

**Florida Council for the Social Studies  
Minutes – Board Meeting – Friday – 1/8/10**

Meeting called to order by President Kris Scola – 8:20 PM

**Attendance:** Kris Scola, Jason Caros, Leslie Lee, Elisa Beachy, Ralph Egolf, Dr. Terry Trimble, Tom Glaser, Ted Banton, Susie Fogarty, Joanne Wetzl, Jessica Day, Dr. Mark Quintana, Barbara Davis, Susan Oliver, Nicole Marsala, Sally Day, Fred Dorsett, Randy Felton, Sheila Keller, Fran Holleran, Connie Brown, Pete Cowdrey, E. Sue Ayers, Ben Saxon, Tina Stavrou-Klem, Janie Phelps, Jane Palmer, Lori Jones, Sabrina Gates-McCarthy, Aimee Ballans, Judy Nugent, Angela Lewis-Williams, Julie Gates, Linda Medvin, Mary Ellen Falvey, Karen Roberts, Regina Stuck, Maureen Marullo, Virginia Parra, Michelle Arquines, Dr. Rose Gatens, Cheri Arnette, Patti Ceci (DOE)

**Absent:** Jennifer Smith, Willie Lovejoy, Tomi Sue Skirvin

President Scola welcomed everyone

- Susie Fogarty installed new Board Members – Maureen Marullo, Aimee Ballans, Michelle Arquines, Judy Nugent, Julie Gates, Angela Lewis-Williams, Pete Cowdrey, and Tina Stavrou-Klem
- Ralph Egolf reviewed information on travel to meetings
- New Members Orientation– to be held on Saturday after board meeting with Leslie Lee, if unable to attend, let Leslie know as soon as possible
- Mentor Program for new members information attached to board minutes
- President Scola mentioned that budget would be moved to the end of the agenda
- Congratulations were given to Linda Medvin for her new position with the Commissioners’ Task Force on Holocaust Education and to Ralph Egolf as the new Executive Director
- Survey Results sent to FCSS members were reviewed
- Reference was made to two letters that President Scola sent on behalf of FCSS to Dr. Eric Smith in support of Florida’s first end of course exam and also to Gene Wilhoit on proposed new core curriculum standards
- August 2009 board minutes were approved with a motion made by Susie Fogarty and seconded by Virginia Parra. Motion to pass with correction to be made in August minutes that Angela Lewis-Williams was present but not on attendance list.
- Randy Felton – Director Emeritus for FCSS and now on Special Assignment for DOE gave a presentation to explain the progress on “U.S. History End of Year Course Assessment”
- Patti Ceci (DOE) discussed “Race to the Top” and the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards...Mark Quintana was asked to put a link on the website for new standards
- Jason Caros sent around a Board Directory for corrections
- President Scola asked that since a board position is open for the Endowment Board that members think of someone to elect to serve in this capacity

**Treasurer’s Report – Ralph Egolf**

- From 8/7 – 12/31/09 – 1,195.16 spent over on cash flow
- Budget analysis sheet – Annual conference – net for conference was \$11,902.60 with only 264 registered – lowest # in years
- Dr. Trimble explained Endowment and Reserve Assets
- Worksheet 2010 for operating account was given out

- Motion made by Dr. Trimble to move to committee as a whole, seconded by Susie Fogarty. Motion passed
- Discussion of modified budget items:
  1. Ralph Egolf suggested that \$67,895 be made available for budget planning
  2. Kris Scola recommended that she and Jason Caros give up NCSS Leadership Conference and give that \$1,000 to the Legislative Committee
  3. Mark Quintana discussed money for website updates
- Motion was made by Virginia Parra to dissolve committee as a whole and reconvene tomorrow regarding budget. Seconded by Julie Gates. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned – 10:20 PM

**Florida Council for the Social Studies  
Minutes – Board Meeting –Saturday– 1/9/10**

Meeting called to order by President Kris Scola – 8:25 AM

- President Kris Scola mentioned that this was the best attendance with the board in 10 yrs.
- Jason Caros introduced Pearson Representatives, Steve Olsen, Barbara Brown and Bob Dugan and thanked them for their sponsored breakfast.
- President Scola wanted the minutes to reflect resignation of Jack Bovee and sincere thank you for all he has done for the FCSS Board. Recognition to come at a later date.

**First Vice President's Report – Jason Caros**

- Jason discussed new legislative advocacy plan
  1. Position paper
  2. Network with other organizations
  3. Development of rapid response process to input on legislation
  4. Training of professionals
  5. Development of FCSS role with FASA and FAISA
- Jason thanked Jack Bovee for his work over the years with legislation
- Discussion ensued on two proposals:
  1. *By the 2012-2013 school years, content in elementary reading blocks and secondary reading courses shall include grade level social studies education materials aligned to the NGSSS. Funding for the materials will be part of districts comprehensive reading plans.*
  2. *During the 2012-2013 school year, an end of course assessment in civics education shall be administered as a field test at the middle school level. During the 2013-2014 school year, each student's assessment in civics education shall constitute 20% of the student's final course grade.*
- It was noted that DOE has listed World History and Civics on its calendar for end of year exams.
- Rose Gatens made suggestions to FCSS to fill the gap and develop from the website lessons, resources and assessments for teacher use
- Virginia Parra made mention that this should be tied into the next conference and solicit presentations for standards
- Motion was made by Virginia Parra to accept the proposal presented by Jason Caros but to align them with standards. Seconded by Leslie Lee. Motion passed.
- Mention was given also to have people who live in Tallahassee help with Legislative Committee instead of having a lobbyist. People that were mentioned were: Pete Cowdrey, Randy Felton, Rose Gatens

- Jason recognized two individuals who helped out at the conference – Dr. Rose Gatens and Joanne Wetzl

#### **Commissioners' Task Force on Holocaust Education Report – Linda Medvin**

- Updated curriculum guides on new research
- Sent out contact for district representatives to receive information
- Representation from FCSS and FCTE infused through these 2 areas for this task force
- In updating materials, website will also be updated for Holocaust Task Force

#### **Executive Directors Report/Budget – Ralph Egolf**

- In Friday night budget, modifications were discussed.
- Motion was made by Leslie Lee that modifications to the budget as discussed be approved. Point of information raised by Jason Caros – “What is the way to change, if we need to amend it.” Ralph said that in March meeting it can be amended. Motion then seconded by Jason Caros. Budget approved.
- Several points were mentioned:
  1. Linda Medvin – FCSS needs to be present in any national forum
  2. Kris Scola assured the board that there will be presence even if people pay on their own.
  3. Also mentioned by Kris Scola was that in the survey people indicated a lack of funds to attend conferences. Also, how can we get sponsorships which we have not had before?

#### **Sponsor a Teacher Program – Leslie Lee and Susan Oliver**

- Broke into groups by region and brainstormed ideas about soliciting funds for sending teachers to conferences and lists of possible sponsors

#### **Old Business**

- Website updates – new archives section coming
- March – Rose Gatens and Jessica Day will discuss policy for Graduate Students attending conference
- Susie Fogarty distributed Resolutions from NCSS and 2010 NCSS Board Member profiles for upcoming elections
- NCSS will have archives for American History on the website
- FCSS is a Gold Member Council with NCSS
- Ted Banton is chair for House of Delegates for NCSS and mentioned NCSS Conference will be November 13-15 2010 with February 16, 2010 deadline for presentation proposals.

#### **New Business**

- Jason Caros mentioned that we never voted on the Civics Proposal. Motion was made by Susie Fogarty to accept the Civics Bill and seconded by Leslie Lee. Motion passed.
- Kris Scola mentioned that a board replacement was needed on the management committee team. Motion made by Virginia Parra to nominate Randy Felton to management committee team. Seconded by Leslie Lee. Motion passed.
- Endowment – Ralph’s position on the Endowment Board has changed. Kris Scola appointed Terry Trimble for Endowment Board
- When Kris Scola became president, her position changed on Endowment Board so 2 new positions are needed on Endowment Board. Leslie Lee nominated Jessica Day for

Endowment Board, seconded by Virginia Parra. Maureen Marullo nominated Julie Gates, seconded by Ben Saxon. Both passed.

- Kris Scola mentioned that FCSS has Facebook Accts under Florida Council Social Studies. Mark O'Hara – administrator of the account – e-mail – [oharam@pcsb.org](mailto:oharam@pcsb.org)  
You have to have a facebook account to access
- Meeting Dates for 2011
  1. Making January meeting a little later – Motion made by Judy Nugent for meeting January 28-29, 2011, seconded by Leslie Lee.
  2. Meeting for April 8-9, 2011 – Motion made by Susie Fogarty, seconded by Virginia Parra.
  3. Meeting for September 9-10 – Motion made by Susie Fogarty, seconded by Ben Saxon
  4. Annual Conference October 13-16, 2011
- Ideas for meeting in 2012 that may cut costs
  1. Cut our expenses by meeting at a Drive-In Conference
  2. Conference call meeting in Spring
  3. Bring in committees that are only working on certain things, examples could be conferences, board manual
- Susie Fogarty asked Ralph to come up with estimated cost savings by March meeting for some of the ideas stated above.
- Terry Trimble suggested a follow-up on format of meetings at next meeting to gather input on personal preferences.
- Sue Ayers suggested an after conference board meeting to discuss conference, but Ted Banton suggested an on-line survey.
- Terry Trimble made a motion to nominate Jack Bovee for Director Emeritus after many years of service to FCSS. Seconded by Fran Holleran. Motion passed.
- E-mail to come and letter to be written for Jack Bovee's new position as director emeritus.
- Julie Gates made a motion to change Region 5 to Region 6, seconded by Maureen Marullo. Susie Fogarty made a motion to table this, seconded by Virginia Parra.
- Ted Banton – Conference theme – Social Studies: The Next Generation
- Susan Oliver of Marketing Committee sent out an appeal for committee members.

#### **Announcements**

- Connie Brown – Regional Conference – April 24, 2010 – Theme: Celebrate Pensacola - Civics, Community and Cultural Heritage
- Regional Conferences – March 1, 2010 – Miami and April 22, 2010 – Broward County

Meeting Adjourned – 11:45 AM