

Adelphi University Parents Association

Minutes of September 9, 2004 Meeting

In Attendance:

Dolores Caraccia, Joe Caraccia, Pat Castillo, Mike Cohen, Sharon Dym, Arline Fasano, Silvia Lombardi, and Jeremy Marchese

Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m. by President Arline Fasano.

Minutes of August 16, 2004 meeting were read and accepted.

Five new parents were welcomed at this evening's meeting; Dolores and Joe Caraccia, Pat Castillo, Sharon Dym, and Silvia Lombardi.

There were no guest speakers at this evening's meeting, nor were there any new issues regarding communications and/or correspondence.

The August 27th Orientation and Matriculation ceremony were discussed. It was noted that there was a great deal of praise regarding this year's event, particularly the Matriculation ceremony. It was suggested that more advertising be done next year to promote the ceremony, as many who attended did not realize just how special an event it would be. Evaluations received from those who attended Orientation were quite favorable with 100% of those who responded indicating that they were "very satisfied" with the overall program.

It was further noted that the Orientation program seemed to be geared more toward the comfort of the commuter student, leaving very little time for resident students to get everything that they needed to do accomplished. A suggestion of possibly having a separate Orientation for resident students was proposed. The main concern was that the program did not provide adequate time for residents and their parents to get settled into their dormitories with all of the other activities of the day going on. It was also suggested that perhaps the University could look into having carts and/or hand trucks available to assist residents with the move-in for next term.

Possible guest speakers for the upcoming academic year were discussed and the following schedule was tentatively agreed upon:

November – Residential Life
December – Lackmann Culinary Services
January – Public Safety
February – Student Counseling Center
March – Student Financial Services
April – Career Services
May – Student Council

This will be discussed further when meeting dates for the Parents Association are scheduled for the year.

Nominations for the October election were discussed and thus far the candidates are as follows:

President – Mike Cohen
Vice President – Pat Arbore
Secretary – Joyce Serra
Treasurer – Paula Hardway

Any additional nominations that are received from the Parents mailing will be included before the October 9th meeting.

Staffing for Family Weekend on October 9th was discussed and Arline Fasano, Mike Cohen, Joe and Dolores Caraccia, and Pat Castillo all volunteered to assist (In addition to Paula Hardway, Joyce Serra and Pat Arbore). There were no volunteers to march in the homecoming parade, however. It is still unclear as to whether the Fall Craft Fair will be taking place.

Jeremy Marchese provided the financial report for the Association, indicating a deposit of \$446.00 (proceeds from raffle and phone card sales at Orientation) was made and a withdrawal of \$89.97 was made to cover the cost of the DVD player which was raffled off. The balance is now \$621.18.

The next meeting will take place on October 9, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.