

Meeting Minutes
UNL Parents Association
November 4, 2006

Members present- Steve and Barb Ferris, Barb Bures, Kaylene Luedtke, Dick Luedtke, Dirk Peterson, Rosemary Eastwood, David and Sue Barnes, Pat and Jeannie Williams, Bill and Vicki Lamb, Joy Citta, Trudy Nelson, Todd Nelson, Connie Phillips-Ward, Susan Rutledge, Cheryl Martinsen, Richard and Karen James, Nelson and Vickie Minter, Gary Himes, Connie Olson, JoAnne Johnson, Ivan and Pat Wittow, Liz Weiss. Tonda Humphress, (VCSA Office), Guest: Dr. Juan Franco, UNL Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Co-Presidents Barb and Steve Ferris called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The meeting began with all attendees introducing themselves.

University Update: Dr. Juan Franco welcomed everyone. He stated that he has an “empty nest” so has adopted all 24,000 UNL students. He suggested doing a regular article called “Let’s Catch our Kids Doing Good” since most of the times our kids are doing a lot of good and it’s not always recognized. During yesterday’s BOR meeting: Students voted to add to the NU. In the spring semester UNL plans to meet with architects and hope to open in the Fall 2009. Abel/Sandoz residence halls need renovations. Initially the plan is to make the windows more energy efficient which will have big benefits in the long run. More renovations will need to be done later. The Nebraska Union needs renovations (panels, paint, etc.). He is working on developing Service Learning Certificates. With this program, students would volunteer to work in the community within their field and will get credit for their volunteer work on their transcript. This program would also put theory learned in class into practice. The certificate will be an academic certificate but will be a Student Affairs program. Future graduate programs and employers will be able to see this certificate notation on the transcript, which would be good for our students. Finally, we have more good news - Enrollments are going up!

Minutes

The minutes of the July 8, 2006 were read and approved.

Treasurer’s report:

Total Assets:	\$38,393.09
Total Liabilities:	<u>3,520.78</u>
Net Worth	\$34,872.31

The Treasurer’s report was approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Big Red Road Show: This year the Big Red Road Show will be in Omaha on March 4, 2007 and in South Sioux City on March 31, 2007; both are scheduled from 1:00-4:00 pm. We need volunteers, especially if you live in or near South Sioux City. Please contact Barb or Steve Ferris (ferrissl@msn.com), Barb Bures (barb1223@yahoo.com) or any of the Parents Association Board members. The email address for the UNL Parents Association organization is:

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Parents Weekend: Was held September 15-17, 2006. We had approx. 375 people registered. We are going to work more on the shuttle service, but the weekend went really well. The consensus from the attendees was overwhelmingly positive. If you have a chance to volunteer for future Parents Weekend events, you should consider it. It is a lot of fun and really helps the parents of new UNL students, especially those coming from out of state.

Selection of new officers: Approved.

President: Barb Bures

Co-Presidents-Elect: Rosemary Eastwood and Joy Citta

Secretary: Marla Thompson

Treasurer: Kaylene Luedtke

Members at Large: Susan Rutledge, Barb and Steve Ferris.

Faculty/Staff Recognition: Will be held on February 2, 2007. Nomination cards are in the mail. Please talk with your students to see if there is someone who has really helped him/her or supported him/her that they would like to nominate. Board Members stressed what a great event this is. Faculty and Staff are proud of this award; it means a lot to the recipients. If you would like to help with this event, please contact us.

Raffle Drawing

Congratulations to the following Parents Association winners:

1st Prize (In-State Tuition up to \$4,800): Jerry Pape of Louisburg, KS (Student: Natalie Pape)

2nd Prize (In-State Tuition up to \$2,400): Julie Hunter of Lincoln, NE (Student: Joe Hunter)

Textbook Scholarship Winners
(up to \$250 each): Sandra Kruse of Glyndon, MN (Student: Brandi Kruse)
Mary Chase of Brookings, SD (Student: Erin Chase)
Lillian Santiago of Missouri City, TX (Student: Carlos Santiago)

Autographed Footballs: John Heffley of Loveland, CO (Student: Mark Heffley)
Darrick Bren of Sioux Falls, SD (Student: Nathan Bren)

Autographed Volleyball: Sue M. Trigg of Lavista, NE (Student: Jacob Trigg)

Autographed Basketball: Sue Allen of Lincoln, NE (Students: Patrick and Cory Allen)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.