

TGEI Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2006

Members Present

Buddy Lea, Chair
Karen Hale, Vice-Chair
Joe Swinford, Past Chair
Tracy Stinson
Martha Staley
Trent Ridley
Kendra Gipson
Jeanne Stevens
Ron Maupin
Marva Bradford
Lynn Goodman, Ex Officio

Members Absent

George Zukotynski
Renee Jackson
Larry Richardson

Call to Order

The June Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

SubCommittee Status Reports

- TGEI/TGMI Fall Conference

Trent Ridley reported on the latest meeting of the conference planning committee. The conference theme will be “Call to Public Service,” and the event is now set for November 2 at Snodgrass Tower, third floor, the Tennessean Room. Governor Bredesen will be invited; however, since the election is on that date, it is anticipated that he will not be able to attend, but that someone from his office might be able to participate.

Subcommittees are being set up for each task, and the size of the conference budget is being determined.

The Tennessean Room has also been reserved for November 1, the day prior to the conference, to allow time for setup. Chairman Buddy Lea urged all steering committee members to help both with subcommittee work and with conference setup.

- TGEI Newsletter

Karen Hale reported she has contacted all class reporters and passed along the information to Lynn Goodman, who is assembling the other portions of the upcoming newsletter. The current newsletter “Spotlight” will feature George Zukotynski. It was suggested that Ted Fellman be the subject of the next “Spotlight” feature.

- Brown Bag Meetings

The committee discussed possible topics for the next Brown Bag Lunch session, scheduled for September 12. It was noted that back in March, the committee agreed to try for one presentation-style Brown Bag in May and then a more interactive session in September.

Jeanne Stevens agreed to contact Thelma Kidd, an executive coach and “life coach,” to see whether she is available to lead a session at the Sept. 12 Brown Bag. The proposed topic is to encourage participants to address executive-level burnout by identifying the values that originally led them to public service. The committee noted that this topic would be a good lead-in for the Fall Conference, since it has a similar theme.

Chairman Buddy Lea said he would also contact someone at TEMA who could discuss the state’s various Emergency Preparedness Plans, as a backup topic for the Sept. Brown Bag.

- 2006 TGEI Holiday Breakfast

Kendra Gipson reported that she has checked with Gene Naifeh to confirm that he plans to participate, and that the room is reserved at Ellington Agricultural Center.

- Department of Personnel

Lynn Goodman distributed a list of the newly selected members of the TGEI Class of 2006. She encouraged committee members to contact anyone they knew from the new class and welcome them to the program. She also handed out a copy of the draft curriculum for this year’s class. The SDI has been moved to the first week of the program so that participants have more insight into how their personality affects their response to the Challenge Course scheduled for Week 2. This year’s curriculum will also feature individual executive coaching opportunities for participants, a new feature for the TGEI program.

Buddy Lea said he will attend one day during Week 3 to greet the group and discuss activities from his perspective as current TGEI Steering Committee chairman. Tom Hickerson (Class of 2005) will also be visiting the Week 2 session to speak about his experience at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

Lynn encouraged steering committee members to visit during any of the 3 weeks, and asked that if they choose to visit, they let her know in advance so she can plan for the right number of people for lunch on that particular day..

Treasurer’s Report

There were no items to report.

June 7 Leadership Event with Dr. Barry Bales

Lynn Goodman reported that she continues to receive positive feedback on the event, and proposed that TGEI continue to hold a free leadership event each summer.

NEW BUSINESS

TGEI/TGMI Golf Tournament

Joe Swinford and Ron Maupin reported that the afternoon of August 24 has been reserved at Harpeth Hills Golf Course for the second annual TGEI/TGMI Golf Outing. Joe Swinford said he would send out a notice to TGEI and TGMI alumni to save the date.

Space has been reserved for 32 players. The cost per player will be \$55 for individuals, with a \$5 discount offered to those who register as a foursome. The final head count is needed by August 1, because payment must be sent to the golf course by August 8.

Joe and Ron reported that the selected golf course does not have a picnic area, so it will not be possible to pursue the idea of having a simultaneous cookout for other TGEI and TGMI alumni who do not play golf.

NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. The next meeting was set for July 21 at the WRS Tennessee Tower, Davidson Room.