

Adelphi University Parents' Association

Minutes of Meeting---December 14, 2005

Board Members Present: Paula Hardway, President; Joe Caraccia, Treasurer; and Marjorie Guttenplan, Corresponding Secretary. Three (3) additional parents were in attendance: (Sharon Dym and Mr. & Mrs. Lindeman). Jeremy Marchese from Student Affairs was also present.

Paula Hardway, President called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM. She welcomed the parents in attendance. The minutes from the November meeting were read, voted on and approved.

Our Guest speaker was introduced---Mary Honey, Director of Student Health Services. Ms. Honey explained the function of Health Services. They address health concerns as well as emotional issues of the students. There is a Registered nurse on duty 24 hours a day 7 days a week. They all have CCU/ Emergency room experience. RN's average 10 to 15 years experience here. In the event a doctor is required, the students are sent to a doctor off campus & a taxi is provided between 8:00AM - 8:00PM. There is peer education on matters of stress, STD's, alcohol use etc.; which is on campus. Students find out about this service through postings on campus. Stress is addressed especially at midterms & finals as well as "home sickness" for freshman at the beginning of the school year. Students can walk-in for stress / rest---get a massage--- (Mondays & Tuesdays)---1 at a time for 1 hour. In general most students are comfortable asking questions of the staff on health & personal issues. Each year they have approx. 1200 sick visits. The flu vaccine was available on campus this year for students, faculty, staff, and parents---more students came this year than previously. Ms. Honey asked for questions & suggestions.

Joe gave the treasurer's report. Balance of \$5, 623.68. \$2,900 was made from the Holiday Fair.

Discussion of the Holiday Fair, which was held on Dec. 6th. We made \$2900. Sharon Dym, who was in charge of the fair, and Jeremy gave this update---approx. 500 people attended, there were 18 vendors, (each charged \$100 per table) the vendors liked the small set-up, and it was well received by those who attended. Suggestions for next year---possibly move to the lobby -limit to 15 vendors, keep 1 item from each vendor to raffle off, have the same date every year, tie-in gift-wrapping services for a donation.

Newsletter update from Jeremy---there were a lot of changes with promotion & outreach---will be going out within the next 2 weeks, by the end of Dec. It will be a different layout---magazine type---article on the new PA Executive Board, blurb on the PA Senior Award information. A second edition will be going out in the spring.

New Business--- Paula spoke of an idea for a PA Parental Award for parents/guardians. Senior students would nominate parent/guardian in an essay. Criteria needs to be discussed & set.

Old Business---PA Award for seniors. Publicized in Feb. March deadline. Interviews in April. PA award is based on School Leadership, Citizenship, & GPA.

Fundraising---Vendor Fair was a success---will continue next year.

2006 letter for donations---a conflict with the senior class donation letter. Jeremy noted that Dean Kessler suggested a donation in the amount of the year that your child was born. This letter will go out in mid Feb.

Plans for another parent reception to tie-in with a play ---March 31st as a possible date.

Paula wished everyone a happy holiday.

The Next Parents' Association Meeting will be on January 19, 2006 at 7:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM