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JSUMAC Chapter Meeting Secretary's Report

Chapter Meeting Date: September 18, 2023

Call to Order – President Sylvester Taylor officially called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Invocation – Richard Taylor 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, 1st Vice President – Richard Taylor, 2nd Vice President- Dr. Carlos Sample, Secretary – Amethyst Whitley, Assistant Secretary – Renee Slaughter, Treasurer – open, Financial Secretary – Dylester Scott, Chaplain – Debbie Lowe (excused), Parliamentarian – William Buchanan, Immediate Past President – Deborah Taylor (excused).

Greetings and Welcome Message– President Sylvester Taylor provided opening greetings and provided the Tiger Hot Topic. JSU's enrollment has dropped to less than 7K students at just 6,958. As we go forward, let's brainstorm ways on what we can do to increase enrollment. Volunteer for student recruitment fairs, attend events hosted by the Chapter as any funds raised go towards scholarship, and/or sponsor a student for High School Day 2023. 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.

Secretary's Report:

- The minutes from the **August 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 Assistant Secretary, Dr. Renee Slaughter and seconded by Secretary Amethyst Whitley to accept the report as printed.

Treasurer Report:

- Alyse Samuels reported that the August 2023 opening bank balance was \$13,727.83. August total income was \$16,327.10. Total expenses for August \$14,934.60. The August ending balance as of August 31st \$15,120.33. The JSUMAC Scholarship Fund available balance was \$3,593.50, restricted funds was \$700, and the adjusted total balance for the month of August was \$9,434.33. The Treasurer's Report for August was presented for information purposes only and subject to audit.

1st VP Committee Reports/ Updates

- Richard Taylor reported on Campus Activities: The W.C. Gordon Classic will take place on Saturday, September 23rd in Jackson, MS.
- Dr. James Berry reported that the Dance Workshop will be Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Woodward Academy at a fee of \$30 per participant. The guest choreographer will be Jimmy Locust. Dr. Berry also reported that the deposit for the GA Aquarium has been submitted and the date has been secured. Sponsorship & Ad information will be posted on the JSUMAC website in October. If you know any businesses that we should send sponsorship information to, please send the contact information to the Chapter to be sent sponsorship info.

Secretary Committee Reports:

- Amethyst Whitley reported on ongoing community service projects. We are still accepting ready to wear business wear for the Tiger Career Closet and non-perishable goods/monetary donations for the student pantry on campus until Monday, September 18th. Donations can also be accepted at the JSU Watch Party on Saturday, September 23 at J.R. Crickets at Panola Rd. in Lithonia, GA.
- Public & Media Relations Update, we are asking everyone to be on the public relations committee by taking pictures and either submitting to the FB page or using the hashtag #jsuatlpix. Encouraging members to come out to events to be a part of our pictorial history.

2nd VP Committee Reports/Updates:

- Carlos Sample reported that Student Recruitment is in need of volunteers to represent JSU at 8 upcoming college fairs which are mostly taking place during the weekdays. On the volunteer flyer you are able to sign up for upcoming fairs. There will be a raffle for members, every time you volunteer at any event you will receive an entry into the raffle. The winner will receive membership dues paid for the fiscal year of '24-'25.
- Dr. James Berry reported that remaining watch parties will occur at the J.R. Crickets on Panola Rd. in Lithonia, GA.
- Alisha Johnson reported that Sandtown Pub will allow us to have our holiday party on Saturday, December 9th at their Campbellton Rd. location for \$500 that will cover food and a specialty drink.
- Jerome Jones reported on Student Engagement Committee. Thank you to those who had a chance to attend the 22nd Annual HBCU National Tennis Tournament that took place Thursday, September 14- Sunday, September 17 at the South Fulton Tennis Center. JSUNAA Scholarship Term will be available online as of Monday, August 7 until Monday, September 18. On Friday, September 22 from 5pm-7pm, we are planning a GA meet and greet so GA students can meet GA Alumni. This event will occur on every Friday for the home games including Homecoming weekend.
- Joann Brammer reported on the Parent Engagement Group (PEG); the group currently has 35 members. The group will support the chapter for items/events that focus on students when they come to GA. Currently, planning an event for Homecoming in Jackson, MS.
- Erica Dixon reported on the JSUMAC Spring '24 semester scholarship. The scholarship window is Sunday, October 1- December 1, 2023.

MEAC/SWAC Challenge Weekend Wrap-Up:

- Sylvester Taylor reported on the MEAC SWAC weekend event; it was a success with over 300 people attending. We are awaiting a vendor payment from the University but we did make a profit from the weekend's event.

JSU GA Specialty Tag:

- Sylvester Taylor reported that the time has come and we can now accept donations towards the \$25,000 application fee. At the time of the meeting, we have raised

\$751.26. We are challenging 250 Donors to give \$100 each by the end of December to reach our \$25,000 goal. If your company does company donation matching, please make your donation through your company or keep your receipt and submit the necessary form to your company to contribute.

JSUNAA and University Events:

- Kenneth Archer reported that the Fall Council meeting will be virtual on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. CST/9:30 a.m. E.T – 3:30 p.m. Registration to the Council Meeting is free if you are a paid member otherwise the cost is \$50 (national dues cost). DeMarco Morgan will be the keynote speaker for the meeting. Metro Atlanta President Sylvester Taylor will be speaking on membership during the meeting.

50/50 Drawing:

- \$82.00 was collected for 50/50. Kenneth Archer won half of the total amount collected (\$41.00) and he donated his winnings to the GA Tag Project.

AOB:

- Homecoming is Oct 7- 14, 2023. The theme is “Thee Legacy Continues”.
- The Legacy Brunch for Homecoming week will take place on Friday, Oct 13.
- The next Chapter meeting will be Monday, October 16 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.
- Hospitality will be hosted by Yolanda Harris for the November Chapter meeting.

Attendance:

- The total attendance was 30.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:52 PM and Released by the President The meeting beginning with Secretary's report was recorded _____ / _____ (sign after every meeting)