

Tennessee State University Alumni Association  
Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter  
MINUTES  
General Membership Meeting  
April 8th, 2015  
Disabled Americans Veterans Building  
807 Maine Avenue, SW

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Damien Johnson at 7:13 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. Wilson Ennis motioned to accept the minutes and second by Leonard Stephens.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Checkbook Balance as of 04/07/2015

Current Balance	\$17,424.88
Local Scholarship	\$9,708.79
Operating Fund	\$7,316.09

Mr. Merriweather informed the body that check #1676 for the amount of \$400 is outstanding. The chapter has received an acknowledgement letter from the DAV regarding these funds, but the check has not been cleared.

Mr. Ennis inquired where the funds from the dinner dance will be distributed, which will be addressed once the executive board gets the detailed report.

Mr. Stephens also stated that the dinner dance report should consist of an expense and detailed income report. This includes the several sources of income (50/50 raffle, ticket sales, and donations).

The formal outline of funds donated from the dinner dance will be addressed at the May meeting.

Leonard Stephens motioned to accept the report and second by James Ealey subject to audit.

### **President's Report**

(reported by Damien Johnson)

*Chapter Year End* – Reports from each committee are due in May in order to send down the information to nationals by June.

*Endowment* – last meeting the chapter moved to have 10K transferred from restricted to the endowment account. The committee at the university advised two options:

- 1) Do Nothing: the foundation is expanding/changing its guidelines regarding criteria for getting more scholarship recipients.
- 2) Increase funds available per individual: our chapter can recommend how many awards and what amount we want to award to each recipient and send that information to the foundation.

LaKita spoke to Darlene at the university and we currently have seven students who applied for the scholarship and we will reward \$3K to a maximum of two recipients.

Wilson Ennis asked how much are we getting from endowment to apply toward scholarship and he was informed that it's from the interest from the endowment that is applied which varies each year.

Leonard Stephens asked if we knew the steps to move funds from one account to another and Vice President Johnson stated that a letter to the foundation is all that is needed. Leonard Stephens also recommended that we clear up any concerns regarding the interest of the endowment and create a line item showing the exact amount applied from the endowment interest from last year to the treasurer's report.

*HBCU Alliance* – (June 27<sup>th</sup> HBCU 5K Walk/Run) \$40 registration for the event and after May 2<sup>nd</sup> registration increases to \$45. Tickets for the day party is \$10 with registration for the event and \$15 without.

## **Committee Reports**

### **A. Amenities/Membership**

Flowers were sent to the family of Charles Dobson.

Jer'Mykeal McCoy brother passed and a card was sent on behalf of the chapter.

Barbara Akins noted a total of 48 financial members (25 Regular/22 Life/ 1 Associate) for the 14'-15'.

### **B. Recruitment/Sports**

Recruitment – The last event for this year was the Alfred Street college fair.

Sports – No Report

### **C. Scholarship/Fundraising**

Scholarship - Paul Williams informed the body that he was pleased with the attendance and outcome of the dinner dance. The only complaint was that the NE Regional member participation was low.

Fundraising – The chapter is moving forward with fundraising at the FedEx field for this upcoming football season. A survey was sent to the chapter to get an idea of the number of members who are interested in participating in this fundraising event.

June 15th is the tentative date for the upcoming golf tournament.

### **D. Community Service**

No Report

## **National News**

Legends “Coming Home” Weekend (April 10-12 2015) and TSUNAA 5K Race event Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Homecoming

## **Informational**

Tom Joyner Foundation selected TSU as its school of the month for October. It was suggested that we create a challenge for our chapter to make a donation to his foundation and challenge other chapters.

**Adjourned 8:32 p.m.**