

**TGMI Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2007**

**Members Present:** Cindy Saladin, Melvin Jones, Jr., Lisa Pugh, Lauren Hill, Jon Zirkle, E. Ross White, Tracy White and Greg Duncan

**Members Absent:** Mike Travis and Rusty Lacy

Mr. Jones called the meeting to order. The March minutes were approved by electronic mail and posted on the TGMI website.

**Old Business**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. White reported no change in the current balance of \$163.84.

**Communications:**

Mr. Duncan will be meeting with the class reporters to put the alumni newsletter together. He will be working with Ms. Lisa Walker and Ms. Carla Farris to revise the alumni website. Ms. White offered to lead the development.

**New Business**

**Community Service:**

Mr. Zirkle reported that the tree planting project was a big success with twenty-six trees planted. Ms. Brenda Apple will submit an article of the event for the newsletter. The Harpeth River Cleanup has been postponed to fall due to weather and participation. The Habitat for Humanity project is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st beginning at 6:15 a.m. The project will include landscaping, painting and trimming.

Mr. Zirkle reported that the committee is still working on presentations for Antioch High School and the Monroe Harding project as well. The Steering Committee was asked to provide ways to include alumni who are not interested and/or not able to participate in physical activities. Ms. Pugh suggested surveying the alumni to ask for their input on community service projects that they would be interested in. Ms. Saladin suggested possibly attending career days at several schools to assist students better understand what we do in state government and the career opportunities. Mr. White suggested promoting TGMI and these community service projects through

the media and promoting the state's emphasis on improving management. The committee agreed to focus on ways to encourage participation by the alumni. Ms. White recommended reminding alumni that TGMI is a long time commitment including the service projects. She added that all should be informed that projects are family friendly since most are on weekends. Ms. Saladin shared that forty people are currently signed up for the alumni training and breakfast on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. White suggested developing a mission statement or plan by this Committee, to take the actual steps necessary to improve the image of state management, through its stated work objectives for TGMI. One of these steps to begin with is to encourage alumni participation. The Steering committee reviewed the existing bylaws which include objectives. All agreed that the committee should set up goals to follow through on these established objectives. Mr. Jones will send out a charge to the all alumni to encourage more participation in community service projects and training. Mr. Jones will contact Mr. Marty Toth to get more ideas. The Steering committee agreed to charge the classes of 2007 to being committed to the TGMI program long term.

**Orientation Committee:**

Ms. Hill provided minutes from the Orientation Committee meeting. The Class of 2006 is setting up a structure for mentoring the next classes, providing testimonials and development of the overall message. The orientations are scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup> at the BellSouth building.

**Hospitality Committee:**

Ms. White reported that the committee met recently and has planned the next brownbag for May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Tricor. The committee will lead on the August brownbag as well. Ms. Pugh is setting up the meeting location at the L & C Tower.

**Personnel Report:**

Ms. Saladin reported that she is meeting with Commissioner Story on the 13<sup>th</sup> to finalize the list of selected candidates for the classes of 2007. There were a total of ninety-seven applicants this year. The final selection will be made next Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business, Mr. Duncan made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa E. Pugh  
Secretary