

TSU National Alumni Association
Washington, DC Chapter MINUTES
General Membership Meeting
February 11, 2015
Disabled Americans Veterans Building
807 Maine Avenue, SW

President Kimberly Fowler called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. We were asked to join hands as Mr. Merriweather led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report

A correction was made to the minutes. Leonard Stephens motioned to accept the report with the correction, and Wilson Ennis seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report- Checkbook Balance as of 02/06/15

The current balance is \$12,031.83, endowment funds \$113,097.36, restricted funds were \$24,535.40, and local scholarship funds were \$9,708.79. It was suggested that "TSU" be added in front of the word "endowment" so that it is clear that this account is not associated with our local bank account. Brenda Alford motioned to accept the report subject to audit and Harry Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

President's Report

501(c)3 Update- In order to maintain our new designation of tax-exempt (501c3) status, we need to establish policies for reporting and designating funds to the Chapter and Foundation. Damien Johnson agreed to officiate over the development of policies and recordkeeping. For example, the Internal Revenue Service indicated procedure for maintaining good standing. Leonard Stephens indicated that Chapter taxes need to be filed three months after the close of the fiscal year. Discussion focused on documentation of individual contributions. Chapter members need to request a letter for contributions that total \$250 or more.

November Chapter Meeting options- Our meeting date for November will be the annual observation of Veterans Day, and thus the DAV will be closed. We will need to consider another date based on availability of the DAV. Another day during that same week was suggested. President Fowler will check on availability during that week. President Fowler also noted that the annual donation to the DAV is being sent along with our reservation requests.

HBCU Alliance updates-

February 22 is the observed 'HBCU Day' at Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington DC, with Bowie State University choir as the special guest. All are invited to attend either 7:45am or 10:45am services. TSU paraphernalia should be worn.

Committee Reports

Amenities/Membership

No amenities committee report.

Membership Chair, Barbara Akins indicated we have 47 paid chapter members with the deadline of March 30th for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The last payments will be collected at the March 11th meeting to be sent down to TSU. Mail dues to TSU/WDC, P.O. Box 2997, Washington, DC 20013.

Recruitment/ Sports

1. Feb. 18, UNCF Black College Career Day, 9am – 2pm, 1630 Vermont Avenue, NW, DC
2. Feb. 18, Montgomery County PS HBCU Fair, 6 – 8pm, Einstein HS, 11135 Newport Mill Road, Kensington, MD
3. Feb. 21, Alfred Street Baptist Church College Fair, 10am – 3pm, TC Williams HS, Alexandria VA

Recruitment Chair Brandon Foley informed the body that Dr. Clark at TSU will pay the registration fee for the UNCF career fair and submit the registration to Alfred Street Baptist Church since the University is required to be the actual registrant. Brandon will follow-up with the high school to ensure payment has been made.

Scholarship/Fundraising

Susan Amiable provided an update on the dinner dance and urged the table captains to report ticket sales and turn in funds ASAP. All ticket sale monies will be due at the next chapter meeting. Also a souvenir journal is being produced with advertisements, all forms will need to be submitted by March 15th. There is an ability to make payments online for the Dinner dance through the Chapter's website page. When paying/registering for the dance online, provide a name, email address or other contact information. For participants to gain access to the Navy Yard, we will need to provide name, address and driver license information prior to the event.

LaKita Rowe informed the chapter that Student Care packages will be provided for TSU students during the Spring semester. The Foundation requested to have the funds to them by the first week of April, so that they can prepare in advance this year.

Community Service

On February 28, the Chapter will participate in "We Are Family" Columbia Heights Senior Grocery Delivery, Kelsey Apartments, 3322 – 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC. Please come out to support wearing your Blue and White.

National News

The 2016 National TSU Alumni Association Convention will be conducted at the Liaison Hotel-Capitol Hill, Wash, DC June 16-19. A post convention trip to New York City will also be a part of this event. Volunteers are needed, contact Brenda Alford, 301-928-7840, neTSUNAA@gmail.com.

Homecoming is October 17, Legends Weekend is April 10-12. View the revised University website to keep abreast of events and news.

The University has made an urgent request for \$250,000 from the Alumni Association with a short turn-around. This request is to cover TSU students in need of finances to avoid being purged during registration periods. This situation occurs each semester for students who are on the purged list, some owing several hundred and others needing thousands. Considerable discussion about how the Chapter could provide assistance and an example was offered about the School of Engineering initiative. A meeting of the National Alumni Association Board has been established to make recommendations. Harry Taylor is part of the National Committee to recommend a course of action. Suggestions for the Chapter to create a separate fund or account to address this need were discussed. Chapter tabled the discussion until further information is provided.

New Members

The chapter welcomed a new Chapter meeting attendee, Ms. Rhonda Turner, class of 1981. This is her first meeting, however she has participated in community service events in the past.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.