

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN UNIVERSITY – PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER**  
**October 24, 2019 General Body Meeting**

**MINUTES**

Meeting was opened in Prayer by Chris Holland, Chaplain.

The minutes from the September 26, 2019 meeting were read and approved with corrections.

There was no correspondences to be read.

Financial Report was given by Treasurer Vernon Davis.

- Bank Statements are available for financial members
- Question by Vernique Cottom about how the payments for the Endowment Fund worked. Vernon answered
- Question from Terrell Smith about why chapter was handling Endowment Funds directly. Greg responded with reasoning that LU had not reached back out with the details to make it happen originally and that he would be taking the funds collected to LU prior to Nov. 8th (Barnes' birthday) and finishing all paperwork to have it handled directly by the school going forward.
- Asked if there were any requests for reimbursement. None given.
- Baltimore Chapter Gala request to chapter to purchase an ad and one ticket to event to show support. The ½ page ad is \$50 and the ticket is \$110. Vernon made a motion to enter a full page ad for \$100 and purchase one ticket for \$110. Seconded and all were in favor of \$210 expenditure.
- Motion to accept the report as read, was seconded, and all in favor

DeJonge Reese spoke about the Barnes First Friday Event to happen with LU on Friday, December 6th.

- The event for just LU would be from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at a discounted price of \$10.
- We are working on the drink package which would allow 50 people one "free" drink -Chapter would pay for that.
- Kevan Turman asked about the relationship with Barnes and Lincoln being revitalized. DeJonge stated there is an interest and she would take this back.
- A question was asked about LU Alum who are artist having a space or a Pop Up at the Barnes. DeJonge stated that this is a slow process to get the Barnes to change their displays. The Pop Up might be an option and she would bring it to their attention.
- Ralph Perkins reminded everyone that there is nothing with Lincoln University's name on it at the Barnes and we are integral to the Barnes. Let's make a reconnection.
- The code for the First Friday Event is PP2019 to be used to get tickets at the [barnesfoundation.org](http://barnesfoundation.org) site
- A flyer to advertise this is coming.
- Genera Barnes information was shared:

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Open on Sunday, General admission is \$25, Seniors is #23, LU ID is free, other school ID id \$5, Access Card is Free for up to 4 people, ages 13 - 18 \$5,

National President Dawn Fleurizard spoke and gave an update.

- She is a member of the Greater Carolinas Chapter
- The first 90 days update:
  - There has been little communication with the last administration.
  - We are financially in the Black.
  - The gaps in the organization have been identified and we are putting processes and procedures in place.
  - An infrastructure is being built to work regardless of who is in charge
  - They are here to support the school and the alumni
  - She has spoken to all Chapter Presidents and asked what their top 4 issues are - LU Communication was on the top of all lists
  - The plan is to get membership up in all chapters and to be transparent.
  - Plan to get National membership up to 1,854
  - Start at your own chapter, join a committee and get involved
  - The National Chapter has open positions on the Bylaws and Constitution Review Committee - Carney Nunes will reach out if you are interested
  - This is a rebuild year
  - Web master needed for the webpage - anyone available
  - [aalupapresident@gmail.com](mailto:aalupapresident@gmail.com) and 919-637-2678 (reach out with comments, questions, and concerns)

Kevan Turman thanked her for her work and asked about paying National dues. Are Lifetime Dues still being accepted? The answer was yes - Lifetime Dues are \$500 a year for 5 years, 5 consecutive payments of \$100.

Harold Freeman asked how can we help? The answer - bring members to meetings, ask why they aren't coming to meetings, pay your dues,

There was a general conversation about meeting times, getting to physical meetings, not remembering, having other priorities, not feeling comfortable.

There was a Prayer by Chris Holland and a Moment of Silence for the Fallen Lions over the last few weeks.

Collation

Membership Report/Update by Darren Davis

- looking into license plate covers - Vernon will look into

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- Recommended again for Membership to look at the Bylaws and Constitution (2012) and make some updates
- Changing dues conversation
  - Kevan Turman suggested a Young Alum fee - 1st 3 years - \$20 and recent grads continue for free first year then at year 5 - change to \$30
  - Dawn suggested an older alum sponsoring recent alum for dues after year 2
  - Dominique talked about why alum are not coming, maybe create a Pre-Alumni Committee that reaches out before they get out. Senior Check Out Process (under Deborah Johnson)
  - Try some things that speak to them - physical meetings might not work - tech option (Zoom, Skype), maybe some Workshops around what they are focusing on - budgets, finance, home purchasing, savings,
  - Send the minutes out in advance or post on website

Introductions around the room

**NEW BUSINESS**

Audrey shared again the Paint and Twist event for Nov. 2nd. Havertown site from 3 to 5. Fundraiser- \$45 with \$10 coming back to AALU Philadelphia -They will match the funds collected.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bus Ride to Atlantic City - hosted by Central Jersey Alumni Chapter - cost is \$45. Vernon asked can they meet in AC instead of driving there to drive over. He will check on status.

Homecoming - Oct 11 - 13 - come to the game and support the team and the school

Motion to adjourn, seconded at 9:13pm

Ended in prayer and sung Alma Mater