

**ADELPHI UNIVERSITY PARENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING: Nov. 14, 2016**

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Members Present:

Melissa Gates  
Barbara McElroy  
Geri Faiella  
Donna Nugent

Members Excused:

Salma Asif

Staff Liaison: Kathleen Watchorn, Office of the Dean of Students

The Parents Association Board met on November 14, 2016 6:00 p.m. in the Nexus Building. President Melissa Gates called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the October 1, 2016 Annual Meeting were approved. Minutes of the October 20, 2016 meeting were approved.

October Seminar Debriefing: The Parents Association held a seminar entitled “Campus Involvement --- the Full College Experience” on October 20, 2016. The seminar included representatives of the Center for Student Involvement, Lauren Purcaro, Associate Director, and Jason Spradley, Assistant Director. It also included students Kendell Mason-Francis and Georgia Linaris. A lively discussion ensued. Unfortunately, the attendance was light, so we have to work on marketing our events.

Treasurer’s Report: There were no donations to the Parents Association since last report.

Annual Fundraiser: Once a year, parents are asked to donate to the Parents Association to fund our scholarship contest for graduating seniors. Barbara McElroy expressed a desire to revise our procedures so as use the majority of the incoming funds for future seminars and events that attract more parents to the Parents Association and use less of the funds towards the scholarship contest. She expressed her thought that we could still have three “winners”, but only attach a financial prize to the first place winner. Inasmuch as we do not have funds, except for those we raise, Barbara felt strongly that we reconsider our priorities for any funds received from the annual fundraiser. Those present agreed to give her thoughts due consideration.

Website/ Facebook: Minutes and agendas have been posted to the webpage as have the approved revisions to the Constitution and the newly adopted By-Laws. There has been no movement on using our Facebook posts.

Upcoming Events: The Parents Association will have a presence at Creative Cups on March 16, 2017, which is a charitable event on campus to raise money for the NYS Breast Cancer Hotline (which is housed at Adelphi). The Parents Association will form a team to be part of Relay for Life on campus, April 7, 2017.

Next Meeting Date: January 24, 2017

The November 14, 2016 meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. so that we could attend and participate in a Parent Association sponsored seminar on Diversity led by Della Hudson, Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Jason Spradley, Assistant Director in the Center for Student Involvement, both of whom are Diversity Trainers at Adelphi. The seminar included a discussion among parents in attendance, facilitated by the panelists.