

GASAS
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2005
Central Florida Lions Eye and Tissue Bank
6:00- 8:00 PM

Next Meeting: February 8, 2005 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Central Florida Lions Eye and Tissue Bank

Attendees: Jennifer Salmon, Peggy Donofrio, Elaine Jensen, Chivon Mingo, Anne Upcage, Carla VandeWeerd, Edna Cade, Kevin Woodard

Previous Minutes: The board via e-mail accepted the minutes.

Old Business:

Treasure Report: There was no updated report.

Membership: The event at the Cheesecake Factory was a successful event. Both Peggy Donofrio and Edna Cade organized the event. There were to members to join the Alumni Association, and also seemed very interested in the society. Edna will update the board on the survey at the next meeting. Edna suggested that the GASAS should plan social events on a more regular basis. She derived at this particular idea from the feedback and enthusiasm about the Cheesecake Factory social. Even though many people did not attend due to scheduling conflicts, they seemed very excited even about future events. The Alumni was contacted via telephone by the board members. Kevin Woodard (The Alumni Association Representative) noted that for an event phone calling is very important. He stated that by reaching out later mailings, and notifications will have a better response. Chivon gave a report on the package that was sent out to the recent graduates. Jennifer noted that there were already two responses.

Public Relations: The board is still looking for a new PR Chair. The person who fills the position will work closely with the Alumni Association (Keven Woodard) and a particular representative who is designated for the School of Aging Studies. The Alumni Association has a manual of ideas that can be used. It is important to remember that PR information should be given to the Alumni Association 6 to 8 weeks ahead of your scheduled event. This will give the Association ample time to disseminate your information. Carla VandeWeerd has a potential PR person and will invite them to the next meeting.

Scholarships: Carla VandeWeerd gave a report on behalf of Debbie. Carla reported that the Starship Cruise is available any weekend after February 26, 2005. The price for each person would be \$39.80. The board decided to charge \$60.00 per ticket to raise money for the Magnum Scholarship. Keven noted that there is an insurance issue. Upon the information that we receive from Keven the even will be held on February 26th in the evening. If that particular date is not feasible the second choice would be May 14th. Keven will also find out if we have enough time to advertise our event through the Association. Peggy has agreed to work with Debbie in planning for this event. Dr. Wiley

Magnum and his wife will be invited to the event as the guests of honor. Keven and the Alumni Association will set up a way for people to pay for the event through the web. A suggestion was made to make phone calls and notify the alumni that the invitation for the cruise in the mail. Everyone will call the same people that they were responsible for calling to notify about the Cheesecake Factory.

Website: Chivon reported that the website is now in the process of being updated. She briefly discussed the organization of the site. She will ask Dr. Haley about the most current history. Jennifer stated that she would send Chivon the file that contained the pictures that Ross took at the Cheesecake Factory. Chivon will also work on obtaining information about the site that GASAS has been given by the Alumni Association. This will be a spot to link to the GASAS website in The School of Aging Studies as well as a site to place a calendar of events. Keven stated that he would add Chivon as an administrator to that particular site.

Nominating: Jennifer has expressed that it is imperative that we begin to search for a new President to fulfill her position once she has resigned. She will stay on the board as past President. Jennifer's term will officially be over in July, but if the board can find someone to fulfill that position before the month of July would be acceptable. Carla has expressed interest in becoming the next President.

Collaboration with SAS Students Association: No Updated Report. They are still interested in working with GASAS for the 2006 Aging Exchange Day.

Aging Exchange Day: Aging Exchange Day has been scheduled for April 11, 2005. It will be located in the Westside Conference Center. GASAS will ask for either The University Village or Rocky Creek to provide the food. However, if neither would like to do so we will use John Knox as we did last year. The tentative schedule is as follows; 9:30 – 10:30 Registration and Coffee, 10:30 – 11:30 Keynote Speaker, 11:30 – 1:30 Lunch and Career Fair, 1:30 – 2:30 Discussion Panel, and 2:30 – 3:00 Awards. Laurie Kholberger is being considered for a possible keynote speaker. The board is hoping to get panel members from the following areas; elder justice, elder law, religion, HIV and older adults, and disaster research. The Aging Exchange Day will still include the Research Poster Session.

Annual Report: Jennifer Salmon e-mailed a copy of the annual report to every board member.

Graduate Ceremony: The board came to a consensus that all graduates should be honored at the Spring Award ceremony. The membership committee will mail out a graduate package to those who graduated in the summer and the fall. Everyone will be invited to the ceremony in the spring, and formally honored at that time.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

Submitted by:
Chivon Mingo, GASAS Secretary