

Tennessee State University Alumni Association Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter  
General Membership Meeting  
MINUTES ~ March 9, 2016  
Disabled Americans Veterans Building  
807 Maine Avenue, SW

The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Fowler at 7:07 p.m. We were led in prayer by Mr. Edward Merriweather

**In Attendance:**

Susan Aimable	Hubert Hamer	Tony Wells
William & Barbara Akins	John Hill	Paul Williams
Nashon Bigham	Damien Johnson	
Kimberly Cannon	DeKarra Johnson	
Wilson Ennis	Edward & Clematean Merriweather	
Brandon Foley	LaKita Rowe	
Dr. Kimberly Fowler	Jocelyn Smith	

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes were read and comments/corrections were noted. Mrs. Barbara Akins motioned to accept the minutes and was seconded by Ms. Kimberly Cannon.

**Treasurer's Report**

Checkbook Balance as of 3/09/2016	
Current Balance	\$9835.12
Local Scholarship	\$2033.15
Operating Fund	\$4801.97

Mr. Merriweather reported on the Treasurer's Report. Ms. LaKita Rowe motioned to accept the report and was seconded by Mr. Wilson Ennis subjected to audit.

**President's Report**

President Fowler reported on the following:

*National Convention 2016* — President Fowler reported on the progress of the national convention. Further discussion by the Chapter included the price of the registration fee and booking the hotel with the code. The site doesn't give dates for registration deadlines and the rate for the hotel. Mrs. Akins asked about the price of the registration and Mr. Akins asked about the hotel code not working for the hotel. President Fowler mentioned that the registration was open but not published and that the hotel rooms have not been released on the site, as to why there may have been some issues with booking. She mentioned that you can contact the hotel but may not be able to book online. There was commentary regarding the high cost for the convention overall.

She also mentioned the National Election and information sent out to the Chapter regarding persons who are running for National positions. However, there was not any knowledge of the process.

Mrs. Susan Aimable further discussed the rate for Convention vendors would be \$125 per day or a flat rate of \$300. She also solicited for the Silent Auction.

Mr. Hubert Hamer reported on his findings for moving the Annual Golf Tournament from Monday to the Thursday during the convention. He informed the Chapter of two options: Langston and Haynes Point. These

locations are within the Convention area but not the greatest of choices. Discussion was held on how to solicit interest during the registration process before solidifying the location.

### **Committee Reports**

*Amenities/ Membership* — Mrs. Akins reported that there are currently 48 members who are financial up to this date. She also mentioned if anyone hasn't paid for their dues to do so by 3/15 so she will have enough time to submit to the University by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Recruitment/Sports* – Mr. Brandon Foley reported that he and Mr. Ealey attended the UNCF Black College/Career Day held at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church. He also reported that he and other alums attended the Alfred Street Baptist sponsored college fair held at TC Williams. One student who filled out the application, Brandon delivered to TSU for processing. There was discussion on the overall process and the issue with onsite admissions not being provided by Dr. Clark's team. The AOB was also in attendance at this fair.

*Scholarship/Fundraising* -- No report

*Community Service*- No Report

### **National News**

TSUNAA President Tony Wells reported the Legends/Coming Home Weekend and the increase in support as well as participation. He also reported on the pros and cons that will impact TSU if the bill HB2578 is passed. He spoke on the School vs Representative Harold Love's perspectives. He encouraged everyone again to become familiar with the Bill and the process before it is processed and approved.

### **Concerned Corner**

Hosting or volunteering for Chapter Activities.

**Adjourned: 8:09p**

**Minutes taken by:** LaKita E. Rowe, Corresponding Secretary