

Tennessee State University Alumni Association Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter
General Membership Meeting
MINUTES ~ February 10, 2016
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 Mr. Edward Merriweather

In Attendance:

William & Barbara Akins	Edward Merriweather & Wife
James Ealey	LaKita Rowe
Brandon Foley	Leonard Stephens
Dr. Kimberly Fowler	Harry Taylor
Damien Johnson	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 Mr. Leonard Stephens.

Treasurer's Report

Checkbook Balance as of 2/10/2016

Current Balance	\$12,130.03
Local Scholarship	\$7,523.15
Operating Fund	\$4,606.88

Mr. Merriweather reported on the Treasurer's Report. After a brief discussion, it was recommended for Mr. Merriweather to add the date on the report for the Endowment and Restricted fund accounts. Mr. Stephens motioned to accept the report and was seconded by Mr. James Ealey subjected to audit.

Further discussion was held and Mr. Harry Taylor motioned to move funds of \$2500 from the Local fund to the Endowment designated just for those whose employers had matching programs. It was seconded by Mr. Stephens.

President's Report

President Fowler reported on the following:

National Convention 2016 — President Fowler reported on the progress of the national convention along with the rates of the registration fee and that the hotel was open for registration with the code TSU. She also asked about soliciting ads for the souvenir journal along with a need for volunteers to assist with planning/serving. President Fowler also asked the Chapter if they wanted to set aside funds for the Reception before the Friday event. Mr. Stephens suggested that each person give \$5 per 20 people to raise funds.

Further discussion by the Chapter included the price of the registration fee, conference topics and ways to get people involved. Mr. Taylor asked the Chapter if they thought having a job fair would be of interest at the National Convention; the Body stated no. Also, Mr. Ealey mentioned that his church Metropolitan AME Church could be the "host" church for Sunday service for those who are still in the area for the National Convention on Sunday.

Committee Reports

Amenities/ Membership — Mrs. Akins reported that there was one additional membership payment since the last meeting and a person who paid their local dues for two years. She also mentioned if anyone hasn't paid for their dues to do so early enough so the funds will be sent to the University by March 31st to be eligible to vote in the upcoming local and national elections in June. Ms. LaKita Rowe mentioned the date in the newsletter was set for March 15th.

Recruitment/Sports – Brandon Foley reported that we will not be able to participate in the Montgomery County PS Fair @ Paint Branch High School on February 17th. However, we will have representation on the 17th at the UNCF Black College/Career Day held at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church and the Alfred Street Baptist sponsored college fair held at TC Williams held on February 20th. There was solicitation for additional volunteers since these are very large fairs. Mr. Tony Wells mentioned that he receive an email that the Aristocrats of Bands would also be in the area during this week recruiting at local high schools and the even held at TC Williams. Mr. Ealey expressed his concerns regarding support of the recruiting efforts and asked for more support. He also emphasized again that we should add a digital picture book at events to attract younger people.

Scholarship/Fundraising -- No report

Community Service- President Fowler reported that the Chapter is invited to participate in the DCHBCU's community service initiative at the DC Central Kitchen March 1st from 5-8 with the deadline to sign-up February 19th.

National News

TSUNAA President Tony Wells reported on the changes with the Tennessee Board of Regents' new structure with the Universities under its current umbrella and the impact to TSU with the bill HB2578 which goes into effect July 1st. He encouraged everyone to support the school with the changes and stay on top of it. There was several minutes of discussion from all who were in attendance and they voiced their thoughts on how this bill would impact TSU.

Concerned Corner

Hosting or volunteer for Chapter Activities

Adjourned:

Minutes taken by: LaKita E. Rowe, Corresponding Secretary