

**Parents Association Meeting
April 16, 2016
202 Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center, City Campus**

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 10:37am - Willie and Tanis Herbert, Co-Presidents

1. INTRODUCTIONS – Dr. Willie and Tanis Herbert

Members Present - Linette Asay, Troy Brooks, Tanis Herbert, Dr. Willie Herbert, Debbie Meyer, Sue Simon

UNL Staff Present - Dr. Juan N. Franco, Lauren Gayer, Tonda Humphress

2. UNL UPDATE (Dr. Franco)

- The new President of the University of Nebraska has big plans. Students are his #1 focus. His goal is to make NU the best environment for students in the US - a safe and inclusive campus.
- The new Chancellor, Ronnie Green, started July 1. He is also student centered.
- This is the time of year when students are honored - Honors Convocation, Franco's List, Campus Impact Awards, Outstanding Student Leaders to name some.
- Last night they had the Red Memorial. The fountain is turned red as a memorial to those in the UNL family who have died within the last year. This year, unfortunately there were 5 being remembered.
- The President's goal is to grow to 35,000 students and we are at 25,000 now. This brings with it the need for infrastructure to support the increased population. New res halls, classrooms, labs. A new dining hall is being built. A new res hall is in the plans near the village. More students will also spur more business in the area.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Debbie Meyer)

Minutes from January 29, 2015 meeting - approved as written.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT (Mary Dankowski) - presented by Tonda Humphress

Report dated April 16, 2016 distributed and reviewed.

Assets:	\$ 7300.77	(General Fund = \$2623.63 + Raffle \$4,677.14)
<u>Liabilities:</u>	<u>\$ 7000.00</u>	
Net Worth	\$ 300.77	

All mini grants have been paid and Dr. Franco will be able to help some on upcoming expenses such as NSE, buttons, etc.

5. OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS (Debbie Meyer) - explained the process for selecting from the nominees. Debbie sat on the committee that interviewed the 3 female finalists and the 3 male finalists. The committee then discussed, voted upon and decided who were the female and male award recipients. The committee members had some discussion about a need for evaluating the process for next year to encourage different types of leaders to apply since there is great diversity in the types of leaders UNL has on campus.

6. NEW BUSINESS (Tonda)

a. PARENT'S WEEKEND, 9/23-25 (Tonda Humphress)

- Dates have been included on the Parent's Association website. It's an away game.
- Campus NightLife is hosting a Football Watch Party at the Stadium. We'll be contributing \$500 and UNLPW attendees will be allowed to attend.
- Boots and Cats will perform in the East Campus. Their fee is \$250.
- Discussed a name change for the weekend to Family Weekend to make it more inclusive and updated.
- Considering a keepsake button which would be a possible prize signal. Cost of the buttons is approximately \$300. Lauren is doing a focus group with faculty and staff. It was suggested that perhaps local business and restaurants may be willing to give a discount to those who are wearing the button that weekend.
- Discussed the preference for a Sunday event so the weekend doesn't seem too short. Shirts can be sold to families in advance. Troy volunteered to help set up a geocaching type scavenger hunt.
- RAFFLE MAILING - goes out in the fall. The list is available 8 days after the 1st day of school.
- NSE (usually in June-July) - it would be preferred to have a parent staff the Parents Association booth from 7:15am to 8:10am. Most of the time this event is during the week. Anyone who can help should contact Tonda.
- BIG RED WELCOME STREET FESTIVAL (usually the Sunday before classes start, so most likely 8/21 in the evening).
- MISC: Lauren is working on ideas for a Parent's Association logo. It's tricky because UNL is very strict regarding the use of the N logo. She had some preliminary logos on which we all gave input.

7. OLD BUSINESS (Tanis and Willie Herbert) - Willie sang a beautiful, fitting song. The faculty and staff expressed great appreciation for the award and Parent's Association members being present. The new food services company set up refreshments on the wrong side of the room, in the area recipients line up to receive their awards. Next year, food services should be instructed to set up near the room's entrance.

8. NEXT MEETING - June/July 2016. Date and time will be determined at a later date. This is the summer spring social potluck picnic. Bring a dish, bring your family!

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.

Submitted by

Debbie Meyer
UNL Parents Association Secretary