

Adelphi University Parents Association

Minutes of Annual Meeting, November 15, 2005

- Board Members Present: Paula Hardway, President; Joyce Serra, Vice-President, Marjorie Guttenplan, Corresponding Secretary, and Balbina Leonardo, Minutes Secretary. Nine (9) additional parents were in attendance, (Paulanne Simmons, German Leonardo, Kathy & Neal Beekman, Sharon Dym, Michael Cohen, Ron Johnson, Paul Mule and Gloria Sciara. Also Jeremy Marchese from Student Affairs was present. Dean Kessler joined the meeting later on.
- President Paula Hardway, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Introduced officers once again and welcomed parents in attendance. Minutes for September and October were read, voted on and approved.
- Paula gave a little history about her time at Adelphi, followed by Joyce.
- Sharon introduced herself – she’s in charge of the Holiday fair that is scheduled to take place on December 6, 2005 fro 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. 24 vendors will be attending, with a total of 31 tables of displays.
- The treasurer’s report was presented by Jeremy. We have \$5,923.63 in funds.
- Ron Johnson introduced himself and also gave a little history of how he started to attend the parents’ meetings.
- Jeremy informed us that we will have the next edition of the newsletter in early December.
- Report on the Family Weekend was presented by Paula and shared by the whole group. Mike (former president) shared his experience. All who attended were very pleased with the activities and the results.
- Parents who attended the Avenue-Q Show were disappointed because they arrived late to the show. Better planning was suggested in terms of bus scheduling.
- As per Jeremy, an e-mail is going out to the entire campus about the Holiday fair the week before and on the day of the event (Tuesday). Flyers are also being distributed.
- There were some concerns about parking.
- Paul arrived and introduced himself. As per Paula, he will find out if his wife has some stress videos (20 minutes long) to view at the parents meeting.
- Gloria arrived and introduced herself.

- Joyce expressed her desire to have Dean Garner from the Honors College as a speaker at a parents meeting.
- Another suggestion was to have someone representing technology: where is it now, and where is it going on campus.
- It was also suggested to bring a Health Advisor as a speaker.
- Gloria reported that her daughter finds campus is not lighted enough in the evenings. She does not dorm.
- An issue was raised about the students having their advisor assigned before they enter the university, so that they can better choose their classes.
- Dear Kessler spoke about a program in the university (Degree Works) to help the students with undeclared majors. He also spoke about safety and measures regarding the use of alcohol.
- The Flu shot was offered to all students and university personnel in November.
- Paula requested suggestions for new ideas for fundraising. Some of the suggestions were:
 - a) For the parents to put on a show
 - b) Students to put on a performance combined with dinner.
 - c) Karaoke
 - d) Go to a restaurant and charge a little bit more for the food
 - e) Have an auction with donated prizes
 - f) Make a combination of dinner-show-auction
 - g) Las Vegas Night (not enough parents expected)
 - h) A talent show (requires a lot of planning and a lot of work)
- Volunteers were requested to form a sub-committee for upcoming activities
- Some parents expressed the importance of feeling welcome when you first come to the campus, therefore, parents were requested to volunteer at the open houses. Next open house will be in Spring of 2006.
- Paulanne spoke about an activity that involved the parents and teachers when her daughter first started at Adelphi.
- Next graduation will be on May 22, 2006.

Next meeting will be on December 14, 2005.
 Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm