

**UNL Parents Association**  
**July 19, 2008**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Joy Citta, Sharon Dall, Rosemary Eastwood, Debra Keefe, Michael Keralis, Robin Keralis, Kaylene Luedtke, Elizabeth Pokorny

**UNL Staff Present:** Timothy A. Alvarez (Student Affairs), Juan N. Franco (Student Affairs), Tonda Humphress (Student Affairs)

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Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions were made of those attending.

**UNL Update by Juan N. Franco, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs**

- Close to 10,000 parents and students participated in this summer's NSE Program.
- Enrollment is expected to increase again this year.
- Admissions implemented "Club Red" (like Facebook for incoming students only; UNL can post messages for these students on this site).
- UNL is working on developing alcohol-free "Friday Night Programming" (9:00 pm until about 1:00 or 2:00 am) which will start this year.
- Admissions Developed a new program, "Power Up Weekend" which goes through the weekend for those who have already attended NSE. This camp will introduce them to NU traditions, etc.
- Construction Update: UNL is building a new residence hall, a new dining hall for Abel-Sandoz, a new Cultural Center which will be attached to the Nebraska Union. Current residence halls will be renovated (e.g. new energy efficient windows). UNL is currently in discussion regarding the construction of a new academic building. We continue our discussions with the City regarding the construction of a new Ice Arena – a donor has contributed \$7.5 million for that project (we cannot use state money for it).
- UNL continues to work to work on agreements with foreign institutions such as China, Malaysia, etc. to bring more foreign students to our campuses. This will enhance the experience of our students as well as their students.
- Our new Student Government leaders are: Emily Zimmer (ASUN President and Student Regent), Trevor Nieveen (Internal Vice President) and Katie Madsen (External Vice President).
- We are developing a Money Management Program and have a committee (including members from Student Affairs, Faculty Senate and the Alumni Association) looking at the options now. Parents are asked to encourage their sons and daughters to take advantage of this opportunity.
- UNL will host the National Special Olympics in 2010.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the April 19, 2008 Meeting were distributed. Elizabeth Pokorny made a motion to approve the minutes; Kaylene Luedtke seconded. Minutes were approved.

## Treasurer's Report

Total Assets:	\$6,251.87*
<u>Total Liabilities:</u>	<u>5,128.05</u>
Net Worth:	\$1,123.82

\*The Parents Association University Foundation Account contains \$2,545.00 which is reserved for fund shortfalls.

The expenses and income were discussed. Elizabeth Pokorny made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Deb Keefe seconded. The Treasurer's report was approved.

## New Student Enrollment 2008

While the UNL Parents Association table at NSE was not staffed this year, items such as brochures, member contact cards, Important Phone Number magnets and promotional pen/highlighters had to be constantly restocked. A few contact cards have been returned.

## Residence Hall Welcome, August 21 and 22

In addition to helping with the Cather-Pound-Neihardt Complex, Housing would also like the Parents Association to help with Selleck. Volunteers will once again help with parking and unloading; welcome families as they pull up and give them instructions. Volunteers are needed. To volunteer, **please contact Tonda at 402-472-3756 or [thumphress1@unl.edu](mailto:thumphress1@unl.edu)**.  ACTION ITEM: UNL will try to provide parking for the volunteers, an instruction sheet letting them know what to do and a FAQ sheet to help them answer parent questions.

## Big Red Welcome, August 24 (Sunday)

Deb Keefe and Rosemary Eastwood will staff the UNL Parents Association booth. If anyone else would like to volunteer for this, please contact Tonda at 402-472-3756 or [thumphress1@unl.edu](mailto:thumphress1@unl.edu).

## Parents Weekend 2008

Parents Weekend this year will be October 10-12; parent volunteers will be needed. **Please contact Tonda at 402-472-3756 or [thumphress1@unl.edu](mailto:thumphress1@unl.edu)** to sign up.  ACTION ITEM: The UNL Parents Association will provide cards with the University Fight Song printed on it and will look into ordering dinner table centerpieces that can be used to help cheer the team on.

## Silent Auction (during Parents Weekend 2008)

Discussion was held regarding what types of items would be good for auction baskets. Some committee members have already received some items and will continue to try acquiring additional items. A future meeting may be scheduled to put the items together as a group.  ACTION ITEM: Tonda will send all meeting attendees a donation letter they may use in requesting silent auction items.

## Tuition Raffle Mailing, Fall 2008

The Fall UNL Parents Association Tuition Raffle mailing will be sent out in September. Discussion was held regarding whether the UNL Parents Association will try to offer a chance this year for parents to purchase tickets for the November 8 football game. Entry into the football ticket purchase raffle would require payment to be sent in at the time of entry prior to the meeting (payments from non-winners will be returned after the meeting) and parents must attend the November meeting in order to receive their tickets. Payments for the tuition raffle have been decreasing in light of federal regulations. We will continue to monitor ticket sales and payments.

## Slate of New Officers

The UNL Parents Association currently needs to fill the following officer positions: President-Elect, Secretary, and one Member-at-Large. Officers are elected at the fall meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The fall UNL Parents Association meeting will be Saturday, November 8, in the Nebraska Union (Room Posted on the Daily Calendar of Events), City Campus, 14<sup>th</sup> & R Streets. *Note:* November 8 is a home game day and game day parking is in force.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Tonda Humphress*