

Eastern Michigan University Black Alumni
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, December 15, 2012
11:00 a.m. ~ Conference Call

Proceedings

Meeting called to Order

Meeting called to order by Jasmine Lee, Vice-President at 11:19 a.m.

Attendance

Leslie L. Smith* Hanneke L. Hall*
Jasmine A. Lee*

*via conference call

Officer Reports

President

Leslie L. Smith

- *EMUBA E-Board Retreat*
 - Campus may be closed but we should work toward meeting locally in Ypsilanti
 - Leslie will check with Dan to see if the Campus Center is open, if not Barnes & Nobles or Panera Bread may be an options
 - Our Eastern Michigan University Black Alumni (EMUBA) logo is being refined
 - We will work on the vendor list for t-shirts

- *Upcoming Events*

Sunday, December 23, 2012 (9 p.m. – 1 a.m.)

Annual Holiday Party
Doubletree Detroit Downtown – Fort Shelby
525 W. Lafayette Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48226

Report Attached () Yes (X) No

Vice-President

Jasmine A. Lee

Report Attached () Yes (X) No

Treasurer

Brandon C. Taylor

- *Finances ~ report by Leslie*
 - Still need to be transferred

Report Attached () Yes (X) No

Committee Reports

- *Scholarship ~ Jasmine*
 - One (1) scholarship recipient will be at the commencement
 - Pamphlets from last year will be used
 - Jasmine will be attending the commencement
 - We need to see how many scholarship applications there are, will scan and send applications out for review

- Jasmine will send a scholarship rubric
- Will check with Ted to be sure we can highlight recipients at the Alumni event

Old Business

- *Golf Outing/Fundraiser ~ report by Leslie*
 - The \$200 deposit has been sent off
 - Leslie will get with Eric and map out a plan and time table to get the process going
 - We need to come up with a campaign for an E-Blast specifically geared toward the Golf Outing

New Business

- *EMUBA Annual Holiday Party ~ Leslie*
 - LaTonya booked the DJ from last year for \$250
 - Leslie is recruiting photographers, got an alum to volunteer to do party pictures for free and people may pay for the CD
 - Decorations from last year will be used
 - We have both spaces at the Doubletree Detroit Downtown, the restaurant until 1 a.m. and the bar until 2 a.m.
 - There will not be give-a-ways but we will have items for sale
 - There will be a donation box and membership drive (renew membership and get a t-shirt at a discounted price)
- *Above All Odds Scholarship ~ Leslie*
 - \$5,000 gift pledged by Leslie and her mother, Denise Smith, toward EMUBA's Scholarship in memory of her brother Mario D. Smith
 - Mario D. Smith had his life stolen from him at 16 years young, 10 years ago. He was a junior in High School, academic scholar, star football player, loved helping others; and had dreams of attending FAMU and becoming a doctor. On November 30, 2002, those dreams were cut short. Not only would he never attend college, but he also never had the opportunity to graduate from high school. Education was extremely important to Mario and he understood that achieving in life meant taking school seriously, but also taking the time to help others along the way.
 - A \$500 scholarship will be awarded over the next ten (10) years to one (1) deserving student, each year, who does not meet the EMUBA grade point average requirement, yet exemplifies through community service, essay and enrollment his or her dedication to persevering through life's challenges with a determination to achieve Above All Odds!

Open Discussion

N/A

Adjournment

Closing prayer by Jasmine
Adjourned at 11:43 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY, January 19, 2013
Southfield Public Library
11:00 a.m.

Submitted by H. L. Hall, Secretary