

AATF Board of Directors Minutes
March 18, 2024
Location: In-Person and Virtual via Zoom

1. Call to Order
Suzanne Larkin called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Roll Call
Mrs. Larkin commended Janay Rouser and Earl Sturworld for their perfect attendance.

	May 15	Jun 19	Jul 17	Aug 21	Sep 18	Oct 16	Nov 13	Dec 18	Jan 22	Feb 9 Special	Feb 26	Mar 18
Larkin, Suzanne	X	X	Absent	X	X	X	X	X	X	Zoom	X	X
Bingham, Will	X	X	X	X	X	X	Absent	X	X	Zoom	X	X
Rouser, Janay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sturworld, Earl	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lastowski, Emily	X	Zoom	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	X	X	X
Maggard, Dana	Zoom	X	Absent	X	X	X	X	X	x	X	X	X
Bussey, Rutland	X	Zoom	Zoom	X	X	X	X	X	x	X	X	X
Brady, Ryan		X	X	X	X	X	Absent	X	Absent	X	Zoom	X

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

4. Public Inquiry -

4.1. Service Awards

Emily Lastowski introduced Alicia and Daniel Guanio and shared their community accomplishments, extraordinary support and volunteer efforts to the school and presented to them on behalf of the Board of Directors the Academy at the Farm Service Award.

5. Minutes February 26, 2024

Emily Lastowski motioned to approve the minutes for February 26, 2024; Earl Sturworld seconded; all approved.

6. Committee Reports

6.1. Financial Report - Earl Sturworld

Will Bingham motioned to approve the financial report for March 2024 as presented; Janay Rouser seconded; all approved.

6.2. Expansion Committee

Lauran Monbarren reported that the committee met today to discuss the three different construction options for the Agriculture building presented by Borregard; block for 397,659 (\$220.92 per square foot), Tube Steel for \$310,000 and modular construction for \$360,000. The committee voted for the block construction and presented their findings to the board.

The budget comparison between December 2023 and February 2024 for the barn classroom, resource and primary building was shared. Mrs. Monbarren and Mrs. Bardin went over the changes and adjustments and answered any questions the Board had. In addition, it was noted that we are waiting on the site permit to move forward with our expansion efforts.

The committee requested to add the February 2024 construction budget as an emergency item to tonight's agenda.

Emergency Item

Will Bingham motioned to accept the construction budget dated February 2024 as presented for the Ag classrooms (2) of \$397,659.00, expansion of K-8th (resource and primary buildings) of \$4,787,000.00 as an emergency item; Earl Sturwold seconded; all approved.

Earl Sturwold motioned to approve the construction budget dated February 2024 as presented for the Ag classrooms (2), expansion K-8th (resource and primary buildings) as presented as long as the income supports the loan; Will Bingham seconded; all approved.

6.3. New Board Member Committee

Committee met and is planning to present a candidate at the upcoming board meeting.

6.4. Bank Loan Committee

6.4.1. Bank Florida - Loan for Refinancing Proposal

Mr. Bingham reported that the bank committee reviewed proposals from First National Bank of Pasco, Bank Florida and Bank Capital and made the recommendation to go forward with Bank Florida. Mrs. Bardin explained that if we move banks our deposit accounts will move as well.

The committee is recommending to move forward to consolidate our loans with Bank Florida.

Board members Earl Sturwold and Dana Maggard abstained from voting.

Ryan Brady motioned to approve the Loan for Refinancing Proposal of Bank Florida and move banks as presented, Janay Rouser seconded; all approved

6.5. Character and Culture Committee - None

6.6. SAC Committee

6.6.1. NJHS and Kindness Teams

Stephanie James, NJHS and Kindness coordinator, introduced the officers and shared some impressive details of the group's accomplishments.

Zander Daughtery, President

Christian Jarrett, Vice President

McKenzie Atherton, Secretary

Noah Donahue, Secretary elect

Chad Reed - Historian

Dezirea Gardner - Historian elect

Bree Hayes - Philanthropy

Carter Buzard - 7th Grade

Logan Stokes - Kindness Chair

Isa Roggenkamp - Kindness Chair

Dezirea Gardner - Kindness Historian

Audrey Moon - 6th Grade

Paetyn Davis - 6th Grade

Zoey Carrio - 6th Grade

Noah Donahue - 7th Grade

The members shared their experience of the community services projects they had so far this year; Loads of Love, Hot Cocoa Station at the FFA Merry Movie Night, Operation Christmas, Acts of Kindness, Butterfly Garden and Solo Moms Project.

The group shared that with the overwhelming support for "Loads of Love" they were able to go back a second time to help local patrons do their laundry.

The Kindness committee members shared how they prepared for the kindness challenge (5000 acts of kindness) and Brian Willimans' presentation. They put up kindness posters,

wrote kind messages for every locker and backpack hook and prepared kindness skits for the different age groups.

Thank you for all the support!

6.6.2. **Healthy School Committee - Ray Polk**

The committee shared the Fundraiser Exemption Days

Mr. Polk explained the primary has no exemption days, intermediate has 10 and middle school 15 days that are exempt. He iterated that the implementation will take some time.

He answered all questions from the Board.

7. **Consent Agenda - None**

8. **Old Business - None**

8.1. **Director's Assessment - Suzanne Larkin**

Mrs. Larkin shared that the surveys went out today. She is asking for everyone to please take the time to fill out the survey as this will assist in the assessment process.

8.2. **Director's Contract - Will Bingham**

The committee met and are waiting for the results of the surveys.

9. **New Business**

9.1. **Election of Officers of the Board**

The slate of officers are:

Suzanne Larkin - Chair

Will Bingham - President

Janay Rouser - Vice President

Emily Lastowski - Secretary

Rutland Bussey - Treasurer

Dana Maggard motioned to accept the slate of officers as presented, Ryan Brady seconded; all approved

The term will begin July 1, 2024.

9.2. **Student Internet Safety Policy**

Dan Dwyer reported that this new policy is in compliance with state rules and regulations.

9.3. **Items to be removed from Inventory**

Mr. Polk shared that the listed items are aged out and/or damaged.

Emily Lastowski motioned to approve 9.2. and 9.3 as presented, Ryan Brady seconded; all approved

9.4. **Agent of Record Letter - Coastal Design Consultants, Inc. - Information only**

9.5. **Third Amendment to Charter Contract - Executed Copy - Information only**

10. **Individual Board Member Reports/Inquiry (Non-Agenda Items) - None**

11. **Faculty/Staff Inquiry (Non-Agenda Items)**

Mrs. Bardin shared that Mrs. Carter had her baby boy, Tate.

12. **Friends of the Academy**

12.1. **Financials**

Kacee reported that the financial activity is mostly related to sponsorships coming in for the clay shoot and golf tournament. The Double Good Popcorn had a net income of \$11,766.00 which will be reflected on next month's report.

April 15 - 19 - Book Fair

April 16 - Take Home Dinner with Family with art show and music presentation

May 6 - Week of teacher appreciation

- 12.2. Clay Shoot Committee Update
 April 6th - Clay Shoot with check in at 2:00 pm with the event beginning at 3:15 pm followed by dinner.
 Ms. Maggard shared that the take in so far is at about \$30,000.00. We have expanded from 2 to 3 courses with 146 shooters and hope for 165 by the time the event takes place. Looking for volunteers (dinner provided) to cover the stations at the 3 courses.
- 12.3. Golf Tournament Committee
 May 7 - Golf Tournament at Southern Hills Plantation, check-in at 8:00 am with shotgun start at 9:00 am. Lunch sponsorship and teams and two man scrambles have been sold.
- 12.4. Grands General Meeting
 March 4th the Grands met for their second time this year - great success.
- 12.5 Mustang Ball Update
 Oct 11 - "Breakfast at Tiffany's". \$9,000.00 in silent auction items have already been collected.

13. Date of Next Meeting

13.1. BOD 4-15-24

14. Upcoming Events

- 3-20 - Golf Tournament Committee meeting - 8:00 am
- 3-21 - Lottery Drawing at the school - 8:00 am
- 3-25 to 3-29 - No School, Spring Break
- 4-1 - Clay Shoot Committee meeting - 8:00 am
- 4-2 - 4th + 5th Grade Testing - Writing
 MS Grade Testing - Writing
- 4-4 - Clay Shoot Committee meeting - 8:00 am
- 4-5 - Golf Tournament meeting - 8:00 am
- 4-6 - Clay Shoot Fundraiser
- 4-10- Golf Tournament Committee meeting - 8:00 am
- 4-12 - No School for Students and Teachers
- 4-15 - Board Workshop on Finance and other Board Discussions
- 4-15 to 4-19 - Book Fair
- 4-16 - Family Night and Take Home Dinner

15. Meeting Adjourned

Janay Rouser made a motion to adjourn at 6:49 pm; all approved.

Minutes submitted by:



Emily Lastowski, Secretary

Date: