

Minutes – FCSS Minutes
Friday– April 8, 2011

Friday – Meeting called to order – President Kris Scola – 8:15 PM

Present: Aimee Ballans, Ted Banton, Elisa Beachy, Jason Caros, Pete Cowdrey, Jessica Day, Ralph Egolf, Mary Ellen Falvey, Randy Felton, Susie Fogarty, Rose Gatens, Julie Gates, Sabrina Gates-McCarthy, Tom Glaser, Fran Holleran, Lori Jones, Angela Lewis-Williams, Nicole Marsala, Linda Medvin, Judy Nugent, Mark O’Hara, Susan Oliver, Jane Palmer, Virginia Parra, Janie Phelps, Mark Quintana, Ralph Ricardo, Karen Roberts, Ben Saxon, Kris Scola, Gerilyn Laney (alternate), Mikeol Stroh, Regina Stuck, Terry Trimble, Joanne Wetzl

Absent: Cherie Arnette, Michelle Arquines, E. Sue Ayers, Connie Brown, Leslie Lee, Maureen Marullo, Robert McLaren, Beth Patterson, Tomi Sue Skirvin, Tina Stavrou

President’s Remarks – Kris Scola

- Board members absent – Debbie Gallagher (son’s marriage), Michelle Arquines (recovery from operation), Robert McLaren (UF trip), Connie Brown (surgery), Maureen Marullo, Tina Stavrou-Klem (baby boy – Ari David Klem), Leslie Lee (moving), Cherie Arnette (presenting at National History Conference) – others not heard from by Kris
- Congratulations to Dr. Rose Gatens for TIAA-CREF Award by USF
- Jane Palmer getting married and moving to Oklahoma and thanks for all the years of service to the board
- Change in the agenda – Endowment report moved to Sat; Randy Felton speaking tonight and lengthy meeting due to many people not here on Saturday.
- Kris discussed that no policy exists in the event that something happens to the President and 1st Vice President.
 1. Discussion involved Susie Fogarty and Terry Trimble remarking that something needed to be in writing if a motion was to be made about this.
 2. Terry Trimble mentioned that this would not be necessary since we already have a 1st Vice President already elected who could step into the position
- Motion by Terry Trimble to table this and make New Business, second by Virginia Parra. Motion approved.
- Motion made to approve January Board Minutes by Linda Medvin and seconded by Pete Cowdrey. Motion approved.

Legislative and 1st Vice President Report – Jason Caros

- No news on vacancies of the board
- Legislation – Class Size Bill – Passed Today (4/8/11)
 1. Elementary – K-3, 4-8 (Courses for Middle School promotion) Civics are classified as “core” courses and will not change class size
 2. High – 9-12, not measured for State Assessment – only 3 credits are counted as “core”; this excludes all elective classes
 3. Randy Felton – fines are going down and many schools are paying the fine
 4. National Issue – Budget – Certain programs are “earmarked” and include: We the People, National History Day, Teaching American History Grant (if funding is cut, grant will get their 3 years, but not extension)

Conference Report – Ted Banton

- Report attached
- Please wear FCSS name badges at the conference to show you are Board Members

Awards – Tom Glaser

- Voting tomorrow on Lay Awards
- Linda Medvin commented on the Outstanding Citizen Award due to the fact that the people at the FL Holocaust mentioned to her that Walter Loenberg was getting the award before it was brought before this board and voted upon. She was concerned how that information was known. Fran Holleran explained that he called the FL Holocaust to inquire about the gentleman, but they assumed that he was getting the award.
- Thanks to Virginia Parra for her help in fixing the form that went to District Superintendents for the TOY Awards.

Motion to adjourn – 9:40 PM, seconded by Jane Palmer.

Minutes – FCSS Minutes **Saturday – April 9, 2011**

Present: Elisa Beachy, Pete Cowdrey, Jessica Day, Ralph Egolf, Susie Fogarty, Rose Gatens, Julie Gates, Tom Glaser, Fran Holleran, Lori Jones, Nicole Marsala, Linda Medvin, Judy Nugent, Mark O'Hara, Susan Oliver, Virginia Parra, Mark Quintana, Ralph Ricardo, Karen Roberts, Ben Saxon, Kris Scola, Gerilyn Laney (alternate), Mikeol Stroh, Regina Stuck, Terry Trimble, Joanne Wetzl

Absent: Cherie Arnette, Michelle Arquines, E. Sue Ayers, Aimee Ballans, Ted Banton, Connie Brown, Jason Caros, Mary Ellen Falvey, Randy Felton, Sabrina Gates-McCarthy, Leslie Lee, Angela Lewis-Williams, Maureen Marullo, Robert McLaren, Jane Palmer, Beth Patterson, Janie Phelps, Tomi Sue Skirvin, Tina Stavrou

Meeting called to order at 8:35 AM – Kris Scola – President

New Board Manual

- Started at Leadership Retreat; Leslie, Fran, Ralph and Kris finished it.
- We went over parts of the Board Manual and Goals Planning. It is the expectation that board members will bring their notebooks to board meetings from this point on.
- As Mercury fixes the website, we will have a special site for documents.

Professional and Lay Awards for Conference – Tom Glaser

- Voting took place for these awards for 2011
- Linda Medvin reminded us of the Holocaust Award – deadline May 2, 2011
- Group will get together after meeting to review other award entries

Endowment Report – Kris Scola and Fran Holleran

- Kris thanked everyone for all the great baskets at the conference and several people agreed to make ones for next conference – (District 3 – Pete Cowdrey – Movies and More), (Dade County – Money Basket), other baskets Kris has a recording of to date.
- Susie Fogarty made a comment that Baskets and Tee Shirts sales should be separated at the conference so we know how much was collected for each area. Kris mentioned that it would be this year.

- Jessica Day resigned from the Endowment Board so nominations went up on the floor for position. Joanne Wetzl and Julie Gates were nominated. Votes were done and Joanne Wetzl was elected to Endowment Board.
- Sally Day put together a Gift Giving Summary of Endowment Board from 1997-2010 which shows that \$205,937 has been given in support of social studies education and teachers throughout the state of Florida
- Terry Trimble commented that more has been given away by FCSS Endowment than what NCSS has given
- Kris thanked Sally for the update on the Endowment Board.
- Fran Holleran spoke about how we put over \$200,000+ into the hands of teachers and students, and that we will still offer mini grants, but focus more on institutions.
- University of Central Florida was chosen to be our next endowment partner. This partnership is currently in the negotiations phase.
- Scott Warren – SS methods professor at UCF is our contact person.
- Our goal is that through Social Science Education Partnerships with 1) Florida University Social Studies Professors, 2) Professional Development Workshops, 3) Pre-Service Teachers (AFSSE – Associates of Future Social Studies Educators), we can reach the goal of FCSS Endowment – To create and promote partnerships which encourage excellence in social science education in Florida.
- Up to \$50,000 will be spent – July 2012 - \$25,000, July 2013 - \$25,000
- Rose Gatens – University at Large wants to continue to be involved with this project.

Executive Director Report – Ralph Egolf

- Assisted in website selection, payment for the site
- Signed contract for 2012 hotel in Orlando, and Hilton St. Pete contract
- Assisted Fran with his new position as treasurer
- Attended Endowment UCF meeting
- Delivered accountant taxes
- Terry Trimble discussed investments – interest this quarter \$2,173.16

Break at 9:35 AM

Meeting resumed at 9:45 by Kris Scola – President

Publications Report – Mark Quintana

- Website usage – over 100,000 visitors
- Website upgrade – (Committee – Susan Oliver, Ralph Egolf, Sally Day, Fran Holleran)
- Looked at Mercury and 2 other bids, decision to stay with Mercury – initial payment and contract
- 8-12 weeks up and running with new website
- Newsletters – Mary Ellen Falvey taking over articles and has some new idea
- Suggested a plaque for Barbara Davis at conference for dedication to the newsletter
- Will be putting together Trends and Issues with about 15 articles
- Advertising raised money and will continue
- TOY Banquet – coordinate with Nicole and Susan Oliver for names and pictures
- Group Photo of Toy winners at the beginning of the website.

Old Business

- Miami-Dade Conference (Regina Stuck) mentioned 24 sessions were held and some ideas for FCSS conference, share a ride and roommate from Miami-Dade. Another idea was to do something on a Saturday for professional development credit.
- Kris Scola – expiring term for 2012 and new nominations - Already elected – Joanne Wetzl, Beth Patterson, Sue Ayers, Janie Phelps, Sabrina Gates-McCarthy, Mikeol Stroh, Linda Medvin, Cherie Arnette
- Nominations for the following year – Pete Cowdrey, Tina Stavrou-Klem, Robert McLauren, Aimee Ballans, Angela Lewis-Williams, Julie Gates, Karen Roberts, Maureen Marullo, Michelle Arquines, Mark Quintana – up in 2012 nomination to Jason Caros
- What is open for 2012 – Mark will have to send this in e-mail on the website.
- Schedule of History Fair – Pete Cowdrey gave information to the board and also thanked everyone for History Fair support along with K.C. Smith.

New Business

- Kris Scola tabled an earlier motion, now re-addressed
Kris made a motion that we bring the motion off the table, seconded by Susie Fogarty
- Susie made a motion that we make a committee to develop rewording of 1st Vice President being out of commission to serve, seconded by Terry Trimble. Motion passed.
- New committee – Kris Scola, Joanne Wetzl and Ralph Egolf
- Pete Cowdrey informed people of Pensacola Regional Conference – May 14, 2011 giving out forms and info. Also mentioned that 30 counties were participating in the Florida History Fair this year
- May 6th – Jessica Day and Susan Oliver will have an FCSS Display table at the Florida Council for Economic Education.
- Ralph Egolf mentioned that NCSS has increased their comprehensive and regular membership. He made a motion that we increase our comprehensive membership by \$5.00 effective immediately. Regular membership would remain the same. Fran Holleran seconded. Motion passed.
- Linda Medvin - Broward Professional Development – partnered with Israel – state master plan – 6 courses – 12 lessons – 60 in-service points – over 24 weeks - \$105.00 Register as external Broward contact
- Nicole Marsala – Student Growth Committee – Race to the Top – Social Studies will have to show what we have been doing with our students – learning targets – reading through SS

Announcements

- Hotel personnel have informed us that if we do not register as FCSS they cannot take taxes off our bill.
- Fran Holleran – recognition for Waitress at Holiday Inn for service to us each time we are here – suggested certificate and tee-shirt from FCSS

NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9/10 2011

Motion to Adjourn – Terry Trimble, seconded by Susie Fogarty
Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM