

Tennessee State University Alumni Association Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter
General Membership Meeting
MINUTES ~ January 11th, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Andrea Warren at 7:11 p.m.

In Attendance:

Dr. Kimberly Fowler	Gerry Dupree
William & Barbara Akins	Andrea Warren
DeKarra Johnson	
Brandon Foley	
Hubert Hamer	
Damien Johnson	

Secretary's Report

Minutes were read and comments/corrections were noted.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not present at the January meeting. A PayPal payment from Brenda Alfred was moved into the chapter's bank account.

President's Report

President Warren reported that Meetings are resumed at the DAV going forward, and have been scheduled at the DAV through the year. Updates on 2016 end of year events included a successful Christmas Party and game-watch events.

We received an updated endowment report, where the report was read during the meeting.

Information on the upcoming Big Blue 5k Run/Walk was presented. The Race is to take place on April 8, 2017, with an early bird registration cost of \$25 available until 2/28/17. Regular registration at \$35 beginning 3/1/17. Registration website is <https://racesonline.com/events/big-blue-tiger-5k-run-walk>.

Summer Picnic 2017: looking at the weekends of 7/7/17 and 7/14/17 to hold the event. Rock Creek Park, Wheaton Regional, and a PG County park location to be researched to host the picnic.

Committee Reports

Amenities/ Membership —Mrs. Barbara Akins reported that dues for 22 members were sent to Nationals. We have 8 life members, 13 regular and 1 associate. Dues for 4 additional life members to be sent to Nashville within the next weeks' time.

Recruitment/Sports —The chapter represented at the Jack and Jill Easter Region Teen Leadership Summit HBCU Fair this past 1/14/17, which was a success. Mr. Brandon Foley reported that the chapter has been registered for the upcoming Alfred Street HBCU Fair on 2/18/17 from 10A – 3p, to take place at T.C. Williams High School.

Revision/correction of an announcement in the past minutes from 11/9/2016: “Announced was the upcoming Thurgood Marshall Conference, which is scheduled for November 18-22, and will include visiting TSU students. Discussion on hosting the pizza party at the DC Hilton hotel Saturday, November 19th, for a short meet

and greet from 6:30-8:00pm. It was motioned by Mr. Harry Taylor and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Akins to spend \$150 on the event. The vote was carried and moved that the budget would be \$150.”

Scholarship/Fundraising:

- Golf Tournament 2016 – Mr. Hubert Hamer reported that not many individuals from the convention attended the Golf Tournament. The event profited \$3,000. Assistance with attracting sponsors and non-golfers was requested.
- Cabaret – Interest for a spring scholarship event has moved from a dinner dance to a Cabaret, due to there being issues in the past with selling-out the space, change in group interest, and difficulty in committing to a whole table. For a cabaret, individuals would bring their own refreshments, the atmosphere is casual, and there would be less commitment in not having to provide food for individuals. Anticipated in a venue would be that it would provide setup, and the Chapter would charge an entrance fee. Open to suggestion are options/ideas for a venue. Dr. Kim Fowler suggested a home that North Carolina A&T has available, and says that she will inquire with the local NCA&T chapter.

Community Service- President Warren reported that the Thanksgiving Give-Back 2016 event did not have a great turnout, which could have been affected by frigid weather at the time of the event.

Announced as a reminder was the HBCU Alumni Alliance community service event, scheduled for 2/4/17. The HBCU Alumni Alliance will partner with the Capital Area Food Bank (4900 Puerto Rico Ave, NE, WDC 20017) to assist with packing and/or sorting donated food. There are 25 slots for the 9am – 12pm shift, and 25 slots for the 1pm – 4pm shift. Email Melanie Countee at countee.melanie@gmail.com to sign-up.

National News

The Upcoming Big Blue 5k Run/Walk was reiterated.

Informational Items

- HBCU Alumni Alliance Gala: to be held on 9/8/17 and the cost is \$125. The event is to be held at the National Women’s Museum. Midnight Star will be a featured performing artist, with other entertainment to include a Dj. Marriott is the host hotel.
- HBCU Alumni Alliance STEM Conference: to be held on 4/29/17. The Alliance is looking for volunteers in STEM fields. Partially sponsored by Kaiser Permanente.
- Spelman College Tour: Spelman hosting a college tour this spring that will travel to TSU, Fisk, and the states of North Carolina and Georgia.

Concerned Corner

A reminder that 2016/17 Annual Chapter/National dues are \$75. See Mrs. Barbara Akins, P.O. Box 2997, WDC 20013, or PayPal to chapter email above.

Minutes taken by: Andrea K. Warren, President.