Tennessee State University Alumni Association
Washington, D. C. Metro Chapter
Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Location: DAV Building, 807 Maine Ave., SW, WDC 20024

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM. Attendees included:

Barbara Akins          Damien Johnson
Bill Akins             Dekarra Johnson
James Ealey           LaKita Rowe
Brandon Foley        Ashleigh Tillman
Kimberly Fowler     Harry Tyler
Charita Mayo

- Kimberly Fowler said the opening prayer.

II. Secretary’s Report

–Reviewed and accepted by Kimberly Fowler, Seconded by Barbara Akins for the recommended updates to the October meeting minutes.

III. Treasurer’s Report

—Provided to Chapter members in attendance. Ending balance was $14,205.22 which included funds received from the Golf Tournament fundraiser. Accepted by Barbra Akins and seconded by Kimberly Fowler subject to audio.

IV. President’s Report

Madam President Lakita Rowe reported as follows:

- The President commented that the Thurgood Marshall Institute Meet & Greet was successful, 6 out of the 7 TSU students was able to attend, pizza was served.

- The President advised that alumni chapter assessment was paid and we received a refund of $25.00 for overpayment.

- Reported on upcoming HBCU Alliance upcoming meeting and events for the 2018/19 year. The President stated that the 5K Run had 15 participants and a total donation from the chapter of $33.17, the race raised $589.07. - The Soiree had a total donation of $61.07, the WDC will be receiving $683.29 in the mail. - The HBCU Alumni Alliance in partnership with Kaiser Permanente is hosting a STEM Career Day on Saturday, April 27, 2019. They need persons in Engineering and the Medical fields to be workshop leaders. If you are interested, please contact the chapter.

- Chapter Christmas Party dates and locations were discussed with a tentative date of Saturday, December 8. Possible locations discussed were Smith Commons, Jasper’s and Dave & Buster’s. Additional information will be shared once confirmed.

- Chapter may be hosting a small meet and greet with the TSU basketball team before they play against Coppin State University. President is waiting on a response from the coach.
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V. Committee Reports
   a. Amenities/Membership: Barbara Akins reported 28 paid members for the 2018/2019 calendar year which included 15 Lifetime memberships and 13 regular,
   b. Recruitment/Sports-Discussion was held regarding the Henry A. Wise Fair that was attended by alums and President reported on the upcoming AKA and APA College Fairs
   c. Scholarship/ Fundraising -The President commented that the Annual Gold Tournament was a success, raising nearly $4000.00 in scholarship funds.
   d. Community Service-November Give back (St. Ann’s)
      -Donations of non-perishable items were collected for the St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families. Proposal to donate $100.00 on the behalf of the chapter was opened to the floor. Harry Tyler was the first to motion. Ashleigh Tillman seconded the motion.
      -Volunteers are needed for the Ronald McDonald House Toy Drive on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

VI. National News
   -All chapters are asked to submit a get-well card for the TSU football player, Christion Abercrombie.
   -Members brainstormed strategies for increasing chapter membership and integrating members from the Young Alumni Network into the WDC.

VII. Informational Items/Upcoming Events- None reported

VIII. Concerned Corner
   -President reminded the group that volunteer interest, fundraiser ideas, and activity hosting is needed for the current year, please contact the President if you have any ideas or information to share.
   -2018-2019 Annual Chapter/National dues of $75 are due now. Deadline for this fiscal year is 1/31/2019. Please see Barbara Akins, mail P.O. Box 2997, WDC, 20013, or PayPal to chapter email above.
   -Next meeting January 9, 2018 (Possible conference call).

IX. Adjournment
   -The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.