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Student Association Minutes: Pre-school Conference

September 3-4, 1965

After a devotional, Dwayne Van Rheenen called the meeting to order at 8:00 on September 4, 1965. All the members of the Council were present.

Dwayne reminded the Council members that the busier we stay, the more successful our projects will be probably. He read a poem intending to make the Council realize the need of being organized. He also reminded us that we are all in the public relations business. He suggested reading Dale Carnegie's book, How to Win Friends and Influence People.

The Council discussed the positions of the Cabinet:

1. Movie Chairman-Kyle Smock felt the need for an apprentice, so the Council discussed ways of choosing such a position. Cliff suggested waiting until the next council was elected. Bob thought it might be wise to wait or discuss it in a general meeting. Ken said that a President with a good attitude would accept such an apprentice as the next movie chairman probably. David moved that the movie chairman would have such an apprentice because it would be pretty handy to have one. Cliff seconded the motion and the entire Council was in favor of it.

The quality of the movies was discussed. Cliff felt that there were too many interruptions during the movie and the film wasn't focused properly on the screen. Ken stated that the bad focusing was because of old equipment. Dwayne said that Clarence Sanders, the director of this department, said it was impossible to focus properly with such equipment, and approximately \$150.00 was needed to obtain such equipment. Linda suggested moving to the new building to show the movies. Cliff mentioned that the school was responsible for such equipment, so he thought we should try to get the small auditorium of the new building and if not, get the school to pay for the equipment.

2. Advertising Chairman-Charlotte Humphries-Linda is taking care of this until Charlotte arrives.
3. Projects Chairman-Jim Wilson, this chairman is responsible, and the Council could assign many projects to this chairman.

4. Elections Chairman-Darwin Keichline-Council discussed the possibility of an understudy.
5. Off-Campus Activities-Paula Peacock-Council discussed need of apprentice for this duty, but Cliff suggested that the Cabinet should be selected earlier so that the outgoing chairman might explain to the new chairman exactly what his duties are. Bob thought that selecting a freshman or sophomore for the position might be the solution.
6. Athletic Chairman-Jim Miller
The Council felt that this position should be broadened to include more duties. Dwayne suggested placing school spirit under his position. Linda felt that if there was not enough responsibility for the chairman, the position should be eliminated. Carolyn suggested having a party after home games, and have another all day homecoming. Cliff thought the name of the position should be changed. Bob felt that Jim might have some good ideas on school spirit because he was connected with athletics in his activities. Jim Anderson suggested that the Council check into the value of certain positions, and eliminate those not really necessary. Cliff felt that the work of the projects chairman and social chairman should be coordinated.
7. Religious Chairman-Pat Hile-Dwayne reported that last year's chairman, Terry Smith, had tried to improve the spiritual attitude on campus by improving lily pond devotionals, having brainstorming sessions with different types of people. Cliff thought there was a need for more chapel speeches by students on religious life. Dwayne said that he combined the religious and chapel chairman's duties this year. Cliff said there should be more planning for the lily pond devotionals.. Jim stated that students would be more effective in leading the Monday night meetings. Cliff suggested, however, that the faculty has more access to "name" people than do students. Jim solved this by suggesting that Monday night meeting be under direction of students under a sponsor. Connie thought students' accounts of their own experiences was most effective.
8. Academic Affairs Chairman-Merlin Pryor-set up the the floating trophies for which clubs compete.
9. Secretaries-office work

Cliff Ganus reported the Student Association financial standing. The Council had \$170.36 on hand, and will get approximately \$1100.00 during the year.

Dwayne assigned Ken the job of picking up the ice cream taps for the cafeteria, and appointed Linda Spears to paint them.

The Council discussed the major events conducted and assisted by the Student Association during the school year:

1. Lily Pond Devotionals-need more planning, louder, songs familiar to all,
2. Line Cut-Cliff said to hit it at first of year, but Bob said cafeteria needed to be open longer. Cliff suggested having an honor system, but the Council agreed that this was a touchy problem, but more responsibility needed to be put on the students. Connie felt an honor system was needed in chapel too.
3. Club officers workshop-
Linda Spears felt that the club officers workshop made the officers work harder during the year. Bob thought there was a need for a meeting to explain the procedure involved in arranging for outings, etc. Connie suggested that the workshop be more practical. Cliff felt a session on procedure and a brainstorming session should not be combined to work effectively. Cliff suggested having a separate meeting for the club officers and class officers. David strongly recommended that the President meet more often with class officers. Ken Starr moved that we have a leadership forum followed by club officers forum at the first of the year. Connie seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
Bob moved that we have the leadership forum the afternoon of the 18th. Linda Spears seconded the motion and it was unanimous.
4. Homecoming events-Bob suggested having merchants donate food for an all-city pep rally. Ken disliked the idea of a dress up supper.
5. Dolly Drive-Connie suggested sending Bibles or sending money for Bibles for missionaries. Cliff thought we could have both the Bible drive and Dolly drive. Jim thought the mission study clubs could conduct the Bible drive. Bob asked the Council to consider helping with the debate tournament to be held at Harding soon. It was the general feeling of the Council to sponsor another dolly drive this coming year.

The Council adjourned for a few minutes. When the Council met again, Dwayne announced that the faculty had decided not to have the New Student Faculty Reception, so the Council converted this to the last of the freshmen mixers.

The Council continued their discussion of events sponsored by the Student Association during the year:

6. It was suggested that Paula Peacock post the list of hospital occupants each week.
7. Highlights Record-Council felt that it would take an extraordinary year to make the record a success.
8. Chapel program-Council decided that Dwayne should make opening remarks in chapel at the first of the year.

Cliff announced that Lott Tucker had given us permission to have the conference table from the old S.A. office, and had stated that the new parts for the projection equipment discussed earlier would be purchased by the school. The Council adjourned for lunch.

The Council met again at 1:00 and began a discussion of suggestion for the coming year:

1. Linda Spears suggested improving the area around the mail boxes in the student Center which has already been done this summer.
2. It was recommended that the sidewalk from the bell tower to the pond be laid since this is a needed pathway.
3. There was a need for a mixer for old and new students, and Linda Byrd felt the watermelon party took care of this.
4. Umbrella racks were needed in the cafeteria.
5. Connie Taylor suggested that the Council do something about the inadequate fire prevention at Harding. The Council felt a chapel program could alleviate this situation.
6. Connie suggested a place was needed to check books before chapel. Book racks in buildings might help.
7. It was suggested that the S.A. minutes be read over the campus radio station, which could have better hours someone stated.
8. Vocation evening was introduced by Jim Anderson. It might prevent five year students, and help some to decide on their vocation. It consisted of an evening during which people from various vocations were invited to speak to students on their field. This could be discussed in a general meeting, or polls could be distributed in chapel.

9. Carolyn stated that she thought the Council should be more representative of their class. This could be accomplished by private talks and by distributing memos on the Council's work.
10. Encourage club membership-talk about this in ICC meeting.
11. Emphasize academic excellence among students and discuss this problem at the club officers workshop.
12. Encourage friendliness by hanging posters and signs in cafeteria and on tables to keep people in the habit of introducing themselves during the year.
13. Schedules of all athletic events assembled by athletic chairman.
14. Posting a board to show rides and books needed or available was described by Bob Rader. The Council liked the idea, so Bob moved that we try to get a board up for books and ride later on. Cliff seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
15. The idea of creating a new cabinet position for foreign students was opposed because this could set them apart from the other students unnecessarily, we could solve the problem of not knowing them by using them more in campus activities or by having a dinner, mixer, or brainstorming session with them.
16. The Council decided that the faculty should be sent a special memo or underlined Bison only when there is a special reason for such action.
17. The Council agreed that the Library should be opened on Sunday because the changed schedule created this need more than ever.

Because Dwayne had a meeting with Dr. Ganus, the Council was dismissed, but reassembled at 5:00 to continue their discussion of new suggestions for the coming year:

Dwayne announced that the S.A. had obtained a chapel program for the introduction of Council and speech by Dwayne on Tuesday, September 14. It was agreed that only a brief welcome from the S.A. was in order during freshman orientation.

17. The Council continued their discussion of the Library hours, then Cliff moved that the Council try to get the library open for Sunday afternoon. Bob seconded the motion and the entire Council was in favor of it.
18. David moved that the Council start to work on the fall semester calendar immediately. Discussion followed, then Bob suggested selling receipts in registration line and distributing later. Linda and

were assigned the task of assembling the calendars, while Cliff was in charge of selling them in registration line along with the student directories in a "packaged deal" for fifty cents.

The Council members read to the entire Council the ideas they had obtained from reading past history of the Student Association at Harding. The following ideas were compiled:

1. Posters to encourage school spirit.
2. Panel discussions in chapel
3. National Brotherhood Week observed at Harding.
4. Culture Emphasis Week (could be correlated with vocational interests) Have a period during the year when the departments are responsible for showing their line of work to the students.
5. Installation of new S.A. officers in chapel program.
6. School social during semester break.
7. Join N.S.A.
8. More free play time in gymnasium.
9. More window hours for business office.
10. Program to encourage students to participate in the Student Association by running for office.
11. Loyalty Day in chapel-patriotism emphasized.
12. Games for the Emerald Room.
13. Career Day-to explain aspects and events of Harding life, such as May Day, Petit Jean Dedication, etc. Bob suggested putting it in the Bison and having it only for transfers and freshmen men especially.
14. Recognition Day for people "behind the scenes".
15. "On call" duty for Council and Cabinet to show visitors the campus.
16. All-school hayride to Bee Rock.
17. Floats for Homecoming.
18. Buying cans for needy at Christmas.
- 19. Bison article on the history on the S.A. (1959-1960 scrapbook)
20. All-church-schools devotional at specific times.
21. Position on Cabinet for Married Students.

22. Talent Bureau (classification of students' talents)
23. Extension of time after "late" lyceums or movies
24. Door to Door sports tickets sold
25. All teachers honoring class cut privileges
26. Clean up Week (Keep grass clean week)
- ✓27. Get Great Songs of the Church for chapel
28. Bell in second floor of library
29. Bell in Student Center
30. Put important announcements on S.A. bulletin board
31. Gas lights on campus
32. Eliminate set order in chapel and cafeteria
- 33. Improve Speech Arts tournament
34. Improve lyceum programs
35. Devotionals varied in chapel (Neale Pryor)
36. Paperback supply in bookstore improved-sell books in bookstore, not cosmetic supplies
37. Special activities after football games
38. Improve food in Student Center
39. Have Graduate and Academy representative on Council
40. Student parties on Friday night
41. Refunds on unpunched meal tickets
42. Lights on Tennis courts (bothers neighbors?) (meters?)
43. Dorm Council
44. Paper cups in vending machine
45. Chess and checker tournament
- ✓46. Open House for dorms
47. Symbol of Harding Bison in Student Center
48. Organized College Bowl (work through A.S.A.)
49. Lots of memos
50. Trip to County Farm to sing Christmas carols
51. All school spelling bee
52. All Christian college conference

The Council concluded that Harding students did not have

good school spirit. Cliff thought the reason might be our failure to win a number of games. Ken reminded the Council that the players needed and wanted backing. David suggested that a film on football procedure in chapel and introduction of the players might stimulate interest. Cliff said there was a need to approach school spirit by looking at the accuracy and skill of the game, not the cheering only to win a game. Less complicated cheers were suggested by Linda Byrd to aid the fans in cheering. Ken thought posting the pictures in a prominent place might encourage school spirit. Someone suggested explaining the plays of the game after the games. Dwayne felt that the players might play harder if they knew the students knew their background in highschool and perhaps another college. Someone suggested having the players wear their jerseys the day before the game. It was suggested that the players might enjoy a special activity after the game. Some felt the pep club or Bison Boosters should wear clothes alike and sit together at the games. It was felt that this problem could suitably be turned over to the Bison Boosters.

Dwayne summarized the Council-it's new ideas, it's solutions to old problems, and discussions and accomplishments. At 7:45 the Council was dismissed, ending the 1965 pre-school conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Byrd
Secretary, Student Association