

Tennessee State University Alumni Association Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter
General Membership Meeting
MINUTES ~ May 13, 2015
Disabled Americans Veterans Building
807 Maine Avenue, SW

The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Fowler at 7:14 p.m. We were asked to join hands as Mr. Edward Merriweather led us in prayer.

In Attendance:

William Akins	Dr. Jendayi Hogan
Brenda Alford	Damien Johnson
Gary Dupree	Dr. Matthew Kinnard
James Ealey	Edward Merriweather & Wife
Wilson Ennis	LaKita Rowe
Dr. Kimberly Fowler	Leonard Stephens
Katrina Harris	Paul Williams

Secretary's Report

Minutes were read and comments/corrections were noted. Mr. Leonard Stephens motioned to accept the minutes and was seconded by Dr. Matthew Kinnard.

Treasurer's Report

Checkbook Balance as of 05/13/2015	
Current Balance	\$14,594.97
Local Scholarship	\$7,208.79
Operating Fund	\$10,886.18

During the Treasurer's report it was notated that a donation came in from the dinner dance for \$100 and \$30 for membership dues. Mr. Merriweather will reach out to the alum for the difference in dues required. The \$100 check for the dinner dance will be placed in the Endowment fund. After a brief discussion, Mr. Gary Dupree motioned to accept the report and it was seconded by Mr. Edward Merriweather subject to audit.

President's Report

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 of May 30th. All information can be found on the HBCU Alliance website www.dchbcu.org.

Committee Reports

Amenities/ Membership — President Kimberly Fowler noted that a card was sent to TSUNAA President and local WDC Chapter member Tony Wells in the loss of his Aunt. President Fowler also spoke on behalf of the group who went to the homegoing service of Dr. Levi Watkins. She stated the local Chapter was very well represented. Another member from the area had also passed and was acknowledged.

Recruitment/Sports – No report

Scholarship/Fundraising – LaKita Rowe reported that she has submitted her two nominations for the WDC Chapter's scholarship for the upcoming school term. Out of seven applicants, she selected returning student

Dexter Hooks and new student Julian Robinson, a local Baltimore student. These students will get a maximum of \$1500 for the year at a total of \$3,000 for both students.

- *WDC Chapter Dinner Dance*- Paul Williams reported on the dinner dance and everyone was given a written report with a summary of the event and the final financial report. It was also reiterated that the \$100 check donation will be added to the final total. While a successful event, Vice President Damien Johnson commented on the report and recommended to be committed to a strong number or a better job with selling the tickets, if we desire to have another dance in 2016. He stated to look at the historical data to project numbers and move forward with the lowest risk.

Vice President Johnson also recommended that the Chapter earmark monies for a down payment for upfront payment, if we decide to move forward. President Fowler also mentioned that the committee should start planning ahead now or at least this summer for the next dance and include a budget.

Paul suggested to have the dinner dance during the National Convention. There was a discussion of possibly moving it to 2017 because of the work needed for the convention. However, Katrina Harris recommended not holding off on the dinner dance and suggested we reach out to people in the area now through various methods to get assistance with both events. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting for more participation and input.

- *Golf Tournament* – a reminder was given in regards to the upcoming golf tournament on June 15th. All members were urged to participate or donate time/monies to the event which is being held at a new location this year. This year event will be held at the Montclair Country Club in VA and to contact Hubert Hamer for more information.
- *Fedex/Centerplate Fundraising* – President Fowler reported that we will move forward with this initiative with the help of FAMU. Efforts to get a training and volunteer schedule out to the body will be completed soon.

Community Service-No report

National News

The TSUNAA is celebrating 100 years and a handout was given to support this initiative as well as the upcoming NE Regional meeting. The event will be held June 27-28 in Newport News, VA and the hotel RSVP is due by May 30th. Committee members are looking for ways to advertise to increase attendance.

Concerned Corner

The June meeting may be rescheduled due to the absence of both President Fowler and Vice President Johnson; a communication will be sent out with an update.

New Member

Jendayi Hogan was presented by Mr. Ealey as a recent May 2015 PH.D. graduate of Physical Therapy. She just relocated back to the DC area from Nashville, TN.

Adjourned 8:34 p.m.