

Minutes from meeting of UNL Parents Association
April 15, 2006

Members present: Charlene Venenga, Marla Thompson, Steve and Barb Ferris, Carl and Holly Jo Kurtz; Jody Jacobi; Richard and Kaylene M. Luedtke, Chris Cary, Barbara Buies; and Barb Wright Chollet, Jim Griesen, and Tonda Humphress.

President Steve Ferris called the meeting to order at 10:07.

Minutes

The Meetings of the October 8, 2005 meeting were read and approved.

The minutes for the January 27, 2006 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

Total Assets:	\$12,808.11
Total Liabilities:	<u>1,691.07</u>
Net Worth	\$11,117.04

The treasurer's report was approved. There was a discussion on the two different accounts the Association has. The Raffle account is taxed and the general is not. Any funds given to the Parent's Association marked "donation" should go into the Foundation account. We are going to try this year to grow the foundation account.

A gavel will be presented to Kari Tyree in appreciation of her service to the Parent's Association.

Charlene Venenga is retiring as Treasurer. She has served the UNL Parent's Association for 4 years. Kaylene M. Luedtke will be replacing Charlene as Treasurer.

Old Business: None

Big Red Road Show: It was held at the Marina Inn Exhibit Hall. Barb Ferris shared that the Road Show was good this year and felt it was in a better location and had lots of students who were on their way to college next year. They had lots of students and families visit the booth. Next year's show will be at the middle to end of February in both Omaha and South Sioux City.

Thanks were given to all parents who worked during the Big Red Road Show.

Outstanding Student Leadership Award. The dinner was held on March 31st.
The following received awards:

Recipients: Ekaterina Apostolova (Bulgaria)
Amanda Wiltgen (South Sioux City, NE)
Russell Swan (Grant, NE)

Finalists: Joshua Avila (Callaway, NE)
Katarina Gleisberg (Bellevue, NE)
Kristin McCann (Sioux Falls, SD)
Michael Stafford (Kearney, NE)

Thank yous were read from:

Gregory Knudsen, Semi Finalist and Amanda Wiltgen, Recipient.

Parents Weekend:

Will be the weekend of September 15th to 17th

We are in need of volunteers to help with various activities the entire weekend. Brochures are not yet ready, pretty much the same as last year with some changes to the building tours.

Those who have participated in the past, please provide us with your input on ideas and how you feel we could improve it. We are considering changing the name from parents to family weekend.

There was a short discussion about experiencing Parent's Weekend.

New Student Enrollment will be June and July (Parents Weekend brochures will be distributed).

Discussion was held about how we could increase our enrollment in the association.

Big Red Welcome will be on August 20th. We are in need of items to give away and want ideas for new items.

This was the last meeting for Dr. Griesen and Barb Wright-Chollet as representatives of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Office.

New Business:

Raffle Tickets. Raffle moved from September to November 4th (Homecoming). In the past we have raised \$40,000. It is our moneymaker and we were down this past year due to when the raffles went out and the date of the drawing (homecoming was moved up two weeks) as well as delays in postal delivery to certain areas of the country due to storms such as Katrina.

President Elect – Barb Bures shared what she learned from the Parent's Association National Convention in Boston.

Ideas from convention: Dues to belong to join parent's association; attending college night and calling parents to obtain funds.

Barb has new ideas she wants to share with the group. Question proposed: Do we want to continue to expand our group?

Mid-western States parent's association. May consider restarting.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Coalition Representative Appt. – Chris Cary volunteered to be on the coalition.

Dr. Griesen did an up-date on things happening at the University. Looks like there will be a 5 to 7% increase in tuition. LB605 will take 1% and possible 1% for new student information system.

Freshman recruitment is up. Graduate recruitment is up by 40%

Dr. Griesen's last day as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs is June 30th and Dr. Juan Franco will be the new Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs effective July 1st. Dr. Franco has worked at New Mexico and Utah State.

Executive Meeting will be July 8th beginning at 9:00 to 12:00.

Next General Meeting: November 4, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Thomposn