



FBIDCAAA Minutes

January 17, 2022 - Meeting Via Zoom.

Mission Statement

The FBIDCAAA is a community-based and supported organization, associated with, but not part of the FBI, designed to promote a safer community through community service projects and a process of educating business, labor, media, medical, minority, religious, government, senior citizens, and other community leaders about law enforcement, with particular emphasis on the mission and resources of the FBI. The FBI Citizens Academy curriculum focuses on federal law enforcement issues and challenges.

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| 1/17/2022 | 6:00 pm | 7:00pm |
| Meeting called by | Dr. Shawny DeBerry | |
| Type of meeting | FBIDCAAA | |
| Facilitator | Dr. Shawny DeBerry | |
| Note taker | Ashlyn Rogers | |
| Board Members | <p>Members in attendance:</p> <p>Dr. Shawny DeBerry, Ramez [Zack] Haidar, Larry Kolasa, Jay Reynolds, Ray Buratto, Sam Osman, Sharon Weatherspoon, Ashlyn Rogers</p> <p>Members not in attendance:</p> <p>Gerry Eggart, Hassen Charara, Patrick Kelly Comeaux,</p> | |
| Guests | <p>Will Council (Detroit CRU)</p> <p>Mary Abouljoud (Detroit COS)</p> <p>Interim SAC- Josh Hauxhurst, Not present for this meeting.</p> | |
| Next Board Meeting | 2/21/2022- Via Zoom @ 7.00pm -8.00pm | |
| Dr. Shawny DeBerry - President | | |

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| Discussion | Approval of December 2021 Minutes |
| | <p>Motion by Ray, seconded by Sharon.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p> |
| <p>(A) Overview/Discussion-Meeting with the Executive Committee to discuss 2022 in terms of Strategic planning. [Plan of events for each Quarter is listed on the January Agenda].</p> <p>Discussion with the Board. Allow membership to get to know the Board.</p> <p>(B) Meet the Board – open to all members-1st Membership Engagement Opportunity Invitation to all members on Feb 7th, 2022 @ 7.00pm-8.00pm via Zoom. MTB open to all members! Shawny will facilitate. Gerry to send an email blast to join.</p> <p>(C) Membership Engagement Opportunity – Future events/ opportunity for Active members to volunteer for services.</p> <p>(D) Date and Time for the Board Meeting has changed to 7.00pm to 8:00Pm.</p> <p>(E) Human trafficking – planning to establish a committee, Collaborate with Oakland University, Sponsor or participate in the event they organize or we organize one maybe have an event in July. <i>[July 30th-world day against Human Trafficking]</i> [Refer to Will Council's section for more info]</p> <p>(F) Postal Box key given to Sharon. [Shawny, Hassen & Sharon now have access].</p> <p>(G) Bank Account transfer to Sharon, Official Treasurer.</p> <p>(H) Planning the Committee & Sub- Committee. Give volunteers an opportunity to help organize the Zoo event.</p> <p>(I) Create 4 committees- Human Trafficking, Fundraising, Zoo & social- Media. Add Awni Fakhoury to the Fundraising committee & anyone else who would like to volunteer. Larry Volunteered.</p> <p>Branding Media Relations- Engage Anu Prakash previously with Channel 7 News to tell our story and who we are. - Get our story out to the public/Community Outreach. Create short story videos/Little Snippets as to why it is/was a great idea to join FBIDCAAA. Anu Prakash -may possibly attend Citizens Academy and join FBIDCAAA.</p> <p>(J) Membership Benefits for lifetime Members - Zack mentioned Stores, organizations, dealerships</p> <p>(K) Detroit Workforce of the Future, Chasing the Dragon- Renata Stroud. Will and Shawny to meet on Feb 2nd @ 4.00pm.</p> <p>(L) Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest volunteer opportunities in the third quarter.</p> | |

(M) **Membership updates-discuss with Zack**

(N) **Financial Statement sent out.**

(O) **Retreat:** Plan for a retreat in the 4th quarter for planning 2023.

Tentative date and time: End of November or 1st week in December 2022

Meet In- person and plan for 2023. Ray suggested to possibly do the retreat in November since December is busy

Will Council [FBI-Detroit CRU]

Discussion:

- **Memorandum of Agreement** – Pending

Interim SAC Josh Hauxhurst is willing to sign once the items/events for this year are added.

- Critical response team – SAC Josh Hauxhurst did get to review it. It is in the final stages for approval. Waiting to hear from the legal dept. He is pressing to get that done as soon as possible.

- **FBIRA store was approved**

-> Date Chosen 2/28/2022 @ 2pm

- **FBI Detroit Citizens Academy class-** Applications must be received by 1/31/2022.

Will has emailed instructions, Application and Nomination form.

12-15 applications received so far out of 35 students.

In response to Ray's Question - The bureau has yet to finalize what format they will use this year- virtual/Hybrid or all in Person at the HQ Will have more information at the February meeting.

Upcoming/Current events:

- River Rouge Schools & Forgotten Harvest Food Giveaway
Every Wednesday's from 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Great opportunity to do outreach.
Tarence Wheeler – organizer of the event will appreciate any support.
- Vernor Elementary Middle School- Junior Special Agent Program
Thursdays, 1:20 pm – 2:20 pm – Booked back to virtual
This week was the last session since they have booked back to virtual beginning of February. Other dates for this program along with the Graduation may be in May or June as
Some of the In-person activities are on hold until the end of the school year,

As soon as Will get More info /Date, he will share.

Future Events:

Human Trafficking.

- **Oakland University, School of Nursing**-Will met them for the first time and they are interested in doing some Human trafficking work, esp how to identify Human trafficking victims that go to the hospital for treatment, the care and understanding how that works, protocols for treatment & notification process to various law enforcement agencies and social services to help these individuals.
- Will to have more meetings with Oakland University, & mention more partners, talk to them into having a conference and Invite FBIDCAAA to be a part of it. Shawny mentioned Human trafficking event sponsored by the association. [Please refer to her section of the minutes].
- FBIRA store – will come out to the Zoo Event on June 4th.

Sharon Weatherspoon -Treasurer

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bank Account transfer.• Spare Keys to postal box: provided to Sharon,• Current key holders: Larry and Hassen.• Will Provide January financial report at the next meeting.• Fundraising• Human Trafficking - Sharon to start planning process in the first quarter. Establish a committee/Volunteers to be on the committee and start holding meetings. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second Quarter – Visit Sanctum House- Shawny and Sharon to decide date and time. |

Info shared: As of January 19th, 2022 – Free Covid-19 – Free at home test kits.
www.Covidtests.gov

Mary Abouljoud [FBI-DETROIT COS]

Suggestion: Fundraising idea “Never ending Bowl”
Make chilli or soup. Designate a cause and get people involved.
Kind of like the “The soup ladies,”
– they won National awards at the LV leadership conference.
<http://www.soupladies.org>

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| Zack Haidar [Vice President] | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Committee – Plan/Establish a Membership committee Sub-committee to solicit memberships. • Pick some general members to be in the committee, someone with a business. • Membership Rewards/Discounts: Stores, organizations, Dealerships Sam Osman volunteered to give rewards for Car Wash, Gasoline. <p>Renewals, Non-Renewals- how to reconnect and engage with past members.</p> <p>Per Shawny – Zack to lead the project. Tackle memberships, lifetime membership benefits. Benefits possibly at the FBIRA store? Lifetime members FBIDCAAA Hat/pens, T-shirts, Lapel pins.</p> <p>Per Will, FBIRA is owned by Federal, so no discount is offered, but FBIDCAAA can pledge an amount towards the purchase, for lifetime members.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting a proposal together, maybe name of businesses that we are going to target. Tax write-offs for non-profit org -Will Council provided Jennifer Urban's name for consult to see if we can even do that. Need to check first to see if it's legal for businesses? Shawny will contact Jennifer [Jenn] Urban – Attorney & FBINCAAA member & let Zack know. 612-284-6441 or visit www.legalforgood.com / also on Facebook | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership updates – reach out to members who have not paid. Emails to members: Shawny mentioned Tarence Wheeler hasn't received any emails. Zack will discuss with Gerry since he handles the emails. | |
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| Jay Reynolds |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat for Humanity- Jay suggested save the donation money, do the actual work, may have to consider helping them in other ways than just building a house. • Donate time and resources, to save the donation money. • Mary Abouljoud thanked Jay for his efforts, in being able to facilitate and establish a connection between the organization and Goodfellows. Great outcome, successful event. |
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Ray Burrato [Board]

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| | Critical response team – Will council already gave an update. SAC did review it. It is in the final stages for approval. Waiting to hear from legal dept. |
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P. Kelly Comeaux [Board]

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| | Not present for this meeting. |
| | Well wishes sent for a speedy recovery. |
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Sam Osman – Fundraising Team**Hassen Chararra – Not present for this meeting.**

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Print tickets for Fundraising and brochures. Maybe buy a gun and do a Gun raffle, Car wash etc. Gun raffle tickets can make a lot of money.• Printed pamphlet / fundraising Brochures/with FBIDCAA info as a Non-profit organization/mission etc and Who they should write a check out? |
| Suggestion: | Mr. Osama Siblani of the Arab-American News Can possibly help share our story to his 50,000+ readers. Spotlight us as to who we are, Our mission, what role we have in the community etc. His news can generate more memberships/Community engagement. |
| Shooter don't shoot Scenario -Indoor Gun Simulator- Will Council will speak to leadership to see if entry into the building is allowed – due to covid-19 restrictions. | |
| Per Shawny: Add Awni Fakhoury to the fundraising team. Contact: 248-342-5879 [From FBINCAAA Fundraising team] | |
| Announcement: | Larry Kolasa volunteered to be on the Fundraising committee. |

Gerry Eggart -Director IT & Social Media

Not present for the meeting.

Per Shawny, **Anu Prakash** –May volunteer/Assist Gerry with Social Media/ Brand Media

- Get our story out to the public/Community Outreach.

Create short story videos/Little Snippets as to why it is/was a great idea to join FBIDCAAA.

Anu Prakash -may possibly attend Citizens Academy and join FBIDCAAA.

Gerry – please update zoom link with correct time – Board voted to move zoom calls from 6.00pm to a New time -> 7.00pm-8.00pm.

Larry Kolasa – Past President

Discussion

FBINCAAA-Leadership Conference in Norfolk, VA.
June 28 -June 30th.

Motion

- Year End reporting- Larry confirmed Annual report sent to Ella Fong @ FBINCAAA & emailed to our BOD on 1/18/2022.
- Motion to adopt the same format as last year to cover expenses for some board members.
Shawny, Ashlyn, Sam -Interested, but not registered.
The Other two Executives who are interested, need to confirm.
Max allowable Amount: \$1000.00
Motion: Larry, seconded by Sam. All in favor.

Please confirm ~~before 2/14/2022~~ to get \$100.00 off of the Leadership conference registration. ← Per FBINCAAA the early bird registration has been extended till 3/1/2022.

<https://fbincaaa.org/event-4561041>

Ashlyn will send a separate email with details Re: Norfolk, VA Leadership conference.

Registration info/ Hotel Reservation etc.

Emailed: Director of Leadership Conferences- Mr. Amir El Sayed, Contact Norfolk Organizers, past president: Delta Leroy Hinson and Current President: Jay Agustin for more info on the events.

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| Dr. Shawny DeBerry - President |
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| Closing: | Dr. Shawny DeBerry adjourned the meeting. Next Meeting -February 21st, 2022 Meeting @ 7:00 pm-8.00pm Location: Via Zoom |
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