**Texas Association of Student Councils**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

November 13, 2015, 11:00 a.m.

San Marcos Embassy Suites and Conference Center

President Salma Flores called the TASC Boards of Directors Meeting to order.

Vice-President Ricky Cooks gave the invocation.

Parliamentarian Kaitlyn Dotson led the Board in the pledges to American and Texas flags.

Secretary Ashley Bush called roll. All members of the Board were present with the exception of Elected Advisor Antoinette Hernandez. Guests attending the meeting included Conference Coordinator Student Co-chair Alex Devine from Keller HS as well as the advisor and student representatives from St. Mary Catholic School serving as this year’s Middle Level Conference Coordinator School.

President Vaughn asked the Board to review the minutes from the August 3, 2014, Board of Directors meeting. Elected Advisor Terri Cyphers moved to approve the minutes as written. Vice President School Advisor Ryan Golden seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Conference Coordinator Addie Huneycutt gave the report for the 2015 Annual Conference with assistance from Co-chair, Alex Devine. The Keller HS students shared the conference logo that represents the conference circus theme of “Come One! Come All.” They gave an overview of the daily themes, fundraising efforts, speakers, decorations, entertainment, and certificates for award-winning schools.

President School Advisor Rusty Hill reported on the Membership Initiative. This year, student council representatives were encouraged to attend Region Meetings of the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals. Thus far, three of the TASSP Region Meetings have included TASC presentations that have been very well received by principals in attendance.

The Middle Level Programming Initiative was presented by Elected Advisors JJ Stroud and Terri Cyphers. At the Steering Committee Retreat, they plan to initiate a discussion with high school district presidents to help them increase participation from middle level schools in districts that serve both high schools and middle schools.

The District Initiative was presented by Elected Advisor Tommy Calais. A form was created for district representatives to complete at the State Steering Committee Retreat to list their districts strengths and weaknesses and an area to note any assistance they might want from Board of Directors members to strengthen their district program.

The student officers presented three Summer Workshop theme suggestions including:

1. Step into the Rhythm/Symphony of Leadership with a focus on notes and instruments coming together in harmony to create beautiful music.
2. LEGO – Leaders Encourage Guidance of Others with a focus on the building blocks and foundations of leadership.
3. Tribal Leadership with a focus on each council building their own identity.

TASSP/TASC Executive Director Archie E. McAfee gave the TASC Membership Report. As of

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November 17, 2014, TASC has 1,036 member schools which is 71% of the goal of 1,465 member schools.

TASC Director Terry Hamm gave a review of the income and expense report for the 2014 Summer Leadership Workshops. It is estimated that the 2014 Summer Workshops profit after meeting costs is approximately $110,000 (meeting costs include expenses for the Directors & Consultants Meeting, NAWD, and the curriculum consultant). Ms. Hamm reported that not all of the 2015 Summer Workshops have been scheduled but plans to get most of the workshops scheduled in the coming days. Past President Advisor Sarah James recommended that the wording of the TASC Dress Code be changed to eliminate any misunderstanding during the Summer Workshops.

Terry Hamm also reported on the High School Annual Conference Housing Bureau. Ms. Hamm has contracted with a new housing bureau for the 2015 conference. The housing bureau will assist in providing advisors with a total cost of rooms including occupancy tax so that advisors can request a check from their school district months in advance of the conference. Orchid from Salt Lake City was selected and will include a $6 rebate to TASC per actualized room night and a $6 rebate to Orchid per actualized room night. The TASC rebate covers the cost of renting the Arlington Convention Center.

Ms. Hamm gave an update on the NASC Conference scheduled for June 26-28, 2015, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Conference pre-trip activities have not been determined.

Evaluations from the Advisors Workshop were very positive especially with respect to the table share interaction rather than table talk presentations. Advisors enjoyed the workshop being held at the San Marcos Embassy Suites which included a free breakfast and free parking.

This year the SASC Conference was held in Atlanta, and Texas was represented by a delegation of 3 including Salma Flores, a student from Andrews High School and nominee for the NASC Advisory Board, her student council advisor and Ms. Hamm. A formal interview was held for each of the four outstanding candidates. Ms. Hamm was delighted to share that Salma Flores was selected to serve on the NASC Advisory Board representing NASC Region 8.

A special request came from Martha Dorow from Meet in the Middle (MIM), Texas Special Olympics, to see if her advisors could attend the Advisors Workshop as there are no other training opportunities for her group.

Ms. Hamm reported on the Student Leadership Course Curriculum Academy. Antoinette Hernandez and Julie Estes teach this course. Two years ago, there were 50 attendees at the Academy and last year there were 23 attendees. There is a book for the curriculum course but TASC is researching producing a supplemental text to provide additional tools for teachers of this course.

JC Guidelines will be modified to require JCs invited to serve at Summer Workshops must submit their $25 payment and parent permission forms prior to the Annual Conference.

Ms. Hamm reported on a diversification of revenue stream for sources of additional income to prevent having to raise fees for student participation in TASC events. Ms. Hamm has investigated

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various grants and will continue to do so. Herff Jones is TASC’s only corporate sponsor at this time.

Update on the TASC website. Ms. Hamm reported that the scholarship application, Advisor of the Year application, Top 10 Projects and Top 10 Videos are now submitted online. We are still working to get district lists and contact information available on the website.

Last year the Board voted to partner with Teen Truth on the Difference Makers Summit at a cost not to exceed $2,000. This year, $650 was spent to travel to their Summits in San Antonio and the Midland/Odessa area.

TASC has contracted with Embassy Suites and Conference Center San Marcos for the 2015 and 2016 Advisors Workshops and the 2015 and 2016 Middle Level Annual Conferences. TASC has also contracted with the Arlington Convention Center for the State Annual Conference for 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Vicki Long and Kristi West both from District 17 are the Texas nominees for the Warren E. Shull Advisor of the Year Award. They are currently working on their applications which are due to NASC by December 1.

**Action Items:**

NASC Trip Length. Motion by Niyyah Barber to amend the policy relating to the national trip to include at least a 2-night and 1-day pre-trip. The motion was seconded by Ashley Bush. Motion passed.

Supplemental text for Student Leadership Course. Motion by Kaitlyn Dotson to amend the TASC Budget to allow for the development of a supplemental text for the Student Leadership Course not to exceed $4,000. The motion was seconded by Tommy Calais. Motion passed.

TASC Dress Code. Motion by Ashley Bush to amend the previous lines of the TASC Dress Code to state all tops and dresses must have sleeves at all TASC events. Motion was seconded by JJ Stroud. Motion passed.

President Vaughan reviewed upcoming TASC and NASC events.

Ms. Hamm recognized JJ Stroud for her years of service on the TASC Board of Directors.

President Vaughan adjourned the TASC Board of Directors Meeting.

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Archie E. McAfee, Executive Director