

AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2011

Submitted by Debra Bloomingburg, Secretary

The Nashville Area Chapter held its April meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, April 7, 2011.

President Melvin Jones, Jr., called the meeting to order. John Payne, Jr., gave the invocation. Melvin introduced the individuals at the President's table: Corey Tester, CEC Director and Chair of the Education Committee; Jacqueline Laws, Co-Chair of the Community Service Committee; Art Hayes, Director of State Audit; Richard Norment, Assistant to the Comptroller for the Department of Audit; The Honorable Rebecca Hunter, Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources; Jane Lacy, CEC Director; Hellens Tamimi, Co-Chair of the Program Committee; and John Morgan, speaker.

Melvin welcomed everyone and introduced two special guests, Janel Wilkerson and Chuck Hall, who participated on Tennessee State University's Citizen Centric Challenge Team. Melvin also asked the members who had guests to introduce their guests. Melvin then recognized three new members: Daniel Clanton, Tammy Dodson, and Barry Munson.

Hellens Tamimi introduced our speaker, Mr. John Morgan. Mr. Morgan is the Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the former Comptroller of the Treasury. He discussed historical trends in education in Tennessee and how this lead to the Complete College Act of 2010. He also discussed the requirements of the Complete College Act of 2010.

In appreciation for Mr. Morgan speaking to us, the chapter made a donation to his charity of choice, which is the Martha O'Brien Center.

Melvin asked if any corrections needed to be made to the minutes of the March 3, 2011, luncheon meeting. No corrections were noted, and Melvin declared the minutes approved as posted.

Melvin then called for announcements from the Community Service committee.

Announcements

Community Service – Jacqueline Laws announced that today, April 7, 2011, is the last day to donate through AGA for Make-a-Wish. The chapter will match donations up to \$500, and the National Office of AGA will match *all* donations to Make-a-Wish. If you would like to donate, please contact Julie Rogers. To earn points, members need to give Julie documentation that a donation was made. As of the meeting time, \$3,000 had been donated, which means that the chapter will match \$500 and National AGA will match at least \$3,500 for a total donation of at least \$7,000. Earlier on April 7, Jacqueline learned that our donation will provide a wish for 5-year old Xavier, a boy with leukemia, and his family to receive a trip to Disney World with special meetings with Mickey and other Disney characters.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Country Music Marathon. Volunteers are needed to help with the Marathon Expo on Thursday, April 28, 2011, and Friday April 29, 2011, and to help during the marathon/half-marathon on Saturday, April 30, 2011. Please contact Jennifer Garoutte if you would like to volunteer.

Canned goods and non-perishable foods continue to be collected at each monthly meeting for Second Harvest Food Bank. If you have any questions, please contact Ray Register.

The Channel 8 Phone Bank event included 12 volunteers and raised \$170.

Ray Register has contacted Habitat for Humanity and is working with them to schedule a day for us to work on a project. Watch your e-mails for information about the Habitat for Humanity project.

The chapter continues to help with the VITA program, which runs through April 15, 2011.

Melissa Wilson won the drawing for the \$25 door prize.

After the announcements were completed, Melvin declared the meeting adjourned.