

## **General Chapter Meeting Minutes May 2, 2020**

**Board Members Present:** Mitchell Harris, Candice Elliott, Jeremy Sanford, Mable Austin, LaKrystal Foster, Kimberly Blasingame, Rose Austin, Michelle Myers, Regina Myers, Lee Elder and Darryl Pilate. There were 25 other members present via video and phone.

Meeting called to order by Darryl Pilate at 10:37 am.

Prayer by Pastor Lee Elder

### **Approval of the Agenda**

**Action:** Chair asked for a motion to approve the Agenda: A Motion to approve was made by Mitch Harris and second by Yolanda. Motioned Carried.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

**Action:** Chair asked for a motion to approve the March 7, 2020 General Chapter Meeting Minutes: A Motion was made by Mitch Harris and second by Yolanda Owens. Motion Carried.

**Presidents Report by Darryl Pilate.** Darryl thanked everyone for their participation. I hope everyone is safe and doing well. While the pandemic has us all on pause, it's creating great attendance for today's meeting. There are 35 people on by video and phone. I look forward to the reports from the Committee Chairs. I've asked everyone to be prepared to discuss accomplishments for this fiscal year. I will cover the following four topics in today's General Meeting. 1. Welcome 2. University Update 3. Gala Cancelled/COVID-19 3. Closing out 2019-2020; Start 2020-2021. I think everyone is aware of these topics but a recent conversation with Acting President Hudson, he believes the University will be okay through this summer. He did mention he is hoping to get the University back to some level of normalcy by the fall. He mentioned he wants this for Students, Staff and Alumni.

**Treasurer's report by Mitch Harris.** For the period of March 1 to March 31, 2020. Mitchell Harris submitted the corrected budget for February with the correct Treasures report indicating a Beginning Balance of \$5,736.42 and corrected Ending Balance of \$5,483.38. Mitch Harris presented the April Treasures report. The Beginning balance of \$8,624.38 and ending balance of April 31 of \$6,456.59. Mitch presented an overall Gala Financial report of a total Income of \$4,631.29. All funds were earmarked for the following: Scholarship- \$2,658.79 and Local Chapter designated Fund \$1,972.50. The Treasures reports were accepted for future audits.

**Membership Committee by Kimberly Blasingame.** Kimberly mentioned we have been continuing to convince Alums to join the Chapter. Kimberly talked about how local

Alums usually has something that has occurred in the past that is presenting them to join the Chapter. Kimberly talked about the MyERA membership campaign

**Student Recruitment by Jeremy Sanford.** It's still a need for committee members to help recruit students since most college fairs are during the day. The group was asked if they know of any school visits or fairs, please send them to Jeremy as soon as possible so he can try to work them into his work schedule. Jeremy reached out to JSU Student Recruitment regarding HS day; still have not heard back. Jeremy will continue to reach out to the University to get a list of students who have applied or been admitted to the University.

**Director of Development by Rose Austin.** Dr Austin submitted her report where she summarized Fundraising so far for 2019 – 2020. 1. Home Style Giving - \$4,193.50 Cash and \$32,065.50 in Pledges 2. Day of Giving the Chapter gave \$1,500 last year 3. Gift from Centerpoint Energy via Kimberly and \$300 Jasmine Brown via Centerpoint Energy, 4. Personal Celebration Not yet Calculated, 5. Raffle raised \$190, 5. Gala raised \$4,210. Dr Austin mentioned by June 30 the President will do a soft ask for donation considering all everyone is dealing with concerning the COVID-19. National Day of giving is pushed out to August. Dr Austin concluded with the new initiatives created in 2019-2020 1. Student Activity Fund, 2. Personal Celebrations, 3. JSU Donation Summary Form

**Community Service by Lakrystal Foster.** Lakrystal reported the Manville High School Prom has been cancelled. The Chapter had agreed to support the Prom by donating funds to support students.

**Events by Michelle Myers.** Michelle reported that the Picnic scheduled for June 7, 2020 has been officially cancelled at Lake Houston's Deussen Park.

**JSUNAA Officer Remarks. Tarita Davis 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** discussed the following topics: 1. Millions of eyes of Excellence Campaign to be extended to raise \$5 million beyond two years. So far this FY \$.892 has been raised. The Alumni APR is 2.6% vs 2.9% last year. 2. JSUNAA supported Athletics and Emergency GAP Fund with a donation of \$2,000. 3. Annual Day of Giving will be in August which normally is in April. 4. "Thee" Blue Box an opportunity to participate in a fundraiser to receive two gift boxes with special JSU Logo gift items. 5. "Why I Give Testimonials" opportunity to quote Alumni giving. 6. Virtual Day party is planned for today. **Sedric Myers 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** discussed the MyERA Membership campaign. The campaign started with a soft launch in April. The campaign will run through the end of May. The campaign is designed to help support Alumni APR and early membership sign up. **Katherine Cage Treasurer,** Katherine discussed the JSUNAA 501c3 status and how all Alumni Chapters

will be rolled into the Nationals status. Katherine shared financial data concerning JSUNAA.

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business:** Darryl mentioned the Chapter's Recording and Corresponding Secretary Officer position is open. Dr Rose Austin who heads up our Nominations Committee will be posting the criteria and getting with me for next steps. In the meantime if anyone is interested please contact me. If we don't get any volunteers we I will reach out to a few people who I think might be interested.

Darryl asked for a motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 pm.