

TGMI Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 2012

Committee Members:

Present:

Marilou Cook - Chairman  
Debbie Rivers – Vice Chairman  
E. Ross White – Past Chairman  
Jason Conner – 2011 Steering Committee Member  
Debbie Knox – 2010 Steering Committee Member  
Victor Barnes – 2010 Class President (**By Phone**)  
Melinda Crutchfield – Member at Large  
April Wright – Member at Large  
Dr. Tom Kohntopp – UT Program Director (**By Phone**)

Absent:

Mark Patterson – Member at Large  
Michael Blade – 2011 Class President  
Phyllis Hodges – Member at Large  
Trish Pulley – Ex Officio  
Dr. Macel Ely – UT Program Manager for TGMI

**Called To Order:**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marilou Cook at 2:10 pm. The meeting was held in the Data Center, Conference Room 2.

**Treasurer Report:**

Debbie Knox reported that the balance in the checking account is \$1,354.16. \$105.00 was collected from alumni who attended the new class cookout at Montgomery Bell State Park. The invoice from MBSP has not been received. Debbie has contacted Lauren Hill about the invoice so that the \$105.00 can be paid to MBSP. There are still three additional persons who were no-shows at the Holiday Breakfast who have not paid yet.

**Secretary Report**

Melinda Crutchfield reported that the minutes of the May 8, 2012, steering committee meeting have been posted to LinkedIn.

**Communications Committee** – Debbie Rivers reported that the communications committee quarterly meeting occurred on June 4, 2012, with 5 reporters in attendance. Obtaining an external method to use for a massive alumni email list has been problematic. Marilou suggested that the communications committee reach out to alumni requesting baby pictures from alumni to use for games/entertainment at the Christmas social this year. Steering committee members need to send baby pictures to Debbie Rivers. April Wright is going to try to have the newsletter out by July 1.

**Community Service Committee** – Jason Conner reported for the Community Service Committee. Jason reported that the next Adopt-A-Highway events will occur on September 1 and December 1, 2012. Jason reported that the committee is considering sending out a survey to all alumni soliciting ideas for ideas. The survey is to go out in the next few weeks. Possible future community service projects discussed are working at the Second Harvest Food Bank facility, assisting with a women’s shelter, working with programs dealing with artificial limbs, and assisting with programs dealing with underprivileged youth programs. Ross White will be the MC for the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday tribute to Paul McCartney, at the restaurant named 417 Union, located at 417 Union Street in Nashville, on June 18, from 5 to 9 P.M. All proceeds collected from this event will go to help with funding for Habitat for Humanity. Ross will “plug” the TGMI organization.

**Business Events Committee** – Marilou reported that three steering committee members will be traveling to UT Knoxville on Wednesday June 13, to speak to the new class about class elections. Those traveling to UT are Marilou, Ross White and Mike Travis.

**Education\Training\Leadership Development Committee** – In addition to the core board members, Melinda Crutchfield and Debbie Rivers volunteered to assist with the planning of the Alumni Leadership Conference, formerly referred to as the Fall Conference. Other steering committee members suggested that Georganne Martin, Susan Burdette, Mehran Mostajir, and Carolyn Head be contacted regarding volunteering for the conference planning committee. Send all names of volunteers are via email to Ross, Debbie Rivers and Marilou by June 30. The Steering Committee will choose 5-6 participants at the July meeting. There might be a meeting sometime in July regarding planning of the conference. It is hoped that the conference can take place in October 2012. Recommendation to reach out to all class reports looking for volunteers for the Leadership Conference. Ross will talk about mentoring opportunities with the new class when he visits UT on June 13, 2012. Ross reported that the speaker’s bureau will resume in the fall when schools are back in session. April will put a request for speakers to join the speaker’s bureau in the next newsletter.

**Social Events Committee** – April reported that two people were interested in attending the Moon Pie Festival on June 16, 2012, in Bell Buckle, Tennessee. The next after hours social will be on June 29, 2012, at 4:30 pm, at the Doubletree Hotel, located in downtown Nashville. Debbie Rivers will send out an email to alumni and also post the announcement on LinkedIn. The next Nashville Sounds game is on August 11, 2012. The steering committee decided to focus on the three most popular events listed on the recent survey. Those three events are 1) UT football game; 2) Nashville Zoo; and 3) Train ride to Cookeville, Tennessee. Victor Barnes will assist April in getting the UT game pulled together.

#### **Old Business:**

Marilou reported that we need to revisit the mission statement. Debbie Knox will try to set up a meeting for next month for us to work on getting the mission statement completed. Debbie Knox handed out current information regarding the work that has already been started on the mission statement, including documents titled “Our Mission,”

“Mission Statement vs. Vision Statement,” and “Key words/phrases from previous discussion.” Debbie Knox and other committee members agreed that the current mission statement is too long. Ross volunteered to assist Debbie Knox in getting a meeting set up to work on the mission statement.

**New Business:**

There is no new business.

Debbie Knox made the motion to adjourn. Jason Conner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

**Open Discussion:**

This month’s recommended reading is: *The Decision to Trust: How Leaders Create High-Trust Organizations* by Robert F. Hurley.

Hardcover: 256 pages

Publisher: Jossey-Bass; 1 edition (October 25, 2011)

Language: English

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ISBN-13: 978-1118072646

Marilou asked Dr. Kohntopp to look for free webinars for the alumni to participate in.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – Dates to remember:

Nashville Sounds game – 8/11/2012

Adopt-a-Highway – 9/1/12

Alumni Leadership Conference (TBD)

UT Football game (TBD)

Nashville Zoo for Families (TBD)

Fall train ride to Cookeville (TBD)

Adopt-a-Highway – 12/1/12

Regards,

Melinda S. Crutchfield