

UNL Parents Association

July 7, 2007

Minutes

Members present: Barb Bures, Jody Jacobi, Patty Powles, Rosemary Eastwood, Kaylene Luedtke, Connie Olson, Susan Rutledge, Joy Citta and Tonda Humphress (UNL Liaison)

Members were given an informative tour of the Campus Recreation Center by Stan Campbell, Director of Campus Recreation and Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Stan was kind enough to make sure we had coffee, real coffee cups, goodie bags including travel mugs and a lot of information. The Parents Association members who were present enjoyed the tour he provided.

President Barb Bures called meeting to order at 9:52 AM. Everyone took a moment to introduce themselves to those present.

Minutes:

Minutes were handed out, read and approved by Susan Rutledge and seconded by Rosemary Eastwood.

Treasurers Report:

Total Asset:	\$4,881.59
Total Liabilities:	<u>\$3,271.59</u>
Net Worth:	\$1,610.00

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved by Patricia Powles and seconded by Susan Rutledge. We were also provided with the Cost Summary of Events, including a 4-year spreadsheet for cost comparisons from year-to-year.

Old Business:

New Student Enrollment:

Patricia Powles said she met with several parents when she was at the booth on Saturday, 6-16-07. She said parents were happy to see an area geared toward them and to have another parent to talk to. The booth location was a good one as parents would see it quickly as they were walking around the circular stair area. She thought it went well. When questioned about how long NSE ran and how many Saturdays were included, Tonda Humphress shared that NSE ran for five weeks but only had two Saturdays during that time. We realize it is difficult for members who must work to come in to sit at the booth at 7:15-8:00 am during the week and appreciate whatever days we have volunteers. Regardless of whether we had a volunteer or not, though, the booth was available with information for parents to see while they were here for NSE. Patricia commented that she enjoyed the time that she visited with parents at the booth and thought it was worthwhile. Successful event.

Residence Hall Welcome:

Barb Bures updated members on this event.

Volunteers are needed. If you are available and willing to help, please contact Barb Bures (barb1223@yahoo.com) or Tonda Humphress (thumphress1@unl.edu) as soon as possible.

Information needed: Volunteer Name(s); Date/Times you can volunteer;

License Plate Number and State (needed for the parking permit). We particularly need volunteers on Thursday and on Friday morning.

This year's Residence Hall Welcome will be August 23rd (Thursday) and 24th (Friday).

Help is needed on these dates from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. We encourage volunteers to help in minimum 2 hour time blocks. We will be working at Cather-Pound-Neihardt (CPN) Complex.

Housing will provide lunch in the CPN Café for anyone who has signed up to volunteer and is working on Thursday or Friday. Housing will mail volunteers a parking permit and a map showing you where to park and where to report.

A suggestion was made that the UNL Parents Association also distribute business cards to parents as they hand out water or other items for Housing to help get the UNL Parents Association name out there, remind parents of the Parents Weekend Dates, and provide the UNL Parents Association web site. It was agreed that we would do this.

One comment was made from a parent volunteer from earlier Residence Hall Welcome events, that it would be helpful if Housing could have a ramp for the stairs leading into the halls from the sidewalk to get the carts into the building more smoothly. Tonda said she would pass the recommendation on to the person coordinating this event this year.

Big Red Welcome:

Barb Bures announced that volunteers are needed for this year's Big Red Welcome which will be on August 26th. The location will be in the horseshoe area between Campus Rec and the Stadium like it was last year. Setup will be from 3:00-5:00 pm; it was noted that we do not need too much time to set up our booth so parents would not need to arrive until after 4:45 pm. Students will arrive from approximately 6:00-8:00 pm. This is a fun event and the students really have a good time (games and other events are planned throughout the evening for them and food is provided). Parent volunteers can take turns walking around to see what is available as well. Rosemary Eastwood, Patricia Powles and Susan Rutledge volunteered to help with Big Red Welcome. We will be giving out Big Red Gum, and possibly other giveaways.

Parents Weekend:

The date for the Parent's weekend will be October 5th to 7th. Parent volunteers are needed to help with Parent's Weekend. Please contact Barb Bures (barb1223@yahoo.com) or Tonda Humphress (thumphress1@unl.edu) if you can help. We are already getting some registrations submitted. Since this is a Parents Association event, we would like to have parents helping with each event – so parents will be given first priority in assignments. Usually we need a lot of help with check-in on Friday afternoon/evening and we need table hosts for the welcome dinner. The next big priority for which we need help is the Memorial Stadium Tour in helping keep groups together and directing people as to where they need to go next. We will also need help directing traffic for the "Open Sessions" and with helping with the Saturday night social time.

Some changes for this year's Parents Weekend include a "Storm Chasing" presentation by Dr. Kenneth Dewey in the Nebraska Union during the "Building Tours" time slot. We will not offer the Morrill Hall Tour this year due to cost, but will provide information in the packets in case families would like to visit Morrill Hall on their own. We are adding three "Open Session" presentations which will be 30 minutes each on Saturday from 1:30-2:30 pm. Topics for the Open Sessions will be Financial Management; College to Career, and Campus Safety. Finally, this year we will have the Saturday night social on East Campus immediately following the East Campus Open House. For the convenience of attendees, we will provide dashboard cards allowing them to park on East Campus so they will not have to return to City Campus and then to the parking lot to get their cars. They will simply be able to go out to their car and return to their hotel or go somewhere else when they are done. Shuttles will not be used this year. We will also not have a full dinner provided on Saturday night but will provide hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and NSE will provide skits for the entertainment. If the football game happens to that time, we will have the televisions in the lobby and the Hollow area (big screen) available for a football watch party. The Café in the East Campus Union will be open for those who would like to purchase a sandwich or salad.

New Business:

Auction Fundraiser:

Kaylene has generously agreed to chair the Silent Auction Fundraiser, which will also occur during Parents Weekend. Proceeds will be directed to funding the University's Non-Alcoholic, Safe Tailgate Event on the Saturday of the USC game. Members discussed various options for personal donations and business donations. If you can help with the Fundraiser (either by personally donating an item, getting donations from businesses or by making a direct financial donation, please contact Kaylene Luedtke at luedtke@greatplainsfs.com or Tonda Humphress at thumphress1@unl.edu. A sample of a bid sheet with the photo of the item(s) being offered was shown at the meeting. We will try to schedule another meeting closer to the event to put together bid sheets and baskets/groupings of items as needed. More information will come out later. Items for the silent auction need to be received by September 21st. Storage and promotion of the items will need to be discussed further once we have the items all in and know what we are working with. We would also like to put a photo sheet together for the registrant packets letting them know what they can bid on so they can look at it Friday night. It was decided that we would need to probably announce the final bid selections at the social on Saturday night to give everyone the maximum amount of time to bid.

Tuition Raffle:

Tonda will coordinate the Tuition Raffle that takes place during the Fall meeting on Saturday, November 10th. Raffle prizes will include 2 prizes for the Spring Semester Tuition up to \$2,500, 2-3 Textbook Scholarships up to \$250 each, and 2 autographed footballs, an autographed basketball, and an autographed volleyball.

Slate of New Officers:

Barb Bures shared that we need a slate of new officers for next year before the November 10th meeting. Joy Citta and Rosemary Eastwood will be the Co-Presidents next year. Kaylene Luedtke has agreed to continue to serve as the Treasurer. We hope that Marla Thompson will be willing to continue to serve as the Secretary. We need people to serve in the following positions: ☐ President-Elect; ☐ Member-at-Large (2 positions); Barb Bures as Past President will serve as the third member-at-large. In addition, Barb announced that her daughter will be finishing her program at another school (because UNL doesn't offer the classes she needs for completing that program) beginning in the fall. However, she would be willing to continue to help the UNL Parents Association with their goals. In recognition of Barb's contributions and dedication to the UNL Parents Association, Joy Citta made a motion to bestow Honorary Membership to Barb Bures, the motion was seconded by Rosemary Eastwood. Motion was approved. (Congratulations, Barb, and thanks for all your hard work!).

If you would be interested in serving on the UNL Parents Association Board, or know someone who might be interested in serving, please contact Barb Bures or Tonda Humphress as soon as possible.

Fall Meeting:

The Fall UNL Parents Association meeting will be conducted on Saturday, November 10th, in the Nebraska Union. We will plan to have the meeting three (3) hours prior to the Kansas State Football Game (time TBA). This is our major annual meeting at which we have election of officers, the business meeting, and the raffle drawing.

UNL Up-date:

Tonda gave Dr. Franco's report in his absence.

- Fall enrollment for 2007 will include 400 more freshmen than last year.
- A new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs will be added to the staff. This person will plan to work closely with the UNL Parents Association as well. However, Dr. Franco also plans to continue his contact with the Parents Association as well.
- The University is considering building a new residence hall because of the current demand on University Housing. The new hall may be built on the parking area across the street from the police station on 17th and R Street. The University is currently in the planning stage for this construction.
- The University has a consultant looking at Campus Recreation and the University Health Center facilities and we are expecting a report in the near future.
- Pharmacy costs (up to \$500) will now be included in the student health insurance plan at no additional cost to the students.
- The Tailgate Event will be September 15th before the USC game. The tentative game time is 7:00 pm. (Someone noted that given the time of the game, the Tailgate Event will probably begin at around 3:30 pm). If this is successful, we will plan other events.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Rosemary Eastwood and Tonda Humphress.