

TGMI Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2012

Committee Members:

Present:

Marilou Cook - Chairman  
Debbie Rivers – Vice Chairman (By Phone)  
Debbie Knox – 2010 Steering Committee Member  
Melinda Crutchfield – Member at Large (By Phone)  
Jason Conner – 2011 Steering Committee Member (By Phone)  
E. Ross White – Past Chairman (By Phone)  
Mark Patterson – Member at Large (By Video Conference)  
Dr. Tom Kohntopp – UT Program Director (By Phone)  
Dr. Macel Ely – UT Program Director (By Phone)  
April Romero – Member at Large

Absent:

Phyllis Hodges – Member at Large  
Trish Pulley – Ex Officio  
Victor Barnes – 2010 Class President  
Michael Blade – 2011 Class President

Called To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marilou Cook at 2:05. The meeting was held at the Data Center North.

Treasurer Report:

Debbie Knox reported that the checking account balance is \$1,249.16. This is unchanged from last month.

Secretary Report:

Melinda Crutchfield reported that the September 2012, steering committee minutes have not been posted to LinkedIn or DOHR website.

**Communications Committee** – Debbie Rivers reported she will reach out for volunteers to assist in the Leadership Conference. Class reporters should reach out to their classes and ask for volunteers. April Romero will be working on the Christmas Newsletter and asked Marilou for a Chair Report and information from Dr. Tom to include in the newsletter. April will do highlights from the year for the newsletter. April will also include information regarding the award that Trish Pulley received this year. Melinda Crutchfield also agreed to assist April in creating the December newsletter. Marilou reported that there are 111 individuals on LinkedIn.

**Community Service Committee** – Jason reported that the Adopt-a-highway will be on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. There have been 5 commitments to assisting in the highway

cleanup this month. Melinda has collected empty boxes to use for the Christmas food drive. Jason will send out notices regarding the canned food drive.

**Business Events Committee** –Phyllis Hodges sent in her report that the Holiday Breakfast planning is going well. There will probably be no further lunch and learns this year. Dr. Tom volunteered to set up a LEAN speaker if Phyllis wanted to try to have another lunch and learn before the end of the year.

**Education\Training\Leadership Development Committee** – Ross reported that speaker information needed to be sent to the Williamson County Career Fair by October 19, to be included in the November 15, 2012 event. Ross reported that the Putnam County Schools Career Expo Career Day is set for October 24<sup>th</sup>. Ross also reported that the content committee for the Leadership Conference has developed discussion questions to use for question sessions with state leaders. Melvin Jones will speak at the end of the conference day. Ross will reach out to the speaker's bureau to get ready to go to career events.

**Social Events Committee** – April reported that the Cookeville train ride will be on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Ross will attend and help get pictures for the Christmas Newsletter. November 10<sup>th</sup> will be the UT game. 38 tickets have already been sold. The Predator's game is tentatively set for December 1. There will be no further after work socials until next year.

Old Business:

Next month's meeting will be on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Tennessee Towers in the back of the Tennessee Room. There will be no access to phone-ins in November.

New Business:

Debbie Rivers sent out a "save the date" for the Christmas Breakfast. Debbie needs information to include registration of the Breakfast.

Nominations are due Friday. There have been at least eight nominated to run for member at large. There are two at large positions open. There was one person nominated to run for Vice-Chair. Ross suggested that Marilou send something out to alumni regarding the elections.

Open Discussion:

Recommended Reading:

Genovese, M.A., & Steckenrider, J.S. (Eds.). (2012). Women as political leaders. Patterson, NJ: Psychology Press. [www.psypress.com/9781848729926](http://www.psypress.com/9781848729926).

Ross motioned to adjourn. Jason seconded. Meeting concluded at 3:00.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Dates to remember:

Alumni Leadership - Conference November 6  
UT Game - November 10  
Williamson County Career Fair - November 15  
Christmas Breakfast - November 30  
Adopt-a-Highway - December 1  
Predator's Game - December 1  
Cookeville Train Ride – October 27

Regards,

Melinda S. Crutchfield