

Tennessee State University Alumni Association Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter  
General Membership Meeting  
MINUTES ~ June 17, 2015  
Disabled Americans Veterans Building  
807 Maine Avenue, SW

The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Fowler at 7:16 p.m. We were led in prayer by President Fowler.

**In Attendance:**

Barbara Akins	Hubert Hamer
William Akins	Katrina Harris
Cameron A. Barron	Damien Johnson
Gary Dupree	LaKita Rowe
James Ealey	Harry W. Taylor
Brandon Foley	Shana Venson
Dr. Kimberly Fowler	Tony Wells

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes were read and comments/corrections were noted. Mrs. Barbara Akins motioned to accept the minutes and was seconded by Cameron A. Barron.

**Treasurer's Report**

Checkbook Balance as of 06/10/2015	
Current Balance	\$14,463.40
Local Scholarship	\$7,308.79
Operating Fund	\$7154.27

After a brief discussion, Ms. LaKita Rowe motioned to accept the report and seconded by Mr. Harry W. Taylor subject to audit.

**President's Report**

*2015-16 Budget review/proposal*— Vice President Damien Johnson gave a report on the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year and how the chapter did previously. After going through each line item, Mr. Huber Hamer motioned to accept the report and seconded by Mr. James Ealey.

*Founder's Day Happy Hour* — President Fowler reported that there are various campaigns going on for Founder's Day which includes a text campaign for \$10 with a \$100k match by an anonymous donor. Also, there will be a Happy Hour held at The Park at 14<sup>th</sup> St. from 6-8pm on 6/19/2015 hosted by the Chapter.

*HBCU Alliance Updates* — President Kimberly Fowler noted that the HBCU Alliance race was upcoming and there is a need for 3 volunteers to participate in any capacity from bag packing to race day activities. The race is June 27, 2015 with a Day party and Scholarship application deadline was May 30. All information can be found on the HBCU Alliance website [www.dchbcu.org](http://www.dchbcu.org).

*National Convention 2016* — President Fowler voiced a need for volunteers for the upcoming National Alumni Convention. There was general discussion regarding the Convention and what role the local Chapter played. The body discussed the possibility of doing a dinner dance during this time to generate funds as well.

## **Committee Reports**

*Amenities/ Membership* — Mrs. Akins mentioned that membership could start paying dues for the new fiscal year now which starts July 1. Mentioned fees associated: Life \$45/ Regular \$75

*Recruitment/Sports* – No report

*Picnic/Welcome Reception* — President Fowler and Ms. Katrina Harris discussed the upcoming plans for our annual picnic. President Fowler mentioned the number of students & families that rsvp'd and Katrina spoke about the menu, cost, etc. The picnic will convene at the same location at Wheaton Park from 12-5 on July 11th.

*Scholarship/Fundraising* – Ms. LaKita Rowe reported that we plan to do a pancake breakfast in support of TSUnified breakfast initiative in August to meet the Aug. 30 deadline for Dr. Glover's \$50k challenge.

- *Golf Tournament* – This year's event was held at the Montclair Country Club in VA there was not a formal report ready at this time; however, Mr. Hubert Hamer reported that there was \$100 received at the meeting and 6 additional patrons. There were 10 teams this year and approximately \$2416.13 was spent.
- *Macy's Savings Pass Fundraiser*- President Fowler reported that we will be selling Macy's shopping passes for \$5 each starting at the Annual picnic. All proceeds will generate 100% profit.
- *Fedex/Centerplate Fundraising* – President Fowler reported that we will not move forward with this initiative due to low commitment.

*Community Service*-No report

## **National News**

The TSUNAA is celebrating 100 years and the NE Regional meeting that was to be held June 27-28 in Newport News, VA has been postponed to October 31. Hotel accommodations have not changed at this time. Mr. Tony Wells reported that every region should host a meeting/activity during the convention as a kickoff on the Thursday before the convention to help generate interest.

Mr. Wells also mentioned that the Chapter is very close to achieving Dr. Glover's \$50k challenge. It is estimated that we are around \$29,817 towards the goal. He expressed ways to achieve this goal and was optimistic that the Chapter would make it.

Mr. Wells also reported on upcoming 2015 Homecoming initiatives to bring homecoming back to the campus. Due to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the TSUNAA, all past Alumni Directors will be leading the homecoming parade this year. Also, Dr. Glover's 50/50 Challenge top achievers will be announced at the homecoming gala.

## **Concerned Corner**

There will be no meetings during the month of July & August. See everyone September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourned 8:44 p.m.**