

## **Adelphi University Parents' Association Minutes of Meeting March 21, 2006**

Board members present: Paula Hardway, Marjorie Guttenplan, Joe Caraccia, and Balbina Leonardo. Three other parents also in attendance: Mike Cohen, Neal Beekman, and Ron Johnson. Also in attendance---Jeremy Marchese from Student Affairs and our guest speaker Gene Palma, Associate Director of Public Safety & Transportation.

Meeting was called to order by Paula Hardway, President at 7:34 PM. Gene Palma from Public Safety was introduced.

Gene Palma noted that Adelphi University is one of the safest campuses on Long Island. He spoke about the Annual Security Report and gave copies to all in attendance. This report shows the statistics of reported incidents and disciplinary actions on the Garden City campus from 2002 through 2004. This report and the Emergency Response Plan can also be found on the website at <http://statistics/policies&procedures>

Mr. Palma spoke of the Jean Cleary Law which holds colleges accountable to report all crimes committed on their campus. He spoke of the "Sex Offenders Register"---there is one (1) registered sex offender in the Garden City community.

Mr. Palma spoke about violations of university policies such as the "Liquor Law Violation" Adelphi is a dry campus. Any incident of violation & possession of alcohol is reported & counseling is offered.

Mr. Palma spoke about the public safety patrols throughout the residence halls. Computer tracking to follow that patrols are done on schedule. There is video taping of the parking areas as well as entrances & exits. License plates & people are video taped. Emergency call boxes have been updated by solar power. Calls go directly to Public Safety Officers on patrol. Campus lighting has been updated, bulbs changed. The shuttle buses are all equipped with radios. Construction on the campus has started on March 1<sup>st</sup>. There will not be any physical safety hazards during construction.

Mr. Palma answered questions from the parents Paula Hardway thanked Mr. Palma for coming and giving this very valuable information to the parents.

Minutes from last meeting were read and approved.

Joe Caraccia gave the Treasurer's Report. Expenses were \$439.90. This was \$119.90 for a sympathy basket for Pat Arbore, a former board member, who lost her husband. \$330.00 for the Newsday Ad for the Craft Fair in December. The fundraising campaign brought in \$2, 220.40. This was the parents sending in a donation to match the year that their child was born (for example 1986---donation \$19.86). 112 parents made a contribution. The new balance is now \$7.504.18.

Jeremy spoke of the Parent mailing. 80 parents have responded to attend the Social & play on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Reception at 6:00 PM. Play (The Dining Room) at 8:00 PM

There was discussion of having meetings on alternating months and having two topics per meeting. More seminars for future dates will be planned. Parent Workshops coming up--- March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM---topic "Stuck in the Middle: Parents Caring for Their Own Parents.". April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM---"Financial Planning: Conducting Your Own Financial Health Audit."

Jeremy spoke about the newsletter. Anticipated delivery before commencement in May. Letters will be going out to parents of newly accepted students. In the packet will be flower seeds ---"Brown-eyed Susan" as this is the original flower of Adelphi University. Included in this packet will be a welcome card from the Parents Association.

The executive board will discuss & vote on whether or not children of board members can be eligible to apply for the Senior Award.

The next meeting will be on Wed. April 19, 2006 at 7:30 PM. Guest speaker, Dr. Richard Garner, Dean of the Honors College.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.