

TGMI

Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting August 11, 2009

Meeting called to order by Lauren Hill

Revisions were made to the minutes from the July 14, 2009, meeting. A motion was made and second to approve the minutes as revised. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Lauren Hill reported that the brown bag to meet the class of 2009 held on August 10 went very well. Approximately 60 alumni and new class members attended and there was much energy and enthusiasm generated throughout the lunch. Congratulations to the event chair, Lisa Pugh, and her entire committee for an excellent job!

Chairman's Report (TGI Leadership Update)

- Lauren Hill reported that the TGI Leadership met and discussed the roles of DoHR, UT, and the steering committees going forward. She stated that the leadership has questions regarding the recent realignment of roles and duties and they plan to meet collectively (TGMI and TGEI leadership) with UT to discuss these and other questions.

New Business

- Lauren Hill stated that she has met with Pam Barfield, Inn Manager at Montgomery Bell State Park, regarding the cookout the steering committee will be hosting for the Class of 2009. The food for the cookout will be covered in the per diem the park receives for the class. The menu was discussed and it was decided to have fajitas and homemade ice cream. Portobello mushroom sandwiches will also be available. The steering committee should plan to be there around 5:30. Carolyn Head-Estep said she will speak to the 2009 class on the 26th about their class elections.
- The golf tournament will be held on September 11, 2009, at Henry Horton State Park. Golf caps will be provided to those playing in the tournament. Discussion was held concerning whether to purchase additional caps to give away at various events. Greg Duncan suggested that the steering committee send an email to the alumni asking if they would like to pre-purchase a cap themselves.
- Discussion was held regarding the replacement of a steering committee member from the 2007 fall class who is leaving state government. It was decided that the 2007 fall class will choose her replacement.
- Educational and Leadership Development Committee Report – Lauren Hill stated that she has received an email from E. Ross White stating that the next brown bag

lunch will be on October 8, 2009 in the conference room on the 17th floor of the L&C tower. Dr. Michael McEntire, UT, will be the speaker. He also stated that the committee discussed several other speaker ideas including award winning state departments and agencies, different leaders speaking about their journey getting to where they are now, and many other items. They have put together a questionnaire for the alumni to complete to get their input on what the members would enjoy as well. Ross is also contacting people with the speaker bureaus to go to schools across the state utilizing TGMI alumni to talk to students about leadership and careers with the state, helping to make the state of Tennessee an employer of choice.

- Community Service – Robyn Probus stated that she met with Melinda Williams from TGEI about holding a joint TGMI and TGEI event. She suggested a coat and food drive, with donations to be collected at the holiday breakfast. Donations would then be taken to the women’s shelter. Discussion was held as to whether the members could do this as a state alumni organization or whether there would be an issue regarding the interpretation that the ‘state’ would be marketing for and promoting another agency. Robyn Probus will find out if this is possible and report back to the committee. A motion was made and second to approve the coat and food drive for the women’s shelter pending the decision whether this is acceptable. Motion carried.

Motion was made and second to adjourn. Motion carried.