proceeded to ask the Secretary's Report be presented for October.

Secretary reported the October minutes were distributed to Board prior to meeting; a correction was noted from Mike Hoffman who indicated he was *not* present at the October meeting. A call for a motion to approve minutes was made by Chairperson Kurfeurst – motion to approve October minutes -- Ed Capodanno and Bob Hill vote affirmed.

Chairperson's report – Chairperson Kurfeurst shared the FMLA and faculty and staff Leave Policy information was received, and there are still some guidelines that need to be addressed. Upon their being addressed, it would be brought before the Board for approval.

Commandant's Report – Commandant Puella proceeded to highlight several items in his written report of November 18, 2019 and distributed prior to the meeting. Items included:

Red Clay Charter renewal on schedule -- achieved score of 45 out of 45 on criterion. We expect a final approval on or about 12/8 when the Board votes on renewal.

DMA tour had approximately 70 individuals, which would account for 30 families.

Open Enrollment is quite active – approximately have 100 applicants so far. Interviews expected to begin on or about the 18th of December.

We have two grants outstanding – we expect to get a response by late November.

Stadium Revenue and process are complete. System seems to be working well, and approximately \$6,500 has been generated as income.

S&P call completed. Mr. Gatson indicated it went well – this is our yearly call with the bond people.

USDA refinancing was discussed briefly and Heath presented a complete review and recommendation with regard to the USDA refinancing.

Blue Ribbon Ceremony attended by Deb and Anthony and acknowledged at National Harbor.

There was a discussion with utilization of the Dome, and to date Commandant Puella indicated he was not happy how it was being utilized but measures are being taking on how to resolve this matter.

Mentoring and mentee program going well – Commandant Puella has attended and feels he is getting some good feedback.

Veteran’s Day breakfast was a big success. It has been sponsored by Dominic Papa ,and there was a big thanks to Dominic.

Expansion Initiative update – there was a discussion regarding the adjoining properties to the main entrance of DMA. Commandant Puella indicated some meetings and conversations have taken place with adjoining neighbors and Tony Bariglio is meeting on Nov. 25th with the owner of the industrial 2-acre parcel behind the three houses that front Middleboro Road. More to follow.

County update: Commandant Puella indicated he had a discussion with Matt Myers who seemed to be upset Banning fields had not been improved and updated. Matt Myer was going to look into this and indicated at least one field will be improved by Spring.

Academic and Programmatic Update

Commandant Puella reviewed the accomplishments of our cadets, and indicated that the ARB had been reduced down to approximately 13 cadets that need assistance.

Facility Staff Update

Commandant Puella indicated there has been a discussion to highlight the responsibilities for building captains.

Performance of PTA/Sports/Music Association

Commandant Puella discussed the progress in all of these areas and what his intentions are as far as continued improvements.

Community Activities and Outreach

Commandant Puella reviewed with the Board the activities going on and on-going with regard to DMA’s cadets.

Treasurer's Report

I have attached a Memo from Heath with regard to review of our present budget performance, and in addition to that is the Treasurer report where there was a discussion regarding the USDA refinancing. I have attached the Finance Committee's recommendation to the Board and overview. There were a number of questions asked by Board members, and one in particular, from Mike Hoffman, who said he would like to review the Resolutions before we would execute them with regard to the refinancing. Heath outlined the benefits in the refinancing, and strongly recommended to move forward. A motion to approve the October Financial report – vote was affirmative.

Finance Committee: N/A

Governance Committee:

Mr. Capodonna indicated he would be conducting a meeting on 12/3/19, and after that meeting would make recommendations to the Board with regard to our by-laws. Chairperson Kurfeurst recommended all Board Members familiarize themselves with the by-laws.

Academic Excellence Committee: N/A

Fund Development Committee: N/A

Alumni Committee: N/A

New Business: N/A

Old Business: N/A

Additional Items from the Floor: N/A

Next Board Meeting will be Monday, December 16, 2019 at 18:00 hours.

Adjournment: Hearing no further business, Chairperson Kurfeurst called for a motion to adjourn the regular DMA Board meeting at 18:44 hours. Motion to approve - vote unanimous approval.

Attachments: (2)