

New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy
Meeting Minutes
27 August 2019
5:00p.m.

1. Roll call –Mr. Peyton Bush, Gen David Mize, Mr. Tom Shinn, Mr. James Bean, MGySgt Melanie Young, Col Terry Ebbert, Dr. Marcellus Grace, Mr. John Charpentier, Gen David Mize. Absent: Mr. Doug Downing, Mr. Tony Staines, Mr. David Welker, Mrs. Carol McCall. Quorum present.
2. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve by Gen Mize; second by Mr. Bush; all in favor.
3. Reports and Recommendations
 - a. Financial Report – Accountant gave financial report.
 - i. Finished year \$115K above budget
 - ii. Cash balance of \$2.7M at end of year, giving us 3 months of reserves
 - iii. Dependence on private contributions amounts to \$162K per year, which is the shortfall in the budget after accounting for reimbursed expenses
 - iv. PTO payout discussed at previous meeting was included in aforementioned budget numbers
 - v. Overall expenses were under budget by \$9K (including accrual)
 - b. General School Update – Commandant provided the report.
 - i. School year off to a successful start, beginning with faculty and cadet orientation
 - ii. Moving Marine Instructor to disciplinary team has had a positive impact thus far, as has re-implementation of morning formation
 - iii. Completed worker’s comp audit, preparing for financial audit
 - iv. Enrollment: Came in lower than expected (currently at 928), partially due to processing issues with OneApp
 1. Possible that we do not hit the 950 used in the budget
 2. New team at OneApp created issues, which the school is addressing
 - a. E.g., website showing enrollment as full when it wasn’t, showing no military preference, etc.
 - b. Adding 8th grade late also contributed to gap in available enrollment numbers (which caused some to be turned away)
 - c. Academic Update – Principal gave the update.
 - i. Comments regarding Teacher Orientation:
 1. Programming around school culture, expectations and USMC culture were especially helpful for faculty in setting expectations.

- ii. Comments regarding Cadet Orientation:
 - 1. New agenda/curriculum helped develop common understanding and set expectations
 - iii. Parent orientations: well attended; had 250 parents show up despite citywide flooding
 - d. Development Update – Commandant gave the update.
 - i. Commandant and Mr. Bush met with Ingrid Alvarado to potentially assist with future development/grant writing efforts, including upcoming major capital campaign
 - 1. She was a strong candidate, and could be good person to help develop fundraising plan for capital campaign; however, she would not be the person to manage day to day efforts or execute on the plan
 - ii. We have not received one donor’s pledge, so will require follow-up.
 - e. Facilities Update – Commandant included in General update.
 - i. Dealing with leaks from recent rains, but all normal items.
 - ii. Working on beautification project, but haven’t begun implementation.
- 4. Old Business – Campus Expansion; Commandant/Gen Mize gave the report
 - a. CEA draft was completed and submitted to ADD; we did not receive any response and ADD does not appear to have engaged in the discussion
 - b. Col Ebbert and Gen Mize meeting with Sen Troy Carter this coming Thursday to push for engagement
- 5. New Business – Commandant mentioned the following:
 - a. Positive article in Gambit, facilitated by public relations help
 - b. Also expecting an article in the Advocate
 - c. Interest in trip to France for selected cadets (12-15)
 - i. Parents would fund the trip the first year
 - ii. Board members discussed looking for third parties to help underwrite the trip
 - 1. Commandant asked for Board assistance in pursuing donations
 - d. Speaker coming on September 6th: Ron Parker, former FDNY firefighter and 9/11 survivor
- 6. Public Remarks – None.
- 7. Remarks from Board Members:
- 8. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bush, second by Mr. Charpentier. Motion was approved unanimously.