



Atlanta Metropolitan Area Chapter
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Minutes for the September 15, 2009 General Body Meeting.

**Atlanta Chapter Officers
2008-2009**

Don Pollard
President

Brandon Banks
Vice President

Cameron Daniels
Corresponding Secretary

Rashad Warren
Recording Secretary

Anthony Bryant
Treasurer

Wilbur T. Leaphart
Member-at-Large

Melvin Hodges
Member-at-Large

Reuben Moore
Member-at-Large

Kevin McGee
Immediate Past President

The meeting was called to order at 6:20pm by Vice President Brandon Banks. President Pollard was not present. The body opened the meeting with a prayer followed by introductions of members and officers. All in total there were 55 members in attendance.

Meeting Agenda Items:

The meeting minutes for May were presented by Recording Secretary, Rashad Warren. The minutes were accepted and passed by the body.

Treasurer, Anthony Bryant was in attendance to present the financial report. As of August 31, 2009 the current balance stood at \$8,943.00. The chapter has collected dues from roughly 85-90 members for the fiscal year 2009-2010. Anthony Bryant suggested that money be allocated to Alumnus Jason Jackson for his services as webmaster for our website. A motion was made to have the board consider payment of services to Jason Jackson. The board will meet to discuss the recommendation at the next board meeting and the chapter will vote on the recommendation at the next chapter meeting. Anthony then made a motion to accept the financial report and the motion was seconded and passed by the body.

One- Dues System

In conjunction with the National Alumni Association, the chapter has decided to adopt a one due structure for the year. Dues will now be \$125 which will include local dues of \$50 and national dues for \$75. The initiative will assist the chapter and the National Alumni Association with retaining membership. Collie Burnett Jr. (Class of '72) spoke on how being financial locally and nationally will benefit alumni and the college. Other topics discussed included:

- 3-Year Business Cycle
- 3-Year Membership Drive; Goal: 3850 paying members
- Re-Design of Website
- Office of Alumni Affairs vs. National Alumni Association
- Endowment over \$300,000

Membership Drive

The chapter is still pushing for the goal of 500 financial and active members. Membership cards were passed out to the body.

Strategic Plan

Former President Kevin McGee spoke briefly on the Strategic Plan. In July we had our final Strategic Planning Meeting. The plan has now been completed and now we will focus on implementing the components and initiatives of the plan. It was through the diligence of the chapter and our action plan that led us winning Chapter of the Year for the National Alumni Association. The award was presented to the chapter at the Reunion Banquet on May 16, 2009 held at the Ritz Carlton.



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1st Annual Morehouse Alumni Picnic

Melvin Hodges spoke briefly on the 1st Annual Morehouse Picnic that was held on August 15, 2009. The turnout was great with over 100 alumni, family and friends in attendance.

Tuesday Meetings

Meeting will now be held every 3rd Tuesday of the month and will be held in the Visitor Center under the Parking Deck. **The next meeting will be held on October 20, 2009.**

Passing of Brother Emmet Proctor

Brothers reflected on the recent passing of Emmet Proctor. Known as "Mr. Morehouse." Brother Proctor was a very noble alumnus who was very dedicated to the college and the chapter. Brothers gave their thoughts on his life and accomplishments as he will be sorely missed.

Homecoming 2009

Henry Goodgame spoke on Homecoming 2009. This year the Homecoming Tailgate Tents will not be held on Spelman's parking lot but will be on Wellborn and West End Street. There will be an Alumni Showcase along with a panel discussion that will be held early in the week.

The Homecoming Golf Tournament will be held on October 23, 2009 at the Mirror Lake Golf Course held in Villa Rica, GA. As in previous years the chapter has always sponsored a homecoming tent. A motion was made to have \$125 paid to support the Homecoming Tent. The motion was passed.

Alumni Mixer

Greg Johnson will host an alumni mixer at Blackwood Pizza Bistro in Camp Creek Market Place on September 18, 2009. The event will take Place from 7pm-9pm.

Elections 2009

The chapter allowed fellow alumni running for political offices to speak to the chapter about their platform for three minutes. The forum was moderated by Thomas Scott '89. Candidates included:

- Kevin Johnson '01 – State House Rep. District 58
- Torry O Johnson '87 – State Senate District 35
- H Lamar Willis '93 – Atlanta City Council



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- Courtney English '07 – Atlanta Public Schools of Education Seat 7
- Khatim Sherrer El '03 Atlanta Public School Board Educational District 2
- Caesar Mitchell – Atlanta City Council President

For The Good of the House

A presentation was presented from the *Resurgence of the Crown*. The focus of the student run organization is to focus on discipline, mentorship, recruitment and the stability of the college.

Meeting concluded with the Morehouse Hymn.

Minutes prepared by Rashad Warren