

**Kettering University Parents Association  
2 August 2008 (11:25 AM – 12:10 PM)**

**Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Keith Kaniut (President), Bob Clark (B-Section VP), Joyce Hendrick (A-Section Rep), Ken Walker (At Large Rep), Konnie Byler (B-Section Rep), Betsy Homsher (Assoc. Provost, Student Affairs), Dr. Mark Wicks, Eva White (?), Deb Stewart (Treasurer), and Debra Peavyhouse (A-section Rep)

Absent: Sue Rieger (Secretary).

Several parents were also present.

**Introductions** (President)

Keith called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Board members and university staff were introduced.

New parents were welcomed to the Parents Association meeting. Keith mentioned the Parents Association web site address and interesting numbers from email sign-ups.

**Presentation & Discussion – Proposal to Change Academic Calendar** (Betsy Homsher & Dr. Mark Wicks)

Betsy provided background for a proposal to review options for a potential change to the University's academic calendar. Dr. Mark Wicks heads the committee that is examining the academic calendar. One question being contemplated is: Would students learn more if they had more time to learn? (In other words, a longer term – consideration being given to a more standard 16-17 week academic semester replacing the current 11-12 week quarter). The current calendar limits participation in research opportunities and studies at other institutions. He discussed several options that are being considered. Keith requested those with questions regarding the proposal to change the academic calendar to contact him through the web site and he will pass along those questions to Betsy Homsher.

**Old Business**

Keith reviewed the Meeting Minutes from April 12th and action items.

Deb Stewart reviewed the treasurer's report noting a current balance is \$4,069.56. Additionally, she reported that the University has agreed to cover the cost of mailings (printing) and postage. Keith thanked Betsy Homsher for the generosity of the University to fund those costs.

Keith reviewed sales of T-shirts and gold cards.

**Special projects – Blackboard for meetings; new parent email and Blackboard sign-ups**

Keith asked those who would like to participate in discussions through the "Blackboard" process to contact him to obtain a log on number. If you have not received an email acknowledgment from Keith, please contact him as there may have been an error in the inputting of your email address.

### **New Business**

Vote on By-Laws Update/Changes

Keith reviewed changes to the By-Laws; namely, adding an At Large Member, Two Vice Presidents, Two Section Representatives, and revisions to the duties of officers.

Motion made by Joyce Hendrick to accept the changes to the By-Laws. Motion seconded by Bob Clark. Motion carried.

New Board members/nominees – vote

Keith requested nominations. Konnie Byler (B-Section Rep.); Cindy Partlo (Acting Secretary);

Quick reminder:

### **Upcoming Dates:**

08/09/08 - Discover Kettering  
10/02/08 - B-Section Orientation  
11/01/08 - B-Section Family Day  
11/08/08 - Discover Kettering

Motion made by Keith and seconded by Bob to adjourn at 12:19 p.m.

### **Post-meeting Addendum**

*After the meeting, Bob Clark and Konnie Byler decided to switch duties based on Bob's forecast of his future availability. So, unless and until a future vote (B-section Family Day) changes the line up, please welcome Konnie Byler as the new B-Section VP with all the duties and priviledges that entails (Konnie – see Bylaws for more info). Bob will be one of the B-Section representatives. My thanks to Bob for all his help this past year and for running the A-section Family Day gift presentation during lunch.*

*For those of you who may think this irregular, remember that we are an all-volunteer organization and all board members are subject to recall at any time. All it takes is for the majority of parents present at a meeting to vote to replace them. Speaking for all the current board members, we're having fun and enjoying our time on the board but we will gladly step down whenever you (the Parents Association) decide to replace us. In any event, at least half of us have students who will graduate in the next year and a half. So, if you're interested in serving on the board, please make a note of the B-Section Family Day (11/1/2008) and join us!*

*Keith Kaniut, President, Kettering University Parents Association*

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Cynthia M. Partlo  
Acting Secretary