

Florida Developmental Education Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Florida Community College at Jacksonville
January 25 and 26, 2008

President Nicholas Bekas called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Present were Nicholas Bekas, Dianne Kostelny, Janita Patrick, Shirley Rehberg, Tammy Cherry, Sandra Offiah-Hawkins, Hubert Brown, Jr., Patti Levine-Brown, Lynn Blanton-Mitze, and Michelle Thompson.

President Bekas asked the board for suggestions for a theme for the 2008 conference. After discussion, members suggested "FEDA Making a Difference for 30 Years." The president then tabled the matter until the following day for a vote.

President Bekas informed the board that FDEA still owes a balance of \$12,548.97 to the event planner from the 2007 conference. He explained that attendance was down which resulted in cost overruns to the hotel. The board examined a line by line expense sheet; discussion ensued.

The board also addressed the conference planner's proposal for the 2008 conference and looked for ways to cut costs. Dianne Kostelny suggested that the conference planner be directed to look for smaller hotels that might be more reasonable. The president said he felt that there is no easy solution, but that we should plan on a smaller conference in 2008. Discussion continued.

Janita Patrick made a motion to pay the \$12,548.97 balance to Valencia Community College, which was seconded by Patti Levine-Brown and unanimously passed.

The board next began a review of the conference planner's proposal for the 2008 conference.

After discussion of hotels and the location of the 2008 FDEA conference, upon a motion by Diane Kostelny, seconded by Janita Patrick, the board voted unanimously to set the conference attendance count at 125.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Treasurer's Report was read by the president. Hubert Brown made a motion, seconded by Diane Kostelny, and unanimously approved, to accept the report as read.

Upon a motion by Shirley Rehberg, seconded by Patti Levine-Brown, and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned for the evening at 8:50 p.m.

President Bekas reconvened the meeting at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, January 26, 2008.

Present were Nicholas Bekas, Dianne Kostelny, Janita Patrick, Shirley Rehberg, Tammy Cherry, Sandra Offiah-Hawkins, Hubert Brown, Jr., Patti Levine-Brown, Lynn Blanton-Mitze, Judy Batson, Richard Greene, Kathy Scheuch, and Michelle Thompson.

Judith Batson, Dean of Arts and Sciences at Florida Community College of Jacksonville welcomed the board to the college.

President Bekas then called for a vote on the theme for the 2008 conference. The theme, "FDEA Making a Difference for 30 Years" was suggested. Hubert Brown motioned, with Patti Levine-Brown seconding the adoption of the theme. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of the 2008 conference continued as members expressed concerns over costs. Board members discussed ending the practice of offering stipends for certain members as well as other means of reducing costs and increasing revenues.

Patti Levine-Brown moved to raise registration fees by \$25 across the board. The motion was seconded by Sandra Offiah-Hawkins. After discussion the motion carried.

A presentation on developmental education at Florida Community College at Jacksonville was given by Patti Levine-Brown and Tammy Cherry.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of the Spring Conference to be held at Bethune-Cookman College with Daytona Beach Community College providing a tour of its academic skills center. A Friday night board meeting was scheduled with the workshop on Saturday.

Committee reports followed a brief adjournment for lunch.

The minutes of the last two board meetings were approved by the board.

Discussion returned to means of cutting costs for the 2008 conference with a motion by Tammy Cherry, seconded by Janita Patrick, and passed unanimously for board members to pay for their own meals at board meetings in the event the budget is in the red.

There being no further business to come before the board, upon a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Rehberg