

TGMI Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2012

Committee Members:

Present:

Marilou Cook - Chairman
Debbie Rivers – Vice Chairman (By Phone)
Debbie Knox – 2010 Steering Committee Member
Melinda Crutchfield – Member at Large (By Phone)
Jason Conner – 2011 Steering Committee Member (By Phone)
E. Ross White – Past Chairman (By Phone)
Mark Patterson – Member at Large (By Phone)
Phyllis Hodges – Member at Large
Dr. Tom Kohntopp – UT Program Director (By Phone)
Macel Ely – UT Program Director (By Phone)

Absent:

Trish Pulley – Ex Officio
Victor Barnes – 2010 Class President
Michael Blade – 2011 Class President
April Romero – Member at Large

Called To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marilou Cook at 2:05. The meeting was held at the Data Center North.

Treasurer Report:

Debbie Knox reported that the checking account balance is \$1,249.16. This is unchanged from last month.

Secretary Report:

Melinda Crutchfield reported August steering committee minutes have not been posted to LinkedIn or DOHR website.

Communications Committee – Debbie Rivers reported that the September 2012 quarterly meeting had been canceled and is currently trying to schedule one for October. There are no other updates at this time.

Community Service Committee – Jason reported that the September 8th adopt-a-highway event only had one person in attendance. No litter was picked up. December 1, 2012 is the next date. There have been no further responses to the survey that Jason and Jon sent out. Marilou asked if anyone wanted to reschedule the September adopt-a-highway event and Ross stated yes. Debbie Knox suggested that there might be a better turnout in October than December because of weather. Marilou suggested combining the September and December events to October and maybe there would be a greater turnout. Marilou stated that the announcement for the event go out to all members using LinkedIn. There is a t-shirt for all participants of the adopt-a-highway event. Debbie Knox stated

that she would still like to wait and see how things go before deciding to do away with the December date. Ross motioned to reschedule the September date to October. Debbie Knox seconded. All present was in agreement.

Business Events Committee – Phyllis has been unable to get in touch with Trish regarding a Lunch and Learn. There might still be an October lunch and learn if it can be worked out. There needs to be a “save the date” sent to alumni for the Christmas event. Jason will work on the food drive. Melinda offered to help with the food drive.

Education\Training\Leadership Development Committee – Ross reported that speaker information needed to be sent to the Williamson County Career Fair by October 19, to be included in the November 15, 2012 event. There is an expo in Memphis September 24 through 26. Ross has a speaking engagement at Lebanon High School on September 17. Ross reported on the Annual Leadership Conference. Rory Vaden has been confirmed as the keynote speaker. Everyone at the conference will be provided with a copy of his book *Take the Stairs*. Ross reported that there is a projected profit of over \$6,000 from the conference. Debbie Knox questioned where the profit would go. Marilou suggested that the conference rate be reduced and break even rather than having a profit. Ross said that the conference committee members are needed the day before the conference to help set up. Monday, November 5 will be the set up date. There is another meeting regarding the Leadership Conference on Wednesday, September 19 at 1:00 pm. The final meeting will be held on October 8th.

Social Events Committee –Debbie Knox reported that there is a reception before the UT game. Dr. Tom and Macel will send out the details after they get a head count. The plan is to have drinks and a snack before heading to the game. Nothing has been booked for the Predator’s game that might take place in October.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

The next meeting is November 13. Debbie Knox has a conflict. It was suggested that the next meeting be moved to November 5 and located in Tennessee Towers. We can help with set up of the Leadership Conference before the meeting. Jason Conner made the motion and Melinda seconded. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30. Mark made the motion to adjourn. Jason seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Ross will send the new mission, value, and vision statements to Dr. Tom. The statements will be presented to alumni at the Christmas event. These do not require a vote of the alumni but will be presented as information to the members.

April Wright is now April Romero and has a new email address – april.romero@tn.gov

Open Discussion:

All of our alumni that are at Comptroller also have a new address – they are now at domain cot.tn.gov. Please change/update your classmates email addresses, as they can no longer be seen in our tn.gov address books and their emails are now being forwarded.

Recommended Reading:

Nielsen, S., Lunquist, T., & Scholz, C. (2011). Do eagles just wing it? Sevierville, TN: Insight Publishing. ISBN: 978-1-60013-753-2.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Dates to remember:

Predator's Game - October 13
Alumni Leadership - Conference November 6
UT Game - November 10
Williamson County Career Fair - November 15
Christmas Breakfast - November 30
Adopt-a-Highway - December 1

Regards,

Melinda S. Crutchfield