

Miami University Hamilton
Student Government Association
January 18th 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Tyler.

In attendance at the meeting: Tyler, Katie, Chrisy, Jason, Lynnette, Bailey, Brandon, Dr. Bob, and Dr. Dave. Sara Isley, Lance Samples, Frank Parrish, Stephanie Seals were guests at the meeting. The group was informed that Anna might not be able to continue as a member since she will not be taking classes this semester.

Chrisy informed the group that she had finished refinishing the suggestion boxes and that she would bring back to campus next week. Chrisy stated that the notes with minutes for the prior two meeting were accidentally destroyed, but she agreed to reconstruct the minutes to the best of her ability.

Tyler introduced Frank Parish to the group. The group had discussed Frank at prior meetings as a possible candidate for the Director of Marketing position. Frank explained his previous experience in marketing while he was an intern. He explained his ability to do market research and coordinate events. Tyler outlined the groups need for a Director of Marketing.

- Marketing the elections
- Working on promoting the CPI
- Maintaining the bulletin board in Mosler
- Promoting the SGA to the student body and increasing membership

Brandon updated the group that the website had been updated as of the last meeting in December. He also informed the group that Liz and he had taken the pictures from the website and set up an account on flicker.com. There is a link from the SGA to the flicker.com account. This was done as a way to free up space on the SGA website since pictures take up a significant amount of space.

There was discussion concerning the lack of use of the groups Blackboard (BB) site. Tyler expressed that he will personally be using the BB site more by posting various announcements on it throughout the semester. There was a consensus among members that the BB site should be utilized more. It was agreed to make all officers administrators on the BB site. Tyler shared that if members wanted to post links to other site on the site to inform Brandon or himself.

Committee appointments were discussed:

- Hamilton Senate-Jason, Lynnette, and possibly Frank and Lance. Chrisy agreed to fill as an alternate this month.
- AARLAC- Lance, Lynnette as alternate
- Campus Concerns- Chrisy

Chrisy moved to approve the committee appointments; Jason seconded the motion. Motion to approve the committee appointments was table since the group was not in quorum.

Jason reported that the budget was \$1296.31. Tyler proposed action to improve the financial stability of the group. The group will have a budget meeting on Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the various options.

1. Asking for a budget increase to \$12,000.
2. Fundraising with events such as Chris Dowd's suggestion of an event at Krazy City. The potential profit is 20% of the earnings and there is no charge to set up the event.
3. Working with Students Serving Students (SSS) getting donations for the CPI.
4. Taking part in a fund raiser to sell discount cards. Tyler and Chrisy will lead the initiative.

The group discussed the lack of response for the CPI pledge sheet. There was only one form submitted to the group. There was concern that there needs to be more effort put into getting the CPI pledge sheets out and to generate more interest in the CPI.

Tyler and Dr. Bob planned a meeting today with Dr. Hall, but the meeting will need to be rescheduled for next week. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a way for the MUH to commemorate Nuxhall's contributions to the community. The group agreed that renaming of the press box at Foundation Field would be an appropriate gesture.

The open forum will be held January 30th in the SGA office space. There will be further discussion next week.

Tyler will update the group next week concerning the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. He will also post the report on BB. Tyler will be helping out with the voter registration drive by picking up the guest speaker from the Dayton airport on January 4th at 4:00 P.M. Tyler distributed a copy of a response he prepared for the students that criticized the price of text books.

The City of Hamilton added additional signage to the crosswalk along with painted marks on the pavement. The improvements made to the crosswalk are appreciated, but further attention to the crosswalk is needed.

The group discussed the Women's Hour of Power. Many in the group felt that the fitness center was not being utilized during the sessions. It was unclear to the group if the program existed or if it had been discontinued.

Tyler informed the group that he made an executive decision to support the Racial Legacy Program. Damali Ayo the author of "How to Rent a Negro" will be a guest speaker, February 14th at 7:00P.M. in WCC.

Tyler read aloud the proposed amendment to the constitution to make Friday's at 1:30 P.M. the permanent meeting time during the Spring and Fall semesters. The meeting time for Summer sessions will be determined by the SGA President. There were suggested changes to the wording of the document. The amendment will be read aloud and voted on at the next meeting.

There will be a photo shoot on January 24th.at 12:30 P.M. All members were encouraged to be present for the group picture. It has not been decided what the groups attire will be for the photo shoot.

Dr. Bob informed the group that the plasma televisions for the Commons have arrived, and will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Lynnette moved to adjourn the meeting; Jason seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn was accepted by Tyler.

Tyler adjourned the meeting at 3:11 P.M.