

Tennessee State University Alumni Association
Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter
MINUTES
General Membership Meeting
April 10th, 2013
Disabled Americans Veterans Building
807 Maine Avenue, SW

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Damien Johnson at 7:23 p.m. We were asked to join hands as Mr. Merriweather led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report

Minutes were read and comments/corrections were noted. Mrs. Barbara Akins motioned to accept the minutes and second by Mr. Merriweather.

Treasurer's Report

Checkbook Balance as of 04/08/2013

Current Balance	\$7508.99
Local Scholarship	\$2900.98
Operating Fund	\$4608.01

Mr. Merriweather informed the body that \$90 is pending from the operating fund for 3 new membership dues.

Mr. Hubert Hamer motioned to accept the report and was seconded by Mr. Harry Taylor subjected to audit.

President's Report

NE Regional – The convention is set for June 29th in Rosslyn, VA at Hyatt Arlington from 10am to 4pm. Registration for the convention is \$70. The cost of the conference space is \$1900 which includes the following: A/V package and mixer, applicable taxes, and 21% gratuity. The space does require a minimum of \$1500 in food and beverages. We currently have 10 rooms locked in with the going rates \$89/night (King) and \$109 (Double). The NE Regional President confirmed that he has at least 8 people booking rooms. A link for the hotel rooms will be provided in the near future.

Dr. Glover confirmed with Kim that she would be attending the convention but it has not been placed on the University calendar. It was recommended that we follow-up with the University to make sure that our conference is placed on her calendar.

The Regionals committee is looking between PayPal and some type of paper trail for collecting registration dues. Mr. Harry Taylor mentioned that those individuals who don't have an email address should receive a registration form in the mail. Mr. Hubert Hamer suggested to consider sending the regional registration through the letter trail campaign. Amanda Johnson informed the body that the letter campaign will begin after the convention.

The regional president will complete the agenda and theme. So far we know that the theme is geared toward membership and should be completed by the end of April. Mr. Harry Taylor recommended that we contact Alumni Association to determine what new tactics other alumni chapters are incorporating at their

conventions. National President Tony Wells noted that since DC is a popular city, we can push our convention and influence other chapters to travel for regional.

Friday night of Regionals the committee is brainstorming a location for a Meet and Greet. Any suggestions please inform the committee.

Pre-Legends weekend Happy Hour – April 18th @ Indulji on U Street (6:30p.m.)

Committee Reports

A. Amenities/Membership

Mrs. Akins noted that all membership dues have been sent for this fiscal year (40 paid members) and she has collected 5 membership dues for the next fiscal year which starts July 1st. In the upcoming fiscal year, chapter dues go up to \$75 (\$45 local and \$30 National). Life members only pay local dues (\$30).

B. Recruitment/Sports

Rodney Elam noted that recruitment for this year is complete. Sadly Rodney indicated that he may be stepping down at the Recruitment Chair.

C. Scholarship/Fundraising

Amanda indicated that the letter campaign meeting will be on April 15th where the committee will be working on the 3 points to devise the letter. LaKita Rowe noted that Lillian will not be returning in the fall to TSU; five students have been contacted to complete an application.

D. Community Service

April 27th – Servathon Community Service 9a.m. to 1p.m.
Team \$145 or Individual \$25/pp

National News

National President Tony Wells reported Legends Weekend (Apr.19th – 21st) – This year alumni chapters will be asking seniors to sign up for there home city's local TSU alumni chapter.

Informational Items

- Picnic – Planning Committee will meet on April 17th to discuss planning, marketing, menu, decorations, and logistics in general.
- Jekemian Wykle will be stepping down as the Webmaster because he is relocating to Arkansas in his work field.

Adjourned 8:33 p.m.