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Minutes for the May 13, 2009 General Body Meeting.

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Anthony Bryant
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Melvin Hodges
Member-at-Large

Reuben Moore
Member-at-Large

Kevin McGee
Immediate Past President

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by President Don Pollard and was immediately followed by an opening prayer. The introduction of the Chapter Executive Board and the rest of the chapter members in attendance were given. Members provided their names, graduation class, and occupations. All in total there were 15 members in attendance.

Meeting Agenda Items:

The meeting minutes for April were presented by Rashad Warren.

Treasurer, Anthony Bryant was not in attendance so the financial report was not presented.

President Pollard spoke on the recent Executive Board Meeting that was held on Saturday, April 4, 2009. The board discussed the upcoming Prostate Cancer Walk scheduled for April 25, 2009. The chapter was still scheduled to purchase 100 shirts in support of the event. At the time the chapter had only purchased 15 shirts. The board also discussed the plans briefly on the upcoming Pizza in the Dorms which was scheduled for April 22, 2009. Lastly, the board discussed the recent email submitted from President Franklin as an emergency appeal to alumni to support the school financially due to the economic crisis. Hundreds of students were being forced to leave as a result of not being able to fulfill their financial obligations.

Regional Conference

Kevin McGee spoke on the recent Region 1 Conference for the National Alumni Association that was held on April 25, 2009. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Reducing the number of local chapters and regions
- Focus on having national fundraisers with implementation through local chapters
- 1 Due Structure
- National Alumni meeting scheduled for May 15, 2009, Sale Hall
- Rites of Passage

Pizza Night

Pizza in the Dorms was held on April 22, 2009 at Brazeal Hall. The event was very successful. 75 pizzas were distributed through the dorm from 7pm-9pm. The turnout was very good from the students and alumni. Alumni brothers gave money to help assist with the costs of the pizza. The event allowed students to interact with alumni and it showed that we cared about the students. There are now talks of having the event during Freshmen Week for the upcoming fall 2009 semester.

Membership Drive

Currently the chapter stands at 144 dues paying members which fell way short of our goal of 500. Bro. Leaphart has discussed looking at a plan for next year to assist in the membership drive.



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Alumni Mixer

The next alumni mixer will be held on Friday May 15, 2009 at the Highland Cigar Bar Suite 140 from 6pm-9pm.

Scholarships

The chapter announced early this year that we would discontinue the Marvin Magnham Scholarship. The chapter, however, did raise scholarship money as a result of the silent auction fundraiser held in December. We awarded scholarships to several students but two senior students were present at the meeting to accept the funds presented by the chapter.

Seniors, Renard D. Allen Jr. and Andrew Johnson were two of many students selected as recipients for scholarships from the Atlanta Chapter. The presentation of scholarships totaling close to \$1814 were given at the end of the chapter meeting. Both students spoke eloquently and were very grateful for the chapter supporting them financially in their efforts to graduate with their class.

Renard D. Allen is a Senior Religion major from Texas. Renard spoke to the body as he was inspired to come to Morehouse College to study at the same school as Martin Luther King Jr. Renard currently serves as an ordained minister, is married with two children, and hopes to attend Harvard School of Divinity after graduation. Andrew Johnson is a Senior English major from Fayetteville, NC and his plans are to become a journalist for ESPN.

We are proud to support these students in their future endeavors as newly inducted Morehouse Men. They will carry the torch of leadership and our chapter was proud to contribute to their efforts.

Next Meeting – September 9, 2009

Elections

One nomination came on the floor for Brock Mayors for Member-at-Large. The nomination was given by Vice President Brandon Banks. After the nominations closed the chapter then voted and the officers from last year were re-elected (see side bar on page 1).



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For The Good of the House

Melvin Hodges announced he recently had a new baby being welcomed into his family.

It was sad moment to announce deaths in the Morehouse family including former chapter President Curtis Douglas, whose father passed away. Alumnus Alexander ('08) and Jerome Jenkins ('53) recently passed. Cameron Daniels stressed that with everything that is going on in the economy recent studies have seen an increase in suicides. With the recent suicide of alumnus Shakir Stewart, Cameron stressed the importance of alumni being more of a better presence is needed more than ever.

The meeting concluded with the Morehouse Hymn at 7:34pm

Minutes prepared by Rashad Warren