

Tennessee State University Alumni Association
Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter
MINUTES
General Membership Meeting
September 12, 2012
Disabled Americans Veterans Building
807 Maine Avenue, SW

The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Fowler at 7:06 p.m. We were asked to join hands as Mr. Edward Merriweather led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report

Minutes were read and comments/corrections were noted. Mr. Gary Dupree motioned to accept the minutes subject to corrections and seconded by Mr. Paul Williams.

Treasurer's Report

Checkbook Balance as of 09/11/2012	
Current Balance	\$6370.77
Local Scholarship	\$3658.39
Operating Fund	\$2712.38*

**(Note: A check for \$250.00 has been paid for a Book scholarship. The check has not been posted as of 9/11/2012)*

Mr. Gary Dupree motioned to accept the report and seconded by Mr. Paul Williams subject to audit.

President's Report

National Alumni Association Convention Updates –Tony Wells was elected as the Tennessee State University National Alumni Association President.

Mr. Harry Taylor informed the Chapter that Alumni dues will be increase as follows:

National: \$30 starting 7/1/2013

Lifetime: \$750 after 11/1/2012

Millennium: \$300 after 11/1/2012 *

*Lifetime memberships that have been started with installment payments prior to 11/1/2012 will follow the 2011 pricing for completion.

WDC Chapter Scholarship updates – The Chapter's Executive Committee had a telephone conference over the summer regarding the scholarship for Lamar Minter. Vice President Damien Johnson reported that Lamar Minter was to receive a \$250 book scholarship for the Fall semester. Also, announced was the Chapter's new scholarship recipient Lillian Johnson. Miss Johnson (freshman) of Washington, DC is attending TSU majoring in Communications. She is a graduate of The Duke Ellington Center for Performing Arts High School.

There was discussion regarding the clearness of the scholarship contract, application process, and how the monies were applied each semester. Mr. Harry Taylor will assist President Fowler with writing the amendment and/or contract as needed. President Fowler will follow up with the Foundation to gain a clearer understanding of application procedures, as well as submit an addendum to make changes as the Chapter recommended (i.e. ability for Northern VA students to apply, clarification of the listing of the two scholarship amounts in the system, remove reapplication process, etc)

Northeast Region Update - President Fowler reported that the DC chapter will be hosting the next regional meeting in April/May 2013. The chapter will be responsible for selecting the site and organization of the event. Also, during this meeting the regional representatives discussed having satellite meetings for other locations and revamping/restart the Baltimore, MD chapter.

President Fowler attended the HBCU DC Alliance meeting and reported that the organization was in its infancy but meets monthly to promote HBCUs and generate money for them. There was a meet & greet at the Hudson hotel on 9/29 if persons wanted to attend. Membership is \$250 per year. President Fowler asked the body if they wanted to be financially active with this organization. The motion was moved by Mr. Edward Merriweather and seconded by Mr. Harry Taylor. The chapter voted 14-in favor and 3-Not in favor. The check for the membership fees was given to President Fowler from the operating fund.

Outreach Magazine Article Submission - President Fowler reported that the article regarding the Chapter was done and sent to the proper persons.

Committee Reports

A. Amenities

- Chairperson not available but there was a person interested
- The WDC Annual Picnic was August 4th at Wheaton Regional Park there was a small attendance but the food was discounted because the vendor, Famous Dave's was late. The Chapter did receive the deposit of \$125 back from the park. Mrs. Barbara Akins requested a final financial report from the past two picnics.

B. Recruitment

- Rodney Elam reported the Chapter will be participating in five recruitment events at local high schools and events. An email will be sent for dates and times for those who wanted to volunteer.
- The Flag football season is underway with the next game on 9/14 against Howard
- Mr. James Ealey gave tips for recruiting and how to respond to negative news regarding issues at TSU.

C. Scholarship

- Miss LaKita Rowe volunteered to chair the Scholarship Committee. Parliamentarian Amanda Johnson and Brandon also volunteered to assist with the committee.
- Mrs. Susan Aimable provided a listing and itinerary for cruises traveling the Eastern and Western Caribbean in the months of June, July, and August 2013. At least 3 options were presented for Carnival and Royal Caribbean cruise lines. Mrs. Aimable tasked the Chapter to make a decision by the next meeting so she can set a block of rooms, recruit and deposits can be made.

D. Community Service

Amanda Johnson reported on the DC Beautification day that was on August 25th. She also presented the following community service event:

- October 20th – Stop Diabetics 5K Walk @ the National Harbor w/ \$25 registration fee

National News

Centennial Homecoming 2012 is September 23-29. Visit the Homecoming website for more info:

<http://www.tnstate.edu/alumni/homecoming>.

Old School After-Party/ Concert - President Fowler offered the sale of tickets for the Official TSUNAA Homecoming Old School After-Party/ Concert at Opryland Hotel- Presidential Ballroom. The featured artist is the Zapp Band. Tickets are \$35

Informational Items

Rodney Elam will be hosting a game watch party at his house. Everyone is invited to watch the 1st game in the Hole **Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 2pm** (1417 North Carolina Ave NE) Please bring food to share. Donations will be taken at the door for scholarships.

Jekemian Wykle has agreed to reorganize the Chapter's website. You can find it at www.tsuwdc.com. He asked that if you have suggestions, please email him at jekemian.wykle@gmail.com.

Latisha Dennis, Renia Parker, and Jeanita Pritchett were new attendees and were welcomed by those in attendance.

Concerned Corner

Annual Chapter and National dues are due-\$65. Please contact Mrs. Barbara Akins or send in payment to the Chapters P.O. Box.

Adjourned 8:44 p.m.