

Adelphi University Parents Association

Minutes of Meeting, December 7, 2004

Board Members Present: Michael Cohen, President; Paula Hardway, Treasurer; Joyce Serra, Secretary. Two additional parents were in attendance, Neal Beekman and Ron Johnson. Dean Kessler and Jeremy Marchese from Student Affairs and Nicole Aplezis from the Student Counseling Center.

President, Michael Cohen, called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

The Minutes from November 8, 2004 were voted on and approved.

Nicole Aplezis, licensed Social Worker was the guest speaker from Student Counseling. She is an Adelphi graduate. Student Counseling offers short-term and long-term services for students - peer counseling, disability support, drug and alcohol counseling, and personal and mental health counseling. If counseling is mandated for drug or alcohol offenses, students must come in for an assessment. Workshops are held on numerous topics depending on need. There is campus outreach - so students know they are there for them. Hours are 8:30A.M. - 7:00P.M. Monday -Friday, and the Peer Counseling Center and Hotline are open from 7:00P.M. until 11:00P.M. Monday -Friday while classes are in session (They are closed during all breaks). There is a staff psychiatrist who can prescribe medications. Parents are not notified if students are 18 years or older. They get a lot of students coming in right after mid-terms - concerning procrastination, workload, and time management issues. Several brochures were distributed, and the question was raised as to where these brochures are found on campus.

Discussion was held on which campus event to tie in with the "parent reception." When to have it, raffle or no raffle (reception only?), how to raise more \$ - Chinese Auction, Broadway show tickets (too risky), etc? It was agreed that we would try to have the Parent Reception on March 9th to tie-in with the Augusten Burroughs lecture in the University Center Ballroom. Dean Kessler will check to see if another room will be available for the Parent Association to use for the reception.

A copy of the 2004 fundraising letter to parents, developed by Dean Kessler, was handed around the table for comment and was approved. Everyone thought it was a good idea, and will be sent out shortly to all parents, as many parents are doing end of year donations in December. When Adelphi sets up a Parent Association website, communications with parents will be faster and easier.

The Craft Fair is no longer under consideration. On Sunday, March 13th Mike Cohen will look into holding another public Card Show in the UC lobby to raise funds for the PA Scholarship.

In January parents will meet to review the Parent Handbook for the earlier admission date. (The 3 parents on the Handbook committee are Joyce Serra, Sharon Dym, and Marjorie Guttenplan). Discussion about having advertising in the Handbook was brought up again and what would the rates be? Going "door-to-door" takes a lot of legwork and parents are not that familiar with the neighborhood. We can sell ads separate from a donor thank you list - for example "see our display ad".

Parents are still encouraged to solicit for raffle donors. Joyce Serra picked up a gift certificate on the way to the meeting tonight from DiCarlo's Pizza, a local restaurant popular with students.

Paula Hardway gave the Treasurer's report. Total in fund is now \$924.18.

Next meeting will be Monday, January 10, 2005. Additional meetings - Monday, February 7, 2005 - Monday, March 14, 2005 - Monday, April 11, 2005 - Monday, May 9, 2005 - Monday, June 13, 2005. All meetings will begin at 7:30P.M. Orientation this year will be held on August 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.