

**UNL Parents Association**  
**November 10, 2007**  
**Minutes**

**Members present:** Peggy Confer, Rosemary Eastwood, Carl Kurtz, Holly Jo Kurtz, Dick Luedtke, Kaylene Luedtke, Elizabeth Pokorny, Jonathan Romey, Cynthia Romey, Susan Rutledge, and Tonda Humphress (UNL Liaison)

Co-President Rosemary Eastwood called meeting to order at 8:52 a.m. Rosemary thanked those for attending the meeting. Attending the meetings is a good way to stay involved and informed. It is a good way to help your student, to know what is going on at UNL and to have a chance to meet other parents and speak directly with University staff. Everyone took a moment to introduce themselves to those present.

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the July 7, 2007 meeting were handed out, read and approved by Susan Rutledge and seconded by Jonathan Romey.

**Treasurers Report:**

Total Asset:	\$28,951.30
Total Liabilities:	<u>\$13,262.74</u>
Net Worth:	\$15,688.56

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved by Jonathan Romey and seconded by Susan Rutledge. We were also provided with the detailed General Account and Raffle account summary reports as of 11/10/07.

**Old Business:**

Residence Hall Welcome: Kaylene Luedtke shared that the Residence Hall Welcome went well. Parent volunteers were available when needed – although Housing generally had the process in control. Joy Citta was very helpful because she was able to stand in the street to help with parking. Parent volunteers did have opportunities to help and could greet arriving parents, assist with directions and handed out business cards welcoming the parents, and promoting Parents Weekend and the Fall Election meeting. The cards promoted the UNL Parents Association and its web site. Most parents didn't take the time to look at the card at that time because they were focused on getting their student moved in, but hopefully they will see the card later. This was a new process and we will continue to work with Housing to improve our involvement in UNL's Residence Hall Welcome.

Parents Weekend: Overall registrations were down a little this year. One person said that she was unable to attend because the cost was too much. She would have liked a less expensive option. For those who attended, they felt it was a very nice weekend and the events went well. Volunteers received many positive comments and had the opportunity to meet and greet many friendly family participants. We were very disappointed in the low turnout on Saturday afternoon and evening. The Silent Auction went very well. With one silent auction completed, the members who worked on it this year believe they can improve it so it is better next year and do plan to hold a silent auction again. A surprising popular item was a Husker blanket with a Husker Rubics cube. The winners of that item said they liked the package but really wanted the rubics cube! Something to keep in for next year. Overall, it was felt that Parents Weekend was a success.

**New Business:**

Big Red Road Show: Rosemary Eastwood announced that the next Big Red Road Show will be in Omaha on February 24, 2008 – usually in the afternoon. We are looking for volunteers for the UNL Parents Association booth. This is a good way to meet a lot of new people and to promote the UNL Parents Association. Volunteers can take turns walking around to see some of the other exhibits as well. This is a lot of fun and a good way to let people know the benefits of the UNL Parents Association. Please contact Rosemary Eastwood ([htonmom@aol.com](mailto:htonmom@aol.com)) or Tonda ([thumphress1@unl.edu](mailto:thumphress1@unl.edu)) if you would like to volunteer for this event. We have a good time at this one.

Election of Officers: Rosemary called for anyone interested and willing to serve on the Board for the following positions:

- ☛ President Elect
- ☛ Secretary
- ☛ Member-at-Large

A couple of people said they would think about it. With no volunteers and few attendees at this meeting, we will continue to request volunteers.

Faculty/Staff Recognition: Rosemary shared that the Faculty/Staff Recognition Ceremony will be January 25, 2008 at 3:00-approx. 5:00 pm with a reception at 2:30 pm. Again, we are looking for volunteers to help with this event. It is a very nice ceremony where faculty and staff are recognized by parents who have discussed with their students who at the University has really helped them while they were at the University. This award is appreciated by the faculty and the students who receive the award because it is directly from the parents and students (the event is co-sponsored by the UNL Parents Association and the UNL Teaching Council). Please contact Rosemary Eastwood ([btonmom@aol.com](mailto:btonmom@aol.com)) or Tonda ([thumphress1@unl.edu](mailto:thumphress1@unl.edu)) if you would like to volunteer for this event.

Tuition Raffle: Each attendee had the opportunity to draw a name for prizes in the UNL Parents Association Raffle. The following are the winners from this year's raffle drawing:

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| ❖ Stan Huhmann (Daughter, Kim), Bellevue NE                    | Autographed Basketball  |
| ❖ Dennis Schulte (Son, Joel), Lincoln NE                       | Autographed Football  |
| ❖ Tom Monda (Son, Marshall), Fargo ND                          | Autographed Football  |
| ❖ Dave & Patty Clawson (Daughter, Kimberly),<br>Plattsmouth NE | Autographed Volleyball  |
| ❖ Linda Augustyn (Daughter, Kristen), Omaha NE                 | Book Scholarship (up to \$250) at the<br>University Bookstore |
| ❖ Tom Soderholm (Son, Brad), Holdrege NE                       | Book Scholarship (up to \$250) at the<br>University Bookstore |
| ❖ Wendy Wickard (Daughter, Emily), Bridgeport NE               | Book Scholarship (up to \$250) at the<br>University Bookstore |
| ❖ Dale & Kathy Bray (Daughter, Cassidy), Omaha NE              | Tuition (up to \$2,500 for Spring 2008)                       |
| ❖ Angela Price (Son, Spencer), West Des Moines IA              | Tuition (up to \$2,500 for Spring 2008)                       |

Winter Meeting: The Winter UNL Parents Association meeting will be directly following the Parents Recognition Ceremony on January 25<sup>th</sup> in the Nebraska Union.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 AM.

*Respectfully submitted by Rosemary Eastwood and Tonda Humphress.*