

Tennessee State University Alumni Association
Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter
MINUTES
General Membership Meeting
April 9th, 2014
Disabled Americans Veterans Building
807 Maine Avenue, SW

The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Fowler at 7:12 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. James Ealey motioned to accept the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Edward Merriweather.

Treasurer's Report

Checkbook Balance as of 4/07/2014	
Current Balance	\$10197.82
Local Scholarship	\$5085.41
Operating Fund	\$5112.41

Mrs. Barbara Akins motioned to accept the report and seconded by LaKita Rowe subjected to audit.

President's Report

Amenities/ Membership — President Kimberly Fowler notated that flowers were sent to Nashville for the family of Mrs. Mary Love; her granddaughter, Candace Love, is a member of the local WDC Chapter.

Nomination Committee/Chapter Office Elections – It was notated that chapter elections would be May 14th and nominations for all positions are still open; however, there are person on the ballot for each position. It was encouraged that others submit nominations and to vote. If there are any additional nominations, please give candidates, who are financial, to Brenda Alford.

TSU vs FAMU Bowling Challenge – President Fowler reported on the bowling challenged that was April 12th, 2014 at the AMF in College Park, MD. TSU lost the challenge but it was successful with a lot of TSU members in attendance. She will report the final monetary amount we raised at the next meeting.

HBCU Alliance – 5k Run/2k Walk in June. President Kimberly Fowler mentioned that we will need at least 3 volunteers and if we need to have participants in the race so our revenue increases.

Scholarship/Fundraising – President Fowler reminded everyone about the upcoming Dinner and a movie fundraising event to watch “From the Rough” on 4/26 at the AMC Hoffman. The Chapter has made arrangements with Ruby Tuesdays for a give-back partnership for diners also. We did not have locations or times yet for the movie, but would send out information to the Chapter once it is known.

[Mr. Leonard Stephens mentioned that he spoke to a marketing representative for the movie and TSU who could possibly help promote the event as well as have Coach Starks speak/attend as well]

Committee Reports

A. Amenities/Membership

Wilson Ennis is still in recuperating from an injury after his initial surgery.

Mrs. Akins reported that as of March 31st we have 16 Life Members and 37 Regular Members who are financial.

B. Recruitment/Sports

Recruitment – Brandon reported on the Washington DC FAFSA College Expo held at the UDC campus on March 15th was represented, though it was a small affair. We have secured Jer’Mykeal McCoy and the Akins to participate in the April 10th Thurgood Marshall College fair. Also, our last college fair of the school year is Saturday, May 3rd with the Northern Virginia Urban League and he is soliciting volunteers. *[Mr. Ealey gave mention to the younger alums who are taking the torch on recruiting events.]*

[Mr. Stephens mentioned that TSU representatives could be available to come to some of the events in the DMV area but would need proper advance notification. He mentioned that if we can get them on the books by June/July they could make budgetary adjustments to travel to the area.]

Sports – No Report

C. Scholarship/Fundraising

LaKita Rowe reported that the check for the care packages for DMV students was to be sent after Legends Weekend, per request of Alumni Relations. She also reported that the Chapter was going to do another fundraiser event with Chipotle in May. This fundraiser would give 50% of the proceeds for purchases back to the Chapter.

D. Community Service

Amanda Johnson reported that the Scope It Out 5K volunteering event was a success. We had three representatives from the chapter who volunteered. The next Chapter event would be the 5th Annual Christian Walk Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 8:00-11:30 am (Sponsored by Alfred Street Baptist Church) You can walk 2.75mi 1-way (Shuttle back) or 5.5 mi. r/t to the National Harbor. If you are attending, bring travel size toiletries for their Homeless Ministry Donation.

National News

President Fowler asked if anyone was going to the TSUNAA National Convention in St. Louis, MO from June 19-22 and announced the registration periods for the event including the early bird price that was ending on 4/15. Homecoming is scheduled for September 27th versus FAMU. The host hotel is the Sheraton Music City Hotel and President Fowler asked that everyone save the date and mentioned the email that was sent by alumni relations to sign up for rooms that had been recently released.

[Mr. Stephens stated that the host hotel was sold out but encouraged all to attend]

Concerned Corner

Mr. Stephens stated that the Chapter should be complimented for its job this year with all the activities and initiatives we do for fundraisers. He felt we would be a great contender for Chapter of the Year.

New Member

Tynesha Boomer, class of '06 just relocated from TX

Adjourned 8:05 p.m.