

Corrections Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting/Conference Call  
January 14, 2022

Central Office Florida Department of Corrections

**Attendee**

Mr. Ricky Dixon, Secretary  
Mr. Richard Comerford, Director of Institutions  
Mr. Mark Redd, President  
Mr. Tom Rush, Vice President  
Mr. Dave Mecusker, Treasurer  
Mr. Sam Culpepper, Membership Chair  
Ms. Lisa Miller  
Ms. Justine Paterson  
Ms. Jenny Nimer  
Mr. Tom Reid  
Mr. Brian Reidl  
Mr. Jim Williams  
Mr. Brian Wynns

**Staff**

Chris Akins  
Sheri Logue  
Sheila Logue

Mr. Mark Redd called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Jim Williams gave the invocation, thanking God for the opportunity to serve the staff of the Florida Department of Corrections and for the board members who volunteer to serve. He added that it was an honor to celebrate the life of Louie L. Wainwright at his memorial service this week.

Secretary Dixon congratulated Mr. Redd on being appointed as President of the Corrections Foundation and thanked all board members for their role on the board. He recognized that these are honorary positions, that service was voluntary, and that they serve to support department staff and not for personal gain.

As Secretary he offered to leverage his position to assist the Corrections Foundation in further supporting FDC staff and anything he could do to further the mission of the Foundation that was happy to do. He stated that one of the things he would like to see is more leadership staff at Corrections Foundation events, like the annual golf tournament. It is possible er could host a Regional Directors or Warden's meeting that week in order to have more leadership attend. He would like for Mr. Akins to attend the warden's meetings and speak about the importance of the Corrections Foundation and what we offer staff.

He offered his support with our annual membership campaign, which runs from March to April. He noted that the regions get very competitive when they know other regions have higher membership numbers than they do. He is glad to encourage support of the Foundation during the campaign.

He indicated he would like to meet more often with the Foundation, meeting at least quarterly with Chris Akins and attending board meetings as his schedule allows.

He mentioned the History Project that was discussed a few years ago but has been on hold. Mr. Wainwright's memorial reinforced the importance of preserving Corrections history. So many of those who came before us have stories to share about how Corrections has changed and grown throughout the years. It is important to capture this history and their stories to preserve our agencies history. The Secretary indicated he would like to establish a museum including history and artifacts that can be shared with staff and the public. He'd like the history committee to find someone in every region who is a historian and willing to share their knowledge. It is possible to have OPS positions dedicated to gather artifacts and conduct interviews to preserve our history.

Mr. Dixon thanked Mr. Akins and all those involved for the memorial service and fantastic honor to Mr. Wainwright. The board expressed their thanks for Mr. Dixon's comments at the service, which personalized it, including career and importance of family. Mr. Akins noted that the service was seamless and flawless, and the Honor Guard did a wonderful job. Support from all those involved made it a very special service.

Mr. Comerford added that his hearts in the same place, he's glad to represent FDC, and the Corrections Foundation has his complete support and taking care of officers and staff is a priority. If there is anything he or Mr. Dixon can do to help the Foundation, he is glad to do it.

Secretary Dixon asked the board to let him know of ways that he could better support the Foundation.

Ms. Miller thanked Mr. Dixon for his leadership and willingness to support the Corrections Foundation and use his title for good. Encouraging membership statewide is one area that his influence could make an impact. Also, legislators in rural areas where we have institutions need to know who the Corrections Foundation is and what we do for officers and staff in their communities.

Mr. Redd thanked Secretary Dixon and Mr. Comerford for their support and noted he is fully committed to the Department of Corrections officers and staff. If there is anything the Corrections Foundation can do to improve our service, please let him know. He stated that it was his pleasure to serve as President and that he was always available and looked forward to making continued improvements as we serve FDC.

Mr. Redd commented that Mr. Wainwright's memorial service was very fitting and memorable and that he was a special person, and that we were all family. He thanked Mr. Dixon for the appointment as President and added that he isn't trying to fill Mr. Wainwright's role, because that's not possible, but that he just wanted to carry on his mission.

Mr. Culpepper asked if an email group and text group could be set up for all board members to give them a chance to share ideas and discuss opportunities, as communication is vital as we continue to grow as an organization. Mr. Akins said he would gladly set this up and send everyone the newest board member list.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sheri Logue