

# **Adelphi University Parents Association**

## **Minutes of Meeting, January 19, 2006**

- Board Members Present: Paula Hardway, President; Joyce Serra, Vice-President, Marjorie Guttenplan, Corresponding Secretary, Joe Caraccia, Treasurer and Balbina Leonardo, Minutes Secretary; Neal and Kathy Beekman, and two other parents. Jeremy Marchese from Student Affairs and Dean Kessler were also present.
- The meeting was called to order by President Paula Hardway, at 7:33 p.m.
- No new parents were in attendance. Minutes were read, voted and approved.
- Paula informed us about the visit last month by Ms. Mary Honey, Director of Health Services. It was very informative. If we are interested, she will invite her again.
- Other speakers were suggested: Student Government President, Dean from Honors College, Public Safety, Financial Services, etc.
- Joe presented the Treasurer's report: no increases, no decreases. At this point we have \$5,623.68.
- Jeremy reported that the Newsletter is finally coming out. Some parents have received it, others have not. We all reviewed the newsletter and discussed the pros and cons. Some suggestions were made by parents and board members.
- Joe said that he would like to see something in the newsletter that invites the parents to participate; a question/survey section, topics of interest, report the meeting dates, remind them that they missed the meeting, etc.
- Jeffrey reported that some parents just want to be involved in paying the tuition.
- Paulanne had some critiques about the newsletter. She feels that it should be more alive, more attractive to parents and future parents. Ex. Insert a picture of the speakers, what's going on in the University, etc. She also said that the lettering (white on orange) is hard to read.
- Jeremy reported that the information for the Newsletter must be on hand about a month in advance.
- Mr. Kessler explained that the newsletter must be interesting for the people that don't have a chance to be at the meetings because they live far away. (out of the country or state)
- Mr. Kessler also suggested putting the calendar of events and the workshops on the Website and asking parents what they are interested in.
- Paula and other participants suggested doing a survey to find out the needs of the parents.

- Some of the topics that were suggested to be presented were: Nutrition and Health, Financial Planning, Horticulture, Hospice Care, and Estate Planning. It was also suggested to have a tour guide to talk about the school and its surroundings.
- As per Jeremy, the Senior Award Application Readings will take place on Thursday, April 6, 2006 in the UC, room 210; the Senior Award Finalist Interviews will take place on Tuesday, April 25 in UC 210. Both activities will be @ 6:00 pm. We were also reminded about the Parent Reception/Play day (Saturday, April 1, 2006 @ 6:00 pm at Alumni House.)
- Jeremy informed about the Parent Recognition Award; an application and the criteria was given to all attendees.
- Mr. Kessler suggested that it wouldn't look good if the son or daughter of a parent on the board is nominated or awarded; Joe did not agree, nor did Balbina. We feel that it isn't fair to the student. Some feel that the student (child of a Board Member) should be able to apply, but then, that member of the board should not be able to participate in the process.
- There was a big discussion about this. There were agreements and disagreements. Jeffrey suggested setting the topic aside for the next meeting. It was suggested that a policy be set.
- Neal suggested a "door price" activity as an incentive for parents to attend the meetings.
- As per Paula, the screening of the Senior Award Applications will take place on April 6, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.