

## TGMI

Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting  
July 14, 2009

Meeting called to order by Lauren Hill

A motion was made and second to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2009, meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report by Marilou Cook- balance of \$756.49 is unchanged from last month. Ms. Cook reported that she is working to get on-line access to the bank account but it is difficult because of signatures of past steering committee members that remain on the account. Discussion was held to consider closing the current account and opening a new account at a different centrally located bank to allow on line banking capability.

### Old Business

- Mike Travis proposed a revision of to the Bylaws, Article VII Section 6. He suggested taking out one statement because the wording was too negative. He also proposed a revision to Article V which will require a vote of the alumni. He also proposed a revision to the nomination form. A motion was made and seconded to accept Article VII Section 6, and Article V as amended in place of the previous revision made in the prior meeting and to accept the language on the nomination form. Motion carried. The by-law changes will need to be voted on and approved by the alumni association at the annual holiday breakfast for them to take effect. New language as follows:
- **Article VII, Section 6:**  
If any Member at Large is elected to another Steering Committee position, retires, resigns, or leaves Tennessee State Government prior to the end of their term, the Chairperson shall appoint an eligible TGMI member from the Alumni Network on an interim basis to fill the position vacated for the remainder of the original term. The Steering Committee, by majority vote, must ratify the Chairperson's selection. The Vice-Chairperson shall be responsible for taking the vote count for each Steering Committee member through a meeting, conference call, or electronic mail.
- **Article V:**  
Election as an officer and Steering Committee member requires a commitment and willingness to serve to promote and communicate with the Alumni Network. This requires, at a minimum, presence at monthly Steering Committee meetings. The Steering Committee is authorized to resolve any issues that might arise.
- **Nomination letter language:**  
By submitting this Nomination Letter, I hereby accept the responsibilities that would be placed on me should I be elected as outlined in the TGMI By-Laws.

- Alumni Directory- There are some problems with the directory because not everyone is on the same network. This is on hold while Vojin Janjic works with IT. Mr. Janjic is hopeful they can find a solution. There is the possibility that we can publish it on the internet, but an individual would not be able to update their own information. Angie Duncan recommended a TGMI groupwise account for people to submit changes to their information.
- Chairman's Report – Lauren Hill stated that UT now administers the TGI programs, rather than DoHR. It is still unclear how this will impact the TGI programs. There will be a meeting in November to discuss this.

#### New Business

- Lisa Pugh reported that a Brown Bag lunch has been scheduled for Monday, August 10, in the 17<sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the L&C Tower at 11:30. TGMI is to buy the cake and beverages. Linda Cone said she would donate the paper goods and could also have something printed on napkins for the event. It was suggested that someone prepare a slide show. Lauren Hill said she would take pictures. A motion was made and second for the Steering Committee to purchase the cake and beverages. There was then discussion that the Steering Committee spend no more than \$150 for this event. A motion was made and seconded to accept the amendment. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held concerning the Steering Committee visiting the 2009 class while at the state parks. It was decided that the steering committee would host a cookout at Montgomery Bell State Park on Tuesday, August 25. Also, someone from the steering committee will talk to the class on Wednesday, August 26, about elections. It was also decided that a representative from the Steering Committee would go to Pickwick State Park sometime during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week.
- Leadership Committee Report- E. Ross has made contacts for the Brown Bag lunch conference series. His committee is to meet the first of August to begin planning formally for the events. There will be a minimum of 4 per year, with one occurring in the first quarter of the next fiscal year to prevent the gap that occurs between elections and getting everything started annually.
- Community Services – Lauren Hill stated she has spoken with Jane Polansky, park manager of the Harpeth River state park and the park is again asking for a river clean up in the fall but no date has been set. Jon Zirkle also shared that a Habitat for Humanity date has been set for the fall.

Motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. Motion carried.