

**UNL Parents Association Spring Meeting**  
**April 6, 2013**  
**202 Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center**

Meeting called to order at 11:06 a.m. by Timothy Draftz.

1. Introductions

Attendees: Timothy & Lori Alvarez, Timothy & Susan Draftz,  
Juan N. Franco, Mike & Kris Haller,  
Tonda Humphress, Robin Keralis, Dick & Kaylene Luedtke,  
Edith Matteson, Susan Simon,

2. UNL Update - Dr. Juan N. Franco, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

\*Good news/Bad news: The good news is that we are setting up a Food Bank to begin serving UNL students at the Lutheran Student Center. The bad news is that there is a need for this, as many students struggle with expenses & basic needs (sometimes even sleeping in their cars). AmeriCorps will help with staffing the UNL Food Bank site.

\*Student Veterans Program: A task force has been set up to find ways to better serve our student veterans.

\*Character Campaign: going well.

\*New residence hall: Gorgeous! UNL housing must compete with private housing options.

\*Financial Literacy Program: Has won 2 national awards. Great! The director is also working with high school juniors & seniors.

\*Remodeling of City Union: Architects are looking at options. The first phase will be the R Street entry, since it currently gives a poor first impression to visitors.

\*Health Center: Regents have delayed the privatizing decision until June 7th.

\*A new public/private building which will include parking, retail and apartments is now being constructed at 18th & R Streets.

3. UNL Parents Association Active Member Recruitment/Participation - Timothy Alvarez

\*Facebook page seems to be going well.

\*What can be done to improve the UNL Parents Association website?  
Maybe add an easier way for parents to get involved?

4. Minutes from the February 8, 2013, meeting were distributed and approved without changes.

5. Treasurer's Report - Kaylene Luedtke, Treasurer

Assets: \$19,115.29

Liabilities (projected): \$10,765.00

Net worth: \$8,350.29

Current General Account Balance: \$2,791.57

Current Raffle Account Balance: \$16,323.72

\*Tonda researched and cleaned up several old grants from 2010 & 2011, which reduced the projected liabilities by about \$1,500.

\*Kaylene is still working on getting bank fees refunded.

\*Treasurer's Report was approved without changes.

## 6. Parents Association Grant Funded Projects

- \*Many grant winners have expressed their gratitude for recently awarded grants.
- \*About \$5,000 is awarded per year.
- \*Impact statements are required.

## 7. Healthy Care Package Options

- \*The University Bookstore does offer care packages for students.
- \*University Housing has a contract with one company to provide care packages to students at specific times of the academic year.
- \*Many companies imply they are affiliated with UNL but are not actually endorsed by the University.
- \*Continuing to look into it.

## 8. Outstanding Student Leadership Award

Winners will be announced at the April 26th dinner.

## 9. Parents Weekend will be September 27-29, 2013

- \*Parent volunteers are needed.
- \*Information is available on the website. Registration fee is \$60 per person again.
- \*Silent Auction: Need someone to be in charge.
- \*Meeting with Lincoln tourism people for ideas & possibly working together.
- \*Perhaps a tour of the new arena will be an option?

## 10. Big Red Road Show was March 3, 2013

A good location encouraged many parents to visit the Parents Association booth.

## 11. Upcoming events

- \*NSE: during June & July.
- \*Residence Hall Welcome: Likely August 22 & 23. Parents can volunteer to hand out water & Parents Association cards.
- \*Big Red Welcome: Likely August 25. Parents can volunteer to help at the Parents Association booth, handing out Big Red gum, Academic Calendar cards, and Parents Weekend flyers.

## 12. Summer Meeting Date

- \*Possible dates are June 29 or July 13.
- \*Hopefully will be held on campus, with grilling or a potluck meal as options.
- \*Dr. Franco will provide the ice cream!
- \*Information will be posted when available.

## 13. Other Business

- \*UNL Parents Association electronic newsletter is available to those who sign up for it.
- \*UNL Alert System has been changed so parents must sign up again to receive UNL alerts.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by Robin Keralis, acting secretary.