

ILLINOIS JUVENILE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 21, 2008

Location: Matteson Police Department, Matteson, IL

I. ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m.

President Mark Mogan – Absent	Past Exec. Director Dave Hare - Absent
1 st V.P. Lisa Ditzler - Present	Past Exec. Director Dick Walsh - Absent
2 nd V.P. Michael Campo - Present	Past President Tony Jacobson - Present
Treasurer Tracey Goodyear - Present	Past President Bob Coniglio - Present
Sgt. at Arms Bill Pfalzgraf - Present	Past President Mark Strzesak - Present
Secretary Kristen Julian - Present	Past President Dee Willner - Absent
Board Member Michael Coughlin - Present	Past President Sharon Kendall - Absent
Board Member Sue Ewald - Absent	Past President Joe Farrar - Absent
Board Member Tim Burke - Present	Past President Jim Wagner - Absent
Board Member Linda Hooten – Absent	Past President Joe Pena - Absent
Board Member Tom Regas - Present	Past President John Schuffert - Absent
Board Member Michael Kraft - Absent	Past President Dan Quick - Absent
Board Member Rosemary Moore - Absent	Past President Gary Wigman - Absent
Board Member Bob Stone - Absent	Past President Pat Fitzgerald - Absent
Board Member Ed Wachala - Present	Past President Rich Bilisko - Absent
Board Member Kelly Waldrup - Absent	Past President Ron Smith - Absent
Board Member Sue Wilson - Absent	Honorary Member Ken Griffin - Present
Board Member Ray Violetto - Absent	Honorary Member Michele Watson - Absent
Exec. Director Bob Stegenga - Absent	

Minutes from the previous minutes were passed out. Motion to accept by Bob Coniglio and second by Michael Campo, all votes were in favor to accept, motion carried.

II. OLD BUSINESS

None to report.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Tracey Goodyear reported that we moved \$28,000.00 into a CD for a 7-month term, which comes due beginning of May 2009. We earned an extra percent by going 7 months as opposed to a 6-month term. Remaining balance in checking account is \$5,169.55 and balance in savings \$5,242.11. We do not anticipate any expenses. Motion to accept by Bill Pfalzgraf and second by Ken Griffin. All votes were in favor to accept, motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Conference: Bob Coniglio reported the contract for Pere Marquette Hotel was signed for 2009 conference. The rate will stay at \$85 per room and same junior suites will be available. We will talk to DARE about covering expenses for refreshments during breaks. IJOA will be handling entertainment for the evening on Wednesday. As for speakers, Michael Dorn's cost is \$5,000 plus expenses. Dr. Saving is from Peoria and is supposed to be a good speaker. She covers child abuse and neglect. She's willing to speak but needs more information. Her costs are reasonable because she's from the Peoria area. She'd be interested in the Thursday morning time slot. Allen Crock is also a good speaker from the Chicagoland area. He's a Chicago officer. He would speak about getting information from the Internet and child pornography. His fee is \$300, which includes transportation and meals. He wants the Wednesday afternoon time slot. No other speakers lined up right now. Bob did some research on the Texas conference to look for more speakers but didn't find any. We still need a Thursday speaker and Friday speaker. We need a state's attorney for a law update. Tony Jacobson reported that Kevin Burke won't respond to any emails or phone calls according to Mark Mogan. We should get a hold of Linda Pieczynski for the juvenile law update. According to Michael Coughlin, she is an attorney on the board for the DuPage Juvenile Officers' Association and trains the Bar on juvenile updates. She will take the Wednesday morning time slot. Kristen Julian asked what subject matter should be covered. Tony Jacobson suggested we pay Michael Dorn because we have the money to do it and he can do breakout sessions for the entire day. Michael Coughlin asked about Dorn's popularity compared to Michael Grossman. There was group discussion about the availability of funds and cost of Dorn. Would the cost be the same if we brought someone else from his company but not Dorn? Dorn would be presenting Thursday all day. Tom Regas questioned the conference attendance in difficult economic times. There was further discussion about this topic. Further discussion was had about possibility of breakout sessions with Dorn so DARE could participate. A conference committee meeting needs to be planned. Tony Jacobson suggested a meeting in Champaign.

Bob Coniglio talked about other options for the conference such as an outing, comedian, t-shirts. He would also like bigger gifts for conference attendees and a better reception for Wednesday evening. There was further discussion on this point. He will check with Peoria Police Department to find out if they have a color guard for an opening ceremony. Lisa Ditzler said they do.

Further group discussion about whether or not we should pay for Dorn. Tracey Goodyear made a motion for Dorn, second by Kristen Julian. All votes were in favor, motion carried.

Bob Coniglio talked further about sending save-the-date cards. Pamphlets will look the same. The rates will be the same including the conference fee. All agreed fee should remain the same, \$100 for early registration, and \$125. Pamphlet will go out in April.

Kristen Julian asked the committee to consider refraining from scheduling any DARE speakers during lunch so we can enjoy lunch, visit with each other and take a break from speakers. Lisa Ditzler and Michael Campo agreed. Alternatives were discussed about when DARE could schedule this.

Michael Campo brought up the issue of the conference location. Tony Jacobson said to book it in the Tinley Park area again to test whether or not the people will come. He suggested people wouldn't come to social events or stay overnight. Bob Coniglio was concerned about people coming back year after year. Peoria is central. Michael Campo suggested attendance might be sporadic from the north if people don't aren't staying. There was further discussion about being

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able to have all activities in one area in Peoria. Will there be a BBQ? Michael Coughlin suggested DARE might lose attendance. Tracey Goodyear suggested we survey the conference attendees about their opinion for location.

Conference committee will meet in January/February 2009.

- b) Training: No report.
- c) Awards: Tracey Goodyear talked about a Juvenile Officer award to be given out at the conference. Nomination form should go out with the conference pamphlet so someone could nominate an officer.
- d) Membership: Kristen Julian asked for a roster and who is past due on membership so she can send out a letter. Those records haven't been received. Tracey Goodyear said Lawrence Knighten, unknown department, sent his dues in. He might be a North Chicago officer because that was the address on the check and North Chicago has a residency requirement. Bill Pfalzgraf doesn't have more information on membership.
- e) Legislative: Kristen Julian reported SB2275 has passed both the House and Senate and was sent to the governor for his signature on November 13, 2008. The bill will change the adult age for misdemeanors from 17 to 18 years old if it is signed. Cook and DuPage Counties were against this according to the Illinois House Republican staff attorney Kyle Kirtz. The Illinois Chiefs' Association was also against it. Kristen Julian contacted Metropolitan Alliance of Police to get them onboard and Rick Tracy from executive board said they would bring it up at their meeting but never heard back. The problem could be that MAP partnered with SB2275 sponsor John Cullerton on pension legislation and opposing SB2275 could create a conflict. Kristen Julian also talked to Senator Dan Kotowski who voted against the bill. He said he didn't hear from any law enforcement organization about the bill. He heard from one of his peers that law enforcement was against the bill so he voted against it. The last option is to write a letter to the governor asking him to veto the bill arguing the bill is softer on crime. If the governor agrees to veto the bill we have to get 37 senators to change their vote so they don't override the governor's veto. Bill Pfalzgraf said probation is against SB 2275 as well as his county. The county passed a resolution against the bill. His understanding is that the black caucus presented the bill and the governor supports the black caucus. Probation did a big study on how much it would cost but Judge Walsh in Cook County wrote an article saying it won't cost anything because of the alternatives available for juveniles.
- f) Media: Linda Hooten is working on the newsletter.
- g) By-laws: Lisa Ditzler requested copy of updated by-laws. A copy should be online.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Officer who represents Illinois Valley region, Bob Stone will be resigning because he won't be available to be involved. Bill Pfalzgraf asked him to find his replacement before he resigns. Tracey Goodyear suggested that be advertised in the newsletter to find someone interested to replace him.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at the Matteson Police Department.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion at 11:58 a.m. by Bob Coniglio to adjourn, seconded by Mike Campo. All votes were in favor to accept, motion carried.