

Tennessee State University National Alumni Association- Washington, DC Chapter

Meeting Minutes 9/8/15

The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Fowler at 7:13 pm. Damian Johnson said an opening prayer. In Attendance: Brenda Alford, Barbara Akins, William Akins, Nahshon Bigham, Billy Cain, Douglas Crocker, James Ealey, Brandon Foley, Kimberly Fowler, Katrina Harris, Damien Johnson, Jer'Mykeal McCoy, & Jocelyn Smith

Secretary's Report

Minutes were read and comments/corrections were made. The only correction noted was in the last paragraph on page 2 " all past Alumni Directions" was amended to read "all past Alumni Directors and past National Presidents". Motion to accept was made by Barbara Akins and seconded by Brenda Alford.

Treasurer's Report

Damien Johnson reviewed and explained the report due to the absence of Ed Merriweather. The motion to accept the report was made by Billie Cain and seconded by William Akins.

President's Report

Kimberly highlighted the following items.

1. Golf Fundraiser-Kimberly thanked Hubert Hamer for being the coordinator and making all the arrangements. A written detailed report was passed out. The final summary is: net profit was \$2,516.13 (5 individual checks totaling \$520.00 were mailed to TSU Foundation) Leaving \$1,996.13 that was deposited in the chapter account and earmarked to be used for Matching Funds.

2. Bowling Challenge TSU/FAMU

Written report submitted. Number of tickets sold 22, net profits \$314.18, giving each chapter \$157.09.

3. TSUnified Brunch

Held 8/22/15 at Applebee's Largo MD. (Written report submitted) tickets sold 23, net profit \$285.35 (including \$30 for the Macy's Savings pass). Therefore, \$255.35 was sent to TSU as the chapter's donation.

The most important recommendation related to ALL our fundraising activities is that we must improve our marketing strategies and have a person assigned/dedicated to work in this area.

TSUNAA National Convention 2016:

The National Convention is scheduled to be held June 16th - 19th, 2016 in Washington DC. We need local volunteers to chair or work on the following committees: Program, Registration, Sponsorship, and the DC Chapter event. There has been discussion about including the local chapter event in the full registration fee. No decision has been made at this time.

The President was complimented on presenting such a detailed report.

Committee Reports

Amenities:

Tiffany Fear's mother passed in August. She lived in Georgia. A card was sent, a more substantial remembrance will be given soon. Matthew Kinnard reported the passing of a former chapter member, however, he did not have any contact information so we were unable to send an acknowledgment.

Membership:

Barbara Akins reported that dues was sent to Nashville for 16 members for this year (life 8, regular 6, associate 1, complimentary 1) Our annual chapter fee of \$125.00 was also paid. One additional person at the meeting paid her dues

Recruitment:

Brandon Foley gave a listing of upcoming College Fairs and asked for volunteers to assist in covering some of the events.

Sports:

Flag Football schedule was shared (it was also sent out via email). He made a request for support from those present to come out and attend a game.

TSU and FAMU DC Alumni Chapters will have a watch party for the football game on September 27th. The exact location and time will be sent via email.

Annual Picnic:

Katrina Harris reported that 53 persons attended the picnic. 6 of the 53 in attendance were students. A written financial report was submitted. It was pointed out that the picnic is not a fundraiser, rather an appreciation activity for the members. Therefore, a line item is included in our budget.

Community Services:

No report, however, the announcement was made that we need a new chair for this committee.

National News

Homecoming Oct. 11th-17th on TSU campus.

Northeast Regional meeting Oct 31st, Marriott Hotel Newport News VA. Brenda Alford talked about the activities scheduled and that registration is now open. (\$75.00 for members & \$85.00 for non-members)

Announcements

Announcements of interest were made, including the acknowledgement of 3 new alumni: Nashon Bigham, Jocelyn Smith, and Douglas Crocker.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Notes taken by Barbara Akins