

# **Adelphi University Parents Association**

## **Minutes of Annual Meeting, October 22, 2005**

Board Members Present: Michael Cohen, President; Paula Hardway, Treasurer; Joyce Serra, Secretary. Dwight and Paulanne Simmons, Frances and Roy Dorch-Robinson, Dolores and Joe Caraccia, Pat and Bob Kazakiewicz, Kathy and Neal Beekman, Gloria Sciara, Balbina Leonardo, Marjorie and David Guttenplan, Ron Johnson, Doretta Miraglia, Paul Mule.

President, Michael Cohen, called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m. Introduced officers and welcomed parents in attendance. PA is here to serve the parents and the administration. City colleges and universities do not have PA's, but private colleges and universities do - a good way for parents to keep informed. Hopes there will be more involvement and more ideas. He thanked Jeremy and Dean Kessler for their help, and also thanked Jean DeRosa from the Student Affairs office. Reviewed the scholarship process of past year and the increase in applications for the award, and the "rough decision" process due to quality of candidates.

Treasurer, Paula Hardway, welcomed everyone and thanked Adelphi President Scott for his support of the Parent Association and Dean Kessler, who oversees all of our activities. Also the board and all those parents who attend our meetings. Reviewed purpose of raising funds for the awards for deserving students and the incredible achievement and personal growth seen in the graduating applicants. Also a catered reception was held in March by President Scott for the parents and included viewing an emotional performance of "A Piece of My Heart" at the Olmstead Theatre.

Over \$3,000 is currently in the treasury. This year during family weekend we are selling raffle tickets for a large screen TV, vases, dinners, 2 pizzas, and sports memorabilia. A craft fair will be held in December, thanks to the efforts of a sophomore parent.

The floor was opened for nominations for the PA Board for 2005-2006. There were 3 candidates for two Secretarial positions and no candidate in nomination for the position of Vice President. Joyce Serra offered to remove her nomination for recording secretary and put her name in nomination for Vice President. New parents came forward as nominees for Vice President-Treasurer and for Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, a new position.

The Board voted in for 2005-2006 is as follows:

- President - Paula Hardway
- Vice President - Joyce Serra
- Vice President-Treasurer - Joe Caraccia
- Recording Secretary - Balbina Leonardo
- Corresponding Secretary - Marjorie Guttenplan

Jeff Kessler, Dean of Student Affairs, gave the new website and e-mail addresses for parents:  
[www.adelphi.edu/parents](http://www.adelphi.edu/parents) and [parents@adelphi.edu](mailto:parents@adelphi.edu)

President Scott arrived and spoke. Appreciated parents coming out. Spoke about future construction plans for Adelphi on campus. \$42 million in bonds sold just this past week to finance the cost to begin construction. When the classrooms and studios move out of Olmsted and into the new Fine Arts and Ceramics building, the space in Olmsted will be converted to a 200 seat

dance and 500 seat music performance space. When dance moves out of Woodruff, which was built in 1929, it will be renovated. South of Woodruff a new sports center will be built. The soccer and lacrosse fields will be moved and 310 new parking spots will be created underground. A new Child Activity Center will be built as a lab for early childhood education students. "The plans are ambitious" and there will be inconveniences, but life on campus will be tolerable and with the goal in sight it will be very exciting!

Some concerns about today's schedule were raised briefly and then the meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted by outgoing Secretary, Joyce Serra