

Tennessee State University Alumni Association  
Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter  
MINUTES  
General Membership Meeting  
January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Disabled Americans Veterans Building  
807 Maine Avenue, SW

President Kimberly Fowler called the meeting to order at 7:08 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. Barbara Akins motioned to accept the minutes and seconded by Paul Williams.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Checkbook Balance as of 01/12/2015	
Current Balance	\$11956.74
Local Scholarship	\$9708.79
Operating Fund	\$1647.95

Damien Johnson indicated that the operating fund should be adjusted on the report to reflect the \$600 for flag football, which was earmarked. This correction changes the operating fund from \$1647.95 to \$2247.95.

Susan Aimable motioned to accept the report and seconded by Wilson Ennis subject to audit.

### **President's Report**

*501c3 Update* – Damien Johnson reports that the chapter received the IRS approval notification in late November for our exemption status.

Leonard Stephens recommended sending a copy of the letter to the national alumni chapter.

Now that our 501(c)3 has been approved, we need the participation of our members to create a strong fundraising initiative for our chapter. Ashleigh Taylor suggested that we create a letter to present to organizations to fund towards our chapter. Also Wilson Ennis suggested that the executive board gets the chapter listed in CFC for 2016. Moving forward the chapter will also mention that we have a 501(c)3 status in any promotions or advertisements.

*Endowment Report Update* – Our endowment raised roughly 9K to our account. The scholarship recipient, Dexter Hooks, received \$457.70 this past 2012-13 Spring semester. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, our scholarship will be available for more possible recipients.

Mr. Leonard Stephens informed the body that the foundation is moving our interest from the endowment to our spending fund, which will help to get chapters to increase their endowment. Now that we have a 501(c)3 any donations to the chapter can be sent to the foundation, however the funds won't be credited as the individual supporting the University.

Moving forward, the board has to determine a system of how we will receive donations in the future.

*HBCU Alliance Update* – Walk, Race, Zumba event will be on June 27<sup>th</sup> at Howard University due to their being no cost to hold the event there. The price to participate has yet to be determined.

## **Committee Reports**

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

By way of Dr. Kinnard, the body was informed that fellow alum Clementine King passed away in December.

Barbara Akins informed the body that we had 39 paid members (20 Life, 18 Regular, and 1 Associate) and since the start of the meeting 2 additional dues were paid.

Leonard Stephens strongly encouraged the body to become life members.

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

Recruitment – UNCF Black College Career Day @ 1630 Vermont Avenue (Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>) 9am-2pm  
Alfred Street Baptist Church (Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>) 9am-3pm

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

President Fowler informed the body that the Fall student care packages were distributed and the check cashed.

Fundraising (Dinner Dance) – Susan Aimable noted that the Dinner Dance is tentatively scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Navy Yard. In order for this event to move forward, we have to have a minimum of 210 tickets sold. The deadline to determine if it is feasible to move forward is February 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **National News**

National convention committee has decided that the Liaison Capitol Hill hotel will be the location with a rate of \$160/night.

## **New Members**

\* Ashleigh Taylor (Class of 12')

**Adjourned 8:25 p.m.**