

**WKU Parents Association
Parents' Advisory Council Meeting
February 20, 2016**

Welcome: Blair welcomed everyone and the meeting was called the meeting to order at 10:24am.

Present:

Daniel and Myra Meyer, David and Marla Carter, Lashea Whitaker, Joe and Barbara Higginson, Blair Jensen, Kit Tolbert, Clare Pratt, and Brian Kuster.

Absent: Jeff and Kelly Harper, Kitty Merkley

Minutes: Daniel Meyer made the motion to approve the minutes from the November 14th meeting, seconded by Myra Meyer. The motion carried.

Financial Report: *Current balance = \$17,939.58.* \$5,000 is kept in reserve and there is \$185.46 pending expenses which leaves \$12,754.12. Joe Higginson made the motion to approve the financial report presented to the association. Motion was seconded by Daniel Meyer. The motion carried.

New Business:

Proposals-

1. Counseling and Testing Center

Elizabeth Madariaga requested \$1000.00. This would fund T-shirts for the annual event "Take Back the Night" march/rally. Approximately 600 could attend.

2. Philanthropy- Presented by Sigma Nu and Alpha Omicron PI

Representatives from the above mentioned sorority and fraternity requested \$5,000 and presented a detailed report for a new philanthropic event which would benefit 3 organizations including Make A Wish, Juvenile Diabetes and St. Jude. This concert would be open to all students and would be an excellent way to promote WKU.

3. Black Leadership and Academic Conference (BLAC)

Kaleiah Brown requested \$5,000 dollars for an event which would target minority students. The goal would be to increase retention and graduation rates, and enhance leadership and professional skills. At this time Kaleiah did not have a detailed plan or budget to present.

4. WKU Student Wellness Program "WellU"

Casey Cahill represented this group to request \$2,000 dollars in order to fund two scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to two students who have been randomly picked from a pool of students who have completed enough activities to be a "Level 2" winner.

5. Amazing Tones of Joy

Jackie Pillow requested \$2000 dollars to fund the trip for the WKU Amazing Tones of Joy choir. The choir has been invited to Louisville to attend a national competition.

6. Master Plan- WKU Leaders

Bradford Higdon requested funds to assist in costs related to conference registration fees, lodging and travel expenses for student leaders who will attend the SROW at East Carolina University. This conference helps to educate these leaders and emphasizes college student orientation, transition and retention.

After much discussion the group decided to award the monies to the following:

1. Department of Counseling and Testing for "Take Back the Night"- \$1,000 dollars
2. Sigma Nu and Alpha Omicron Pi for Philanthropy- \$2,500 dollars
3. Amazing Tones of Joy- \$500 dollars
4. Master Plan Student Leader Conference (SROW)- \$850 dollars

Marla Carter motioned for the above monies to be dispersed as outlined above. Daniel Meyer seconded the motion.

Blair will contact Kaleiah Brown and the WKU Wellness Program to inform them of our decision not to award monies at this time. Suggestions will be made to these groups regarding future presentations and the groups will be invited back to future meetings.

Future Business:

- Brian Kuster discussed his new position.
- Blair did bring to our attention Dr. Ransdell's resignation.
- Blair did give the group content to think about until our April meeting. WKU Parents Association membership is based on a tiered structure. General (free membership) to Gold Level (\$480 for 12 years). Recognizing that this may not be the best for the parents of WKU students a different structure is being investigated.

Closing Remarks:

Next meeting is April 9th. The meeting was brought to a close and adjourned.