**General Chapter Meeting**

**January 9, 2021**

**Board Members Present:** Jeremy Sanford, Mable Austin, Rose Austin, LaKrystal Franklin, Mitchell Harris, Kimberly Blasingame, Thaddeus Reed and Darryl Pilate. There were 19 members present via video and phone.

Meeting was called to order by Darryl Pilate at 10:35 AM.

**Prayer by Darryl Pilate.**

**Approval of the Agenda.**

Motion was made by to approve the agenda by Darryl Pilate. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Motion was made by Sedric Myers to approve the October minutes. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thaddeus Reed to approve the November minutes. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

**President’s Report by Darryl Pilate.** Darryl welcomed everyone to the call. Coach Prime has been doing a lot of work in preparation for the Spring and Fall seasons. Coming up soon Dr. Earlexia Norwood will challenging chapters and individuals to get $1,000,000 for the National Alumni association. There will also be a big push to take student recruitment to the next level. Enrollment at the University has been stagnant so there will be a huge push for recruitment, which our local Chapter has always been active in doing.

**Treasurer/Financial Secretary – Mitchell Harris/Thaddeus Reed.** For the period of December 1 to December 31. Mitch submitted the Treasurer’s report indicating a beginning balance of $11,642.90 and an ending balance of $11, 452.27. All funds were earmarked for the following: Designated Student Activity Fund $3,312.50; 2021 gala $5,100.00. The Treasurer’s report is accepted for future audits.

**Membership – Kimberly Blasingame.** Kimberly presented that we are at 78 financial members towards our goal of 100 local paid members. Of the78, we have 35 life members. There was a drawing for members who paid dues in December 2020 to win JSU paraphernalia donated from Reed Enterprises. The two members who won were announced. To participate in the upcoming election, you must pay dues by February 6. The membership committee is reaching out to members to ensure they are aware of this deadline.

**Student Recruitment – Jeremy Sanford.**  Jeremy reported that he is still brainstorming ways to still recruit students virtually. He is still working to create a Houston or Texas area college fair with the assigned JSU recruiter. He encouraged Chapter members to send college fair invites to jsuhaacsr@gmail.com.

**Community Service** – **LaKrystal Foster**. LaKrystal thanked everyone for their donations for the Toy Drive; 120 toys were given out to the students. The School and the students were excited about receiving the gifts. More events will be announced in the future. Mable Scott Austin announced that on January 30, the Suburban Sugar Land Women will host a virtual voter registration training to become a volunteer voter registrar.

**Athletics – Thaddeus Reed.** Thaddeus reported that construction is ongoing with the Athletic and Assembly Center, the Walter Payton Center, and the practice field. The first football game is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, February 21, 2021. Chapter members are encouraged to purchases season tickets; football supports all athletic sports on campus. JSU is hosting Alcorn, and it will be live streaming tonight on BlueFrame. On January 16 and 18, the men and women’s basketball teams will be coming to Houston to play Prairie View and Texas Southern. We will be donating what was collected to the teams, which was already previously approved. Thaddeus thanked everyone for their participation in those endeavors.

**Director of Development – Dr Rose Austin.**

2021 Gala

Dr. Austin reported that individual tickets are now $100 per ticket, effective as of January 1. Each table is $1000, and the tax deduction amount is $25. The attire is Blue and is not formal, but it is welcomed. The website has been updated to reflect the new ticket prices. The plan is to still hold the event in person. The hotel has confirmed that they have already been holding in-person events. Tables are limited to 6-8 people, hand sanitizing stations are provided throughout the ballroom, and masks are required. At first, we were only provided two-thirds of the ballroom, but now we have the entire ballroom so that we can spread out. Unless there is a massive breakout, we will proceed with our Plan A to hold the in-person Gala. We will have a reception/photography area, entertainment and dancing, a short program with awards, and University/National Association/student representation (in-person or virtually).

Plan B would be a virtual event Gala where you pick up the meals before the event, and there will still be entertainment/dancing, a short program with awards, and University/National Association/student representation. The committee will meet on the upcoming Tuesday to concurrently work on Plans A and B. Dr. Austin updated the Chapter on the commitments and payments to date. To date, we have $64,350 in commitments and a little over $20,000 has been collected. The expected attendance is 150, so multiple tickets should be purchased or a table to meet this goal.

2021 Election

Dr. Austin presented the timeline for the upcoming election starting with the call for nominations at the February 6 Chapter meeting and the presentation of the nominations at the March 6 Chapter meeting. An email will be sent with the timeline and details regarding the Election.

**Unfinished Business.**  None.

**New Business.** None.

**JSUNAA Officer Remarks.**

**Tarita Davis - JSUNAA First Vice President** Tarita updated everyone that the National Alumni Association is looking to host several events during the Orange Blossom Classic being held during Labor Day weekend. The JSUNAA voted during the executive Board meeting – the host hotel is The Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort. One hundred rooms have been secured at $149/night. The plan is to have an event with FAMU at their host hotel – the Westin Hotel Beach Resort on that Friday and a meet and greet event with JSU alums at our Hilton host hotel. Details will be forthcoming. Tarita also reported that the True Blue Box has been a success and thanked Thaddeus for his efforts to get us through the process given COVID-19. The True Blue Box raised over $16,000.

**Sedric Myers - JSUNAA Second Vice President.** Sedric reported that membership is growing, and we are up about 15% over the entire last year with the increasing membership. Sedric thanked the Houston Chapter and other larger Chapters for hosting the membership drives to increase the efforts to increase the National Alumni participation. Over the next couple of weeks, approval will be granted for a new membership database that will be user-friendly for the National and local Chapters. This will help connect everything together. Currently there is a lot of manual input, but now this will allow for the electronic connection between the membership and the financials. Kim and some of the other members will be apart of the demo of the new tool.

**Good of the Order.** The next Chapter meeting will be on February 6, 2021. The Women’s/Men’s Basketball teams will play at Prairie View A&M University on January 16 and Texas Southern University on January 18.

Several group photos were taken.

Darryl asked for a motion to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned – 12:05 PM**.**