

TGMI Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2011

Committee Members:

Present:

E. Ross White – Chairman  
Marilou Cook – Vice Chair  
Jon Zirkle – Past Chair  
Dr. Tom Kohntopp – UT  
Georganne Martin – 2009 Member at Large  
April Wright – 2010 Member at Large  
Victor Barnes – 2010 Class President  
Trish Pulley – Ex Officio  
Chris Harris – 2009 Member at Large

Excused Absent:

Phyllis Hodges – 2010 Member at Large  
Mehran Mostajir – 2009 Class President  
Debbie Knox – 2010 Steering Committee Member  
Vicky Goodin - 2009 Steering Committee Member  
Trish Pulley – Ex Officio

Called To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman E. Ross White at 2:12 pm. The meeting was held in the Crockett Tower 12<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.

Treasurer Report:

Debbie Knox was unable to attend. She had emailed the committee the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$1,063.93. The Montgomery Bell cook out for alumni to meet the new 2011 class, generated \$300 from the alumni and this was paid to Montgomery Bell for the meal. Ending balance is \$1,063.93.

Old Business:

- a. Steering Committee Involvement in Alumni BBQ  
The alumni BBQ to meet the new class was held on June 7, 2011. Fifteen alumni attended the event at \$20 a piece. The rain held off and the staff of Montgomery Bell did an excellent job as always.
- b. Steering Committee trip to Knoxville  
Four Steering Committee members went to Knoxville to meet the new class and were surprised to meet the President of UT who was the keynote speaker at the luncheon. It was a pleasant surprise not only for the new class but also for the alumni who made the trip. The visit was well received by the new class.

c. Adopt A Highway

Chris Harris stated that the TGMI Alumni Association is official. There will be a 2 mile clean up 4 times a year. There is a short video that all volunteers are asked to watch. Chris Harris will be sending this out soon. The 2 mile stretch is Franklin Road at Harding Road to Brentwood Hill Church of Christ. Volunteers will be asked to wear the reflective vests during the pick up. More information to come in the future concerning dates for picking up trash.

Committee Reports:

a. Charter Committee – Chair Mike Travis

No report at this time.

b. Communications Committee – Chair Marilou Cook

Everyone will be receiving an invitation to LinkedIn. She will run this idea by the TGEI president LaMont Price, to see if TGEI wants to participate. Members may start discussions, express opinions, and list community service events, conferences (fall and luncheon) and other events for everyone to view easily and quickly.

The news letter will be released within the next week.

c. Community Service Committee – Chair Jon Zirkle

Hands-On-Nashville Day 2011

September 24, 2011

Join more than 1,000 volunteers for our community's largest day of service to public schools. Individuals and groups are encouraged to participate. 8am-12noon

- Projects at Metro Schools 12noon-2pm - CMT One Country Celebration

Mark your calendar now. Registration will open in September 1.

Special Event Date: September 24, 2011

The Adopt-a-Highway information has been mentioned under old business. Dates for trash pick up are forthcoming.

Harpeth River clean up will be in September or October.

d. Events Committee

April Wright has coordinated with the Nashville Sounds to have a cook out and tickets to the game on July 16, 2011. Fireworks will follow the game. All alumni will be seated together. If you want your class to be together then someone from the class will need to order a group of tickets at the same time from the link. The link will be in the newsletter and sent out by April.

Dr. Tom suggested a hockey night in the winter to be organized similar to the baseball night. It was also suggested to have a game event in another city in the state, such as to Memphis for a Grizzlies game.

Phyllis Hodges is currently working on several luncheons for the rest of the year. Some ideas for the luncheons are: Mentor Bureau Training, State Employee Benefits (401K, 457, Retirement, Bus Rides, Discounts on cell phones, gym membership, etc), and a special presentation from Steering Committee Member Mehran Mostajir. Dates and locations are forthcoming.

Fall Conference is set for October 18, 2011 at the Tennessee Tower in the Tennessee room.

e. Education and Leadership Development Committee

No new business.

New Business:

a. Mentor Bureau / Program Discussion

Victor Barnes, 2010 alumni, had 7 volunteers to mentor the new 2011 class members. Dr. Kohntopp stated that the EPI evaluation is being done and the mentors could use that as a starting point. Jon Zirkle has the guidelines that were developed and reviewed this year and he will email those to Victor to share with the volunteers.

b. Fall Conference

Set for October 18, 2011, at the Tennessee Room in the Tennessee Tower. Survey Monkey was used to get a census from the alumni as to the type of topics that they would like to hear and those ideas have been adopted and the conference committee is working on getting speakers. Approximately 160 alumni responses were received.

c. Graduation of 2011 class

Graduation is set for November 9, 2011, at the War Memorial auditorium. Dr. Kohntopp will need volunteers to help in that day.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Dates to remember:

July 16 – Sounds Baseball Night – Email April Wright if you don't get the information on how to register for our group.

September 24 – Hands on Nashville – Contact Jon Zirkle if you don't get the information on how to register for this event with our group.

3 Luncheon Conferences – Dates to be announced.

Adopt a Highway – Pick up dates to be announced.

October 18, 2011 – Fall Conference at Tennessee Tower in Nashville in the Tennessee Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

December 2 – TGMI Holiday Breakfast –Ellington Agricultural Center

Reading Recommendations:

Current month's recommended readings are:

The Five Temptations of a CEO by Patrick Lencioni.

Previous recommended readings are:

Heath, R. (2009). Celebrating failure: The power of taking risks, making mistakes, and thinking big. Franklin Lakes, NJ: Career Press. ISBN: 978-1-60163-064-3.

Hesselbein, F., Goldsmith, M., & Sommerville, I. (Eds.). (1999). Leading beyond the walls. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass. ISBN: 0-7879-4593-5.

Gladwell, M. (2002). The tipping point: How little things can make a big difference. New York: Little, Brown, & Company. ISBN 0-316-34662-4.

Agenda and Discussion: How State Government Executive and middle Managers and Administrative Policy by OLSHFSKI

The Feiner Points of Leadership by Michael Feiner

The Oz Principle: Getting Results through Individual and Organizational Accountability

Roger Connors, Tom Smith, and Craig Hickman

Relationships 101: What Every Leader Needs to Know  
John C. Maxwell

Strength Based Leadership by Rath and Conchie

This Ain't No Practice Life by Michael Burt

Good to Great by Jim Collins

Leadership Gold by John Maxwell

On Becoming a Great Leader (2003 Edition) by W. Bennis

Meeting adjourned at 3:50.

Regards,

Georganne Martin