

**TGMI Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2006**

**Members Present:** Cindy Saladin, Melvin Jones, Jr., Lisa Pugh, Saya Qualls, Chuck Holland, Rusty Lacy and Jon Zirkle. Mike Travis and Ashley Glover participated by phone

**Members Absent:** Susan Gulette

**TGMI visitors:** Ross White

Mr. Jones presided and called the meeting to order. The October minutes were approved by electronic mail and posted on the TGMI website.

**Old Business**

**Treasurer's Report:**

In Ms. Gulette's absence, Mr. Jones reported that the current balance in the account is \$400.97.

**Communications:**

Mr. Jones reported that all articles for the newsletter have been received and the newsletter will be issued soon.

**Community Service:**

Mr. Zirkle reported that there are no additional activities planned in the remainder of the calendar year. He added that Ms. Brenda Apple has asked to step down as chair for this committee but will remain actively involved. The committee will elect a new chair.

**Holiday Breakfast:**

Mr. Jones distributed recommendations from the Hospitality Committee for the Holiday Breakfast scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at the Ellington Ag Center. A menu was provided by Montgomery Bell State Park and the committee recommended \$13 per person fee for the breakfast. Don King and band are scheduled to provide entertainment and the charity selected by the Hospitality Committee is St. Jude Children's Hospital. Mr. Holland made a motion to accept the recommendations by the Hospitality Committee. Ms. Qualls seconded and the motion carried. After some additional discussion of possibly going over the amount charged per person, Ms. Pugh made an amendment to the earlier motion as follows: if the cost of the breakfast exceeds the agreed upon amount of \$13 per person, the

remainder will be covered by the TGMI Fund. Decorating will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Travis will issue a reminder to the Hospitality and Steering Committee members.

**Election Report:**

Mr. Jones reported that upon Mr. Travis' return from medical leave, the election committee will compile the votes from the recent election and notify all the candidates. The winners will be announced at the Holiday Breakfast.

**New Business**

**Personnel Report:**

Ms. Saladin reported that the Fall Conference evaluations have been compiled and will be distributed to the Fall Conference Committee and Steering Committee members.

Ms. Saladin reported that TGMI graduation for the class of 2006 is scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup> and invitations have been emailed to all TGMI alumni. She encouraged all to attend and support the class of 2006.

She stated that she is meeting with Commissioner Story to discuss possibly having two TGMI classes next year due to the volume of qualified candidates. After much discussion, the Steering Committee recommended taking applications at one time in the year and having applicants provide their preference for one of the two classes offered.

She added that Commissioner Story has suggested having more combined initiatives for both TGMI and TGEI. She encouraged committee members to email their ideas for professional development meetings. Some of the ideas discussed were two and half-day retreats at a state park or expanding brownbag lunches to include an actual work project.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa E. Pugh  
Secretary