

Tennessee State University Alumni Association
Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter
MINUTES
General Membership Meeting
January 9th, 2013
Disabled Americans Veterans Building
807 Maine Avenue, SW

President Kimberly Fowler called the meeting to order at 7:06 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. Tony Wells.

Treasurer's Report

Checkbook Balance as of 01/08/2013

Current Balance	\$6912.24
Local Scholarship	\$2485.98
Operating Fund	\$4426.28

Mr. Merriweather informed the body that the website had overcharged the account for five months worth of services (since July 12') and he would be looking into the situation. We owe Adopt-A-Family \$48.00 that President Fowler couldn't deliver before the holidays which explains why check #1612 doesn't match up with what has actually been deposited into the account for this project. From the funds that were distributed at November's meeting for the care packages, we were able to support 30 students with care packages and we were refunded \$100 from the university.

Mr. Harry Taylor motioned to accept the report and second by Mr. Leonard Stephens subjected to audit.

President's Report

WDC Chapter Scholarship updates – Lillian Johnson will be applying for the restricted scholarship in the spring. Currently our 2nd restricted funds account (ie book scholarship) is at zero and we will not be closing that account at this time.

2013 Inauguration Reception – January 19th at Dirty Martini from 5pm to 8pm, \$15 to enter this event with a cash bar. January 18th will be the last day to RSVP for this event. www.tsuwdcbigblueaffair.eventbrite.com

March Chapter Event – Drum Line @ Strathmore (Rockville, MD) is a theater event on March 1st at 8pm with live entertainment with music. If we get at least 15 people to attend this event we can lock in tickets between \$25.50 to \$52.50 per person. This group rate is only valid until February 8th. The body decided not to lock in a group rate however we will alert members of this event via email for those who are interested in purchasing tickets individually.

HBCU Alliance Mixer – In replacement of the Wizards vs. Bulls HBCU event at the Verizon Center, the HBCU Alliance decided to host a mixer at the Ruby Tuesday's in Chinatown, January 26th at 6pm. Please come out and support the alliance because the group will receive a percentage of the sales for the night.

Committee Reports

A. Amenities/Membership

Mrs. Barbara Akins noted that we have 32 paid members year to date. Please be mindful that dues are \$65.

B. Recruitment/Sports

Rodney Elam informed the body that college fairs kick-start in February. Please come out and support.

- February 13th – UNCF at Vermont St. Baptist Church, 9am to 2pm
- March 2nd – Albert St Baptist Fair at TC Williams HS, 9am to 2pm

C. Cruise

Susan Aimable reported that the deadline for the deposits for the cruise have been extended to January 31st. Susan has also been receiving correspondences from Facebook from individuals interested in this trip. With 3 already confirmed cabins and the 5 pending from Facebook, we are now at a total of 8 cabins. If by March we do not have 8 cabins, we will have to determine if it's best to proceed with the cruise. Carnival does have a rebate program where if we get 8 cabins or more, they will contribute \$5 per day per cabin into the National Alum 5013c account.

D. Community Service

Amanda Johnson reported that we received a letter from Lakita Rowe's family who we sponsored during the Christmas holiday. Her family was deeply impacted by Superstorm Sandy and through the funds that we collected they were able to buy a new washer/dryer set. It was recommended that this story be included in the Alumni Outreach magazine.

January 19th – MLK Day of Service at the DC Armory from 9 to 11:30 a.m. On this day they will be assisting with creating a thousand care packages for individuals in the military.

National News

National President Tony Wells reported that on November 19th Chancellor Morgan selected the next president of our university, Dr. Glenda Glover. He actually had the opportunity to meet with her alongside fellow alum at B. Smith's in DC. Dr. Glover's first day in office was on January 2nd and on January 7th addressed the staff and made a challenge to each alumni chapter to raise \$50,000 toward the university. To show the university how serious she was about this challenge, she personally donated \$50,000. On January 12th, the Nashville Alumni chapter will hold a reception for Dr. Glover.

This spring they are adding the Legend's Game to the Legend's/ Blue and White weekend (April 19th to 21st) and they are asking that all chapters have at least one representative present for this event. Geared to get alum and prospective students to attend the Legend's weekend, the university has invited the Aristocrat Alum Band and Alum cheerleaders to come back.

Informational Items

Jekemian Wykle has agreed to support the chapter in it's new website reorganization launch.

*** SAVE THE DATE: Chapter Picnic is July 20th at Wheaton Regional Park ***

Adjourned 8:23p.m.