

Minutes MCAA General Body Meeting 8/20/2019

The Morehouse Metropolitan Atlanta Alumni Chapter General Body meeting was held 20 August 2019 @ The Loft @ Castleberry Hill.

The meeting was called to order at 1847 hrs by the Vice President Torrence Nero. The meeting started with an opening prayer by Parliamentarian Timothy Ferrell. The VP's opening remarks centered on welcoming brothers to the meeting and asking for their continued support in moving the chapter forward.

The VP introduced Eric Turner, Morehouse Athletic Coordinator. Eric advised the body of the upcoming football schedule and asked that alumni support not only the football team but all athletic teams of the college. He emphasized that alumni support during athletic competitions was essential for increasing morale of the athletes and to demonstrate the bond that alumni are trying to foster with the students.

Report Outs: Alex Branch briefed the body on ongoing efforts to engage alumni, with not only students, but with the community at large. He emphasized that the young men currently enrolled at the college don't have the same connectivity to classmates and the college that older alum have. Connectivity will be a primary driver of his committee's efforts during engagement activities.

Report Outs: The treasurer was not in attendance. The VP briefed the body on the treasurer's last report. There were no issues.

Report Outs: Terrence Nero briefed the body on efforts to update the association's constitution and by-laws. Brother Curtis Briscoe noted that a great deal of effort over the past 4 months had been expended to update these documents and that brothers had been afforded ample time to provide input. He then made a motion for a vote to adopt, first the constitution and then the by-laws. Brother Alex Branch seconded the motion. The vote to accept the constitution had 30 for adoption with no opposition. The vote to accept the by-laws had 29 for adoption with no opposition. Both documents were approved by voice vote @ 1912 hrs, August 20, 2019.

Report Outs: Brothers Val Shumate and Rodney Howard briefed on the Honoring Our Fathers affair. They noted that it was a tremendous success and after satisfying all bills, the association realized \$11,600.00 in profit which will help to replenish the funds provided to students during the past academic year. They noted that the association's president had secured the Forbes arena to host the 2020 affair. The goal is to have 400 participants and possibly 500. It should be the biggest affair since the affair started. Tickets for next year's affair will remain @ \$50.00 per attendee. Brothers were asked to show their support early by

committing to purchase tickets early. It was noted that Brother Kozmos has developed a promotional video that, once edited, will be used to promote future affairs.

Report Outs: The VP briefed on the activities examined during the association's retreat. He advised that the minutes of the retreat would be electronically transmitted to the body so all members can read and voice comments and or concerns.

The VP noted that 2 members have voiced a desire to serve as the association's chaplain. A decision will be made during the next executive board meeting as to which brother will serve in this capacity for the remainder of this association year.

Report Outs: The president advised that the association has established an official endowed scholarship fund with the college. Life time dues are the basis for funding this scholarship initiative. Other vehicles for providing funds to this initiative are being researched.

The president advised the body that the association will support national's efforts during homecoming activities this school year but will not partner with national. The association will partner with a group led by Dr. B.K. Edmonds who is trying to revive the Jazz Tent located in College Town from previous years.

Some insight on plans for the college's new athletic facility was provided to the body. Unlike past events, the president has been assured by the college that all proceeds generated by any athletic team or venue will be poured back into the athletic department.

For The Good of The 'House': Brother Folks advised that that his entertainment group sponsors plays, talent shows, etc. and asked that brothers support these events which encourages Black talent.

Brother Briscoe called for all brothers to become local lifetime members.

Brothers were encouraged to participate in an event dubbed 'We Buy Black' which will be held between August 23 – 24 2019. The website address is www.webuyblack.com.

Brothers were encouraged to vote in the upcoming election and all other elections. It was pointed out that 67% of women and 42% of men voted in the last governor's race. Had Black men voted Stacey Abrams would be Georgia's governor.

The meeting was adjourned at 1947 hrs after which the assembled members sang the college hymn.

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Recording Secretary