



Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 18, 2011

Present:

IU Northwest members – Christopher Anderson, DeJuan DeVoe, Chisonna Echeumuna (via Skype), Lawyer Fentress, Donald Lockett, Sr., David Neal, Henry Powell, Christopher Robinson, Gabriel Sotres, Christopher Watson, Kenneth Williams

Ivy Tech Community College-Gary Campus members – Wayne Howard

SAAB Faculty and Staff – Alan Roger Currie (B2B Program Coordinator), Ashley Howard (B2B Undergraduate Assistant), Jeffery Moseley (Coordinator, Office of Diversity Programming), Cory Thames (B2B Graduate Assistant), James Wallace (Interim Director, Office of Diversity Programming)

- I. The eleventh meeting of the Fall 2011 Semester began at approximately 8:14 am. Mr. Currie opened up the meeting and Kenneth Williams led the membership in prayer.
- II. New SAAB members and/or Guests in Attendance
 - A. Nathan Smith, a banking executive with Fifth Third Bank, was an invited guest speaker.
 - B. Barbara Bullock, Director of Counseling Services from IU Northwest, was an invited speaker.
 - C. No new student members were introduced.
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Mr. Currie expressed disappointment that he has not received a lot of the Fall 2011 Academic Progress forms that were supposed to be given to each of the members' respective professors by no later than Saturday, October 22, 2011.
 - B. Mr. Currie also expressed disappointment over the fact that not too many SAAB / B2B members showed up for the presentation of "Our Young Black Men are Dying and Nobody Seems to Care" that was held in the Bergland Auditorium on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 4:00pm. DeAndre Nwannunu, Chairman of the Personal & Professional Development Committee, said that he attended the event and enjoyed it thoroughly.
 - C. Wayne Howard, Chairman of the Spiritual Enrichment & Social Activities Committee, said that the SAAB / Brother2Brother Thanksgiving get-together will be at Steel City Buffet & Grill on Fifth Avenue in Gary on Sunday, November 20, 2011 between 3:00pm and 6:00pm. The cost will be \$13.95 for each member. Mr. Wallace said if any member has challenges paying for their own meal, he would offer to assist them in any way he could.
 - D. Mr. Wallace and Christopher Robinson, Chairman of the Community Service Committee, reiterated that as many SAAB / B2B members as possible should show up to help out at the Embassies of Christ Food Drive on either Saturday, November 19th @ 8:30am or Sunday, November 20th @ 1:30pm.

- E. Mr. Wallace again encouraged the members to start preparing a 30-45 minute presentation for when they visit Lew Wallace and speak to the middle school and high school students there. Possible dates for presentations right now are Monday, November 28, 2011 and Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

Mr. Wallace admonished the membership to get busy on developing presentations for efforts in going to Lew Wallace High School.

Mr. Currie stated that this would be great practice for the membership. It was also stated that studies have shown that people are more afraid of public speaking than death, meaning if you are able to overcome public speaking you are definitely on your way to success

- F. Mr. Wallace encouraged all of the SAAB / B2B members to go on the internet and obtain a copy of their credit report. Mr. Currie said that a free copy was available from sites like "annualcreditreport.com" and "freecreditreport.com". Credit Expert Darrolyn Sharp is scheduled to speak to the membership sometime during the Spring 2012 semester.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nathan Smith, a banking executive for Fifth Third Bank, made a presentation to the membership about savings accounts, personal checking accounts, and other products and services his bank offers. Mr. Smith answered questions from the membership related to credit ratings and other money and banking-related issues.
- B. Ms. Bullock, Director of Counseling Services, addressed the membership and spoke about what she does in her role as a psychological counselor to assist undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in courses on the campus of IU Northwest.
- C. Christopher Robinson presided over the meeting in the absence of Vice-President Roy Lee Cast, Jr. Christopher said he was excited to be leading the meeting and excited to be both a college student and a member of the Brother2Brother organization.

Christopher Anderson, the Co-Chairman of the Personal & Professional Development Committee, said that he and Christopher Robinson were planning a workshop on how to dress, how to choose business attire, and how to tie a dress tie

- D. Lawyer Fentress, Co-Chairman of the Membership & Public Relations Committee, said that his committee did not have any plans for any more events during the Fall 2011 semester, but that he and Jose Meza, Chairman of the Membership & Public Relations Committee, are always actively looking to recruit new and additional student members.
- E. SAAB / B2B member Henry Powell presented a test that was suggested to him from the Office of Career Services that could be given during a presentation at local schools that would help students determine what they are mostly likely to do in a career.

Mr. Currie told the membership that they should not need a test to determine what they want to do career-wise. Mr. Currie said that one of the best ways to determine your true passion in life is to ask yourself, "What would I be motivated to do on a weekly basis, even if I was not earning any money for it?" Mr. Currie said knowing what you would do for free helps you identify your passions.

V. General / Open Discussion

- A. Mr. Currie offered condolences to SAAB / B2B member Donald Lockett, Sr., and his family.
- B. Mr. Wallace invited SAAB / B2B members to join him and Mr. Currie at Calumet High School for a meeting with Dr. Bledsoe.
- C. Mr. Currie highlighted the fact that SAAB / B2B member Chisonna Echeumuna joined the meeting via a video connection using Skype technology, and said that participating in a meeting through Skype was representative of attending a meeting.

VI. Next Meeting

- A. It was determined that the next SAAB meeting will be on Friday, December 2, 2011 at 8:00am CST at IU Northwest in Hawthorn Hall, Room 104. The membership decided that all general membership meetings for the remainder of the Fall 2011 semester would begin at 8:00 AM.

VII. Adjournment

- A. SAAB / Brother2Brother member Wayne Howard led the membership in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:42 AM CST.