

Parents Association Spring Meeting

November 16, 2013

12:00 noon

First Year Experiences & Transition Programs (127 Love Library South), City Campus

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Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon –Timothy Draftz, Co-President

1. Introductions – Timothy Draftz

Attendees - Timothy A. Alvarez (Parent; UNL), Kevin L. Boyens, Ann Bradley, Tom Bradley, Gary Buchner, Alan Carter, Cindy Carter, Mary Dankowski (via conference call), Ranee Dillman, Susan Draftz, Timothy Draftz, Juan N. Franco (UNL), Marisa Gray (via conference call), Tonda Humphress (Parent; UNL), Esa Jarvi, Don Kempnich, Kathy Kempnich, Kaylene M. Luedtke, Richard Luedtke, Edith Mattesen, Debbie Meyer, Heather Ockenfels (UNL), David Orton

2. UNL Update – Dr. Juan Franco

- i. Expressed thanks for all parents do to help UNL through such things as participation, fundraising, and – very importantly, providing feedback.
- ii. Many changes are happening across campus. UNL is in growth mode - which impacts all areas of campus, and we need to think ahead.
 - 1. Library – is not being used as much as it was in the past. Offices such as First-Year Experiences and Transition Programs, the Explore Center, and Education Abroad have recently moved to the South Library. The North Library will be modified to allow more study space for student groups.
 - 2. Campus Recreation - is growing on both City and East Campus. A new Outdoor Adventure Center is under construction on City Campus, and the East Campus Activities Building is being renovated and updated.
 - 3. Academic Affairs - is also having to plan for an increased number of students and plan to add more faculty.
 - 4. More programming – continues to be developed for and by students which will impact the world around them.
 - a. Civic Engagement is beneficial to participating students and is growing, and two grants were awarded Wednesday night to student organizations who submitted proposals on how they would like to help change the world around them.
 - b. Mortar Board just recently held their “People Who Inspire” Banquet – a truly inspiring event.Students do so much and have so many good ideas. We want to continue to encourage them.

3. Minutes from June 29, 2013 meeting – Approved as written.

4. Financial Report dated November 16, 2013 distributed and reviewed.

Assets:	\$ 28,537.49	(General Fund = \$3,181.82 + Raffle Account = \$25,355.67)
Liabilities:	25,137.41	
Net Worth	\$ 3,400.08	

5. UNL Parents Weekend 2013 – It was a good year as our registered participant numbers were the highest we have had. We will make some adjustments to the schedule in the future. Parents were encouraged to let Tonda (thumphress1@unl.edu) know if they had ideas for future events. Additional information about UNL Parents Weekend 2013 will be presented at the February 2014 meeting.
6. Selection of new Executive Committee Members (effective January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014). Slate of officers approved as listed:
 - Co-Presidents: Timothy and Susan Draftz, Atchison KS
 - Co-Presidents Elect: Alan and Cindy Carter, Omaha NE
 - Secretary: Debbie Meyer, Bellevue NE
 - Treasurer: Mary Dankowski, Park Forest IL
 - Members-at-Large: Terry and Karen Craft, Castle Rock CO
Marisa Gray, Kansas City KS
Ann Lif, Lincoln NE
Dean Lif, Lincoln NE
Sue Simon, Omaha NE

Welcome, Executive Committee Members, and thank you for your willingness to serve.

7. Big Red Road Show, Omaha, February 1, 2014 (Saturday) – the theme will be “Husker Cinema” and will be held at Midtown Cinema. The UNL Parents Association will not have a booth due to space limitations but has been offered a 20-minute “cinema” slot. Parents with ideas on fun, appealing “titles” for our cinema or for the cinema itself which will draw people in to our show should send those ideas to Tonda (thumphress1@unl.edu). Parents and students are encouraged to team up to generate some great ideas.
8. The UNL Parents Recognition Award Ceremony will be Friday, February 7, 2014. The check-in/reception will be at 2:30 pm and the ceremony will be at 3:00 pm until approximately 5:00 pm. This is a nice event and parents and students are encouraged to attend if they can. Additionally, we need parent volunteers to help starting at around 2:00 pm or a little earlier (some guests will arrive early). Parents willing to help, should contact Tonda (thumphress1@unl.edu). Meanwhile, parents should watch for the nomination postcards and talk to their student about who should be nominated for this recognition. The winter parents meeting will take place immediately following the ceremony and will be followed immediately with the mini-grant selection meeting. While it makes for a busy day, we get a lot accomplished and have a positive impact for our students and our faculty and staff, and you can make arrangements to visit with your student afterwards.
9. UNL Parents Association polo shirts were modeled and are available for order for those interested. (You can order online at <http://parentsassoc.unl.edu/poloshirts.shtml>; please remember to include the sales tax with your payment.)
10. The UNL Parents Association Mini-Grants were briefly explained as a way for UNL Offices and recognized student organizations to request funding from the UNL Parents Association for items or events which will benefit students. As long as funds are available, the UNL Parents Association typically agrees to fund approximately \$5,000 in awards depending on the requests. The Parents Association can fund less or more depending on what is decided at the meeting after reviewing the grant requests. \$5,000 was agreed to as a funding amount again this year.

11. Raffle Drawing – Parents present at the meeting helped draw names for the raffle drawing. Prizes were: 1 Coach Autographed Baseball, 1 Coach Autographed Men’s Basketball, 1 John Cook Autographed Volleyball, 1 Team Autographed Football, 3 University Bookstore Gift Cards at \$250 each, and 2 Spring 2014 Tuition Scholarships up to \$2,500 each. In addition, two alternates were drawn should they be needed. UNL Parents Association Executive Committee members will be provided with prize winner names and contact information and will notify those individuals. A list of prize winners will be published in a future UNL Parents Association newsletter.
12. The next meeting will be Friday, February 7, 2014 immediately following the UNL Parents Recognition Ceremony in the Nebraska City Union.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Submitted by

Tonda Humphress
Secretary