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## ZOOM

### JSUMAC Chapter Meeting Secretary's Report

Chapter Meeting Date: August 20, 2023

**Call to Order** – President Sylvester Taylor officially called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

**Invocation** – Debbie Lowe provided the opening prayer.

**Parliamentary Procedures** – William Buchanan reviewed the parliamentary procedures and provided rules to making a motion. The meeting will follow the newly revised Robert's Rules of Order and will last one hour unless a motion is accepted to extend for 15-minute increments. Committee heads are reminded to be mindful of a 2-minute limit.

**Roll Call** by Assistant Secretary Dr. Renee Slaughter: President – Sylvester Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Richard Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Dr. Carlos Sample, Secretary – Amethyst Whitley, Assistant Secretary – Renee Slaughter, Treasurer – open, Financial Secretary – Dylester Scott, Chaplain – Debbie Lowe, Parliamentarian – William Buchanan, Immediate Past President – Deborah Taylor (absent).

**Greetings and Welcome Message**– President Sylvester Taylor provided opening greetings and set the goals for MEAC/SWAC weekend. The goal is to provide everyone with a wonderful weekend.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

- The minutes from the **July 2023** Chapter meeting were read silently by the members. The recap was done by Secretary Amethyst Whitley. The reporting was based on Roberts Rules of Order, stating facts and voted on decisions. The motion was made by Dr. Renee Slaughter and seconded by Debbie Lowe to accept the report as printed.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

- Alyse Samuels reported that the July 2023 opening bank balance was \$11,700.27. July total income was \$6,428.43. Total expenses for July \$4,400.87. The July ending balance as of July 31<sup>st</sup> \$13,727.83. The JSUMAC Scholarship Fund available balance was \$3,593.50, restricted funds was \$700, and the adjusted total balance for the month of July was \$9,434.33. The Treasurer's Report for July was presented for information purposes only and subject to audit.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> VP Committee Reports/ Updates**

- Richard Taylor reported on Campus Activities: The Homecoming Theme is "Thee Legacy Continues". The Homecoming game will be Saturday, October 14. Wednesday, August 23 Tiger Power Packs meeting to package snack packs for the JSU Football Team. HBCU Night with the ATL Braves will be Wednesday, August 23, 2023. HBCU Night with the ATL Dream will be Tuesday, August 29, 2023.
- Amethyst Whitley reported on the recent Rolling Fork community service project in which Kenneth Archer would be transporting the items collected to MS and once completed would provide the chapter with the photos from the exchange. Upcoming community

projects include a clothing drive of ready to wear business attire and food drive for the student pantry on campus. All items can be brought to the meeting on Sunday, September 17 or monetary donations via Cashapp or Zelle.

- Dr. James Berry provided the report on Fundraising which included a Dance Workshop hosted by Jimmy Locust on Saturday, September 30, 2023. The cost per participant is \$30. Dr. Berry announced that the 2024 Jazz Brunch will take place at the GA Aquarium. In the budget, we have \$1,500 for the venue deposit and Dr. Berry will cover \$4,500 for the deposit to be reimbursed to him.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Committee Reports/Updates:**

- Carlos Sample reported on the membership raffle that is currently happening until Thursday, August 31. National and Local dues must be paid in full to be registered in the raffle. The drawing will occur on Friday, September 8, 2023.
- Delphine Woodley reported on that volunteers are needed to participate in upcoming student recruitment fairs so volunteer today. High School Day will be Saturday, November 4. The trip participant max is 40 students. Sponsorships (\$95) are being requested from alumni to cover the full costs of the trip. Students are asked to pay \$100. The \$40 non-refundable deposit is due by Friday, September 15 and the remaining balance of \$60 is due by Friday, October 13. Snacks or monetary donations to purchase snacks for the trip are much appreciated.
- Jerome Jones reported on Student Engagement Committee. The Student Send-Off that occurred on Saturday, July 29 was a success. We have 3 student ambassadors Karrington Childs, Trey McGrew, and Kolin Higgins. They will be the contact for on campus events and communicate opportunities from JSUMAC. On the Friday night before the first game, they are planning a meet and greet so GA students can meet GA Alumni. 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual HBCU National Tennis Tournament will take place Thursday, September 14- Sunday, September 17 at the South Fulton Tennis Center. Upcoming Scholarship Term will be available online as of Monday, August 7 until Monday, September 18.
- Scholarship Awards committee will be Chaired by Erica Dixon. She is currently preparing the criteria for GA students to receive local chapter Scholarship awards for Spring '24 semester.
- Joann Brammer reported on the Parent Engagement group; the group currently has 27 members. The group will support the chapter members for items/events that focus on students when they come to GA. Currently, planning an event for Homecoming in Jackson, MS.

#### **SWAC Fest Picnic Wrap-Up:**

- Debbie Lowe reported on the SWAC Fest weekend recap. The SWAC Meet & Greet and Picnic were a great success. JSU brought home the events trophy. 2024 JSU will be the host of SWAC Fest.

#### **MEAC/SWAC Challenge:**

- The MEAC SWAC Kickoff party will be held at The Beverly on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 7p.m. until. The Tiger Power Packs will be given to the team on Friday, August 25 at the stadium around 3 p.m. The JSU Alumni Meet & Greet will take place on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the host hotel Omni Hotel from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The After Party will take place at Stanleys Cigar Bar where we are in a partnership with Greenwood Whiskey at 9 p.m. until. The game will be August 26, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. here in Atlanta, GA against South Carolina State University. MAC and Sub GA are the tailgate host for the game. As of the time of the meeting we have sold 330 tailgate tickets. Dr. James Berry is the volunteer lead for the event. Special guests include JSU administrators and JSUNAA officers. Encouraging members to post pictures using the hashtag #jsuatlpix.

**JSUNAA and University Events:**

- Sylvester Taylor reported that the Fall Council meeting will be virtual on Saturday, September 30, 2023.
- Orange Blossom Classic in Miami, FL will take place Sunday, September 3, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. The host hotel is The Intercontinental Hotel Miami.

**50/50 Drawing:**

- \$124.00 was collected for 50/50. Alyse Samuels won half of the total amount collected (\$62.00) and she donated her winnings to the upcoming High School Day Trip.

**AOB:**

- Sylvester Taylor reported that we can now accept donations for the JSU GA license plates. Signage will be posted throughout the MEAC/SWAC Challenge Weekend. \$25k is the goal for the donations in order to begin the application process for production. A separate bank account was opened with the only purpose is to maintain tag donations.
- Tiger Power Packs will be assembled on Wednesday, August 23 at 6 p.m. at South Dekalb High School.

**Attendance:**

- The total attendance was 39 (in-person attendance-26 & Zoom-13).

Meeting adjourned @ 4:43 PM and Released by the President The meeting beginning with Secretary's report was recorded \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (sign after every meeting)