

Tennessee State University Alumni Association Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter  
General Membership Meeting  
MINUTES ~ October 14, 2015  
Disabled Americans Veterans Building  
807 Maine Avenue, SW

The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Fowler at 7:17 p.m. We were led in prayer by Mr. Edward Merriweather.

**In Attendance:**

James Ealey	Edward Merriweather & Wife
Brandon Foley	LaKita Rowe
Dr. Kimberly Fowler	Jocelyn Smith
Damien Johnson	Nashon Bigham
Jer'Mykeal McCoy	Tony Wells

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes were read and comments/corrections were noted. Brandon Foley motioned to accept the minutes and was seconded by LaKita Rowe.

**Treasurer's Report**

Checkbook Balance as of 10/14/2015

Current Balance	\$13,589.68
Local Scholarship	\$7,324.92
Operating Fund	\$6264.76

Mr. Merriweather reported on the Treasurer's Report. After a brief discussion, Jer'Mykeal McCoy motioned to accept the report and seconded by Tony Wells subject to audit.

**President's Report**

*HBCU Alliance Updates* — President Kimberly Fowler noted that the HBCU Alliance race net yield for TSU was \$422, which could increase as payment accounting is updated. Checks have not been distributed yet. We had 7 participants run the race. This year the Alliance received enough sponsorships to cover the cost of the race, which meant that all monies collected were able to be passed on to the alumni associations and coverage of administrative cost. It will be important for the chapter to participate in future activities in order to reap substantial benefits.

The FAMU/ TSU game watch on Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at Crystal City Sports Bar was a success in building comradery and fellowship with the FAMU-DC alumni association. TSU was the Victor!

*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.

## **Committee Reports**

*Amenities/ Membership* — No amenities or membership updates were given. President Fowler gave an update on Tiffany Fears, who happened to reach out before the meeting. Tiffany is back in town, but still travelling due to business that needs attending. She plans to get back involved with the chapter very soon. A plant will be delivered to Tiffany Fears from the Chapter in the next week.

*Recruitment/Sports* – Brandon Foley attended the Dunbar High School fair that was held. Other upcoming fairs were listed on the meeting agenda.

The Chapter's Flag Football team is doing well and has only lost one game. The schedule was listed on the agenda.

*Scholarship/Fundraising* – No report. Unsure of our 50/50 Challenge financial status.

*Community Service*- Ms. LaKita Rowe reported that we will have our annual Give Back Happy Hour in November, to collect canned goods for a local shelter. More details will be coming out soon.

## **National News**

The NE Regional meeting that was to be held June 27-28 in Newport News, VA will be held on October 31. Hotel accommodations have not changed at this time. Registration is open.

Mr. Wells 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**

The November meeting will on November 4<sup>th</sup>, due to the Veteran's Day holiday on our normal scheduled date.

**Adjourned 8:15 p.m.**