

New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy
Meeting Minutes
4 December 2018
5:00pm

1. **Roll call** – Mr. Bean, Mrs. Beaty, Mr. Charpentier, Mr. Downing, Dr. Grace, Ms. McCall, Gen Mize, Mr. Welker MGySgt Young. **Absent:** Col. Ebbert, Mr. Bush, Ms. Finkbeiner, Mr. Shinn, Mr. Staines
2. **Approval of minutes:**
 - a. Minutes from October 30 meeting approved: Motion by Mr. Downing, second by Mr. Charpentier; **All in favor**
3. **Reports and Recommendation**
 - A. *Financial report: report given by Mr. Downing*
 - a. Currently tracking \$269K better than budget
 - b. Cash reserves still at 2.5 months of operating budget
 - c. Don't anticipate negative surprises.
 - d. Annual audit work complete; Clean report—well done.
 - e. Bus provider called to report large increase in insurance requiring school assistance—out of contract. School provided interim funds and are investigating the providers' financial stability. School will evaluate options.
 - f. An individual community member donated stocks in the amount of \$95,200 and a check in the amount of \$4,800, \$100K total donation. Board discussion regarding what to do with the shares of stock. John Charpentier made a motion to sell the shares given by recent donor as soon as is practical. Mr. Downing seconded the motion. **All in favor**
 - B. *General School Update: report given by Commandant*
 - a. Commandant introduced the school's new Operation Officer, Colonel (USMC, Ret) Derrick Heyl, who has made a six-month commitment to the school until he goes to SWA. Replacement search has begun and Col. Heyl will assist in that as well.
 - b. Commandant reported the termination of a first-year teacher. Replacement found. Mr. Garbarino reported a reduced turnover this year.
 - c. An 11th Marine instructor has been identified to be hired. CWO4 Smith is known to several on the Board and well received.
 - d. Overall, morale is high for students and faculty.
 - e. Discussion with Canal Barge Company for speakers and marine industry employment opportunities.
 - C. *Academic Update: report given by Mr. Garbarino*
 - a. Received results for ACT test (Senior class last year); results were in line with State averages and above most area schools
 - b. LEAP 2025 will be taken over next two weeks.
 - c. 7 students took class at Delgado for STCW certification for water safety.
 - d. Athletics

- i. Girls basketball young and improving. Same with girls soccer.
- ii. Boys basketball doing well.
- iii. Boys soccer also doing well in a “rebuilding” year.
- iv. Wrestling continues to be strong at NOMMA. Donated weights allow for power lifting to begin in January.

D. Facilities update: report given by Commandant

- a. New roofing contractor .
- b. First food service audit will occur in January. We will be ready.
- c. Access to LSU health facility for athletics is a great improvement.
- d. Security plan continues to be developed and enhanced.

E. Development report: report given by Commandant

- a. Local NOMMA advocates continue to provide terrific contacts and arrange school visits from prominent community members.
- b. Grant received:
 - i. Selly (\$50K) – expect to hear November
- c. Gen. Mize reports that Col. Ebbert continues to research Opportunity Zones Tax benefits. We will soon get clarity on these opportunities to help with expansion plans.

F. Board Member Recruitment: Commandant gave the report

- a. Commandant welcomed parent, Mrs. Erin Beaty, as new Board member. Board membership is now up to 14, which is the target number.

4. New Business:

- a. Commandant mentioned ethics training for Board is scheduled and needs to be completed by 12/31/2018.
- b. Hired Sizeler firm to develop school expansion plan. The goal is a facility to house the 8th and 9th grades as well as a field house. Firm and state historic tax reps walked some of the potential buildings together. Baseline requirements have been developed and core team has been formed. Master plan draft expected by end of January.

5. Public comment period: No comments

6. Remarks from Board Members

- a. None

7. Adjournment: Motion by Mrs. McCall, second by Mr. Bean: **Motion Approved**

8. Announcements:

- a. Drill meet cancelled/postponed due to inclement weather.
- b. NOMMA will host an arts festival. Commandant will provide specifics for time, date and place.
- c. Next meeting scheduled for 1/29/2019.