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**APA General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**January 15, 2009**  
**Bernhard Center 157-58**

The meeting was called to order at noon

**Dr. Dunn's Comments**

- Enrollment continues to increase
  - Non-Resident Students
    - Increased percentage of non-resident students
    - President and Provost Scholarships available
      - \$8,000 w/ 3.5 GPA and ACT of 22 or higher
      - \$6,000 w/ 3.25 GPA and ACT 22
    - Continue to attract good students
  - Admissions strong – but not as strong as this same time last year
    - Declining high school population
- Budget
  - Trustees had courage to increase tuition and close the gap to balance the budget
  - Survived challenge in December – no state budget cuts to Higher Education
  - Governor waiting for Federal level stimulus package which may fill a budget need and reduce the impact to the rest of the budget
  - We are currently in a bandage situation – filling gaps with one time funding
  - Energy savings beat budget projections during closure
    - Winter closure achieved \$484,000 in savings
    - Physical plant is on the cutting edge with energy savings
    - Further savings will be achieved with Sangren construction
- MLK Celebration
  - Partnered with KPS and other area public schools
  - 585 participants
  - Youth group presentations
  - National Day of Service – Monday, January 19
    - Staff encouraged to volunteer or participate in MLK community wide activities
- Athletics
  - Women's Volleyball will be honored this Sunday for advancing to Sweet 16
  - New Women's basketball coach
  - WMU Football Bowl Game
    - Entourage was top-notch
    - 3000 WMU alum in Houston area
    - WMU band was superior
    - Role model behavior
- Retention
  - Retention has slipped behind a bit
  - We all participate in the retention of students
    - Every student counts and every interaction counts
    - Acts of kindness
  - Seamless transition from community colleges
    - Help new students feel welcome and supported
  - Stop Outs
    - Students leave the university for many different reasons
    - Need to identify students in good standing within one year of degree completion and create options to simplify the process
- Announcement – Dr. & Mrs. Dunn are now grandparents!

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Thanks to Dr. Dunn for addressing our group and pushing for the salary increase

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- \$2,152.92 in the account – anticipating revenue from the membership drive

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Health & Wellness

- BCBS website demonstration
  - Demonstrated BCBS website that is available to WMU employees
    - 24/7 online nurse
    - Benefit summaries
    - 1-800-775-BLUE (2583)
  - Future Brown Bag will discuss the site in more detail

Professional Development

- Upcoming Brown Bag discussions
  - Pam Rupps (Feb) Lynda.com
  - Pandemic Flu

Special Events

- Kirk Sundling has taken over as committee chair
- Thanks to Gail Kurtz for more than 5 years of service on this committee

Awards & Recognition

- Spring Luncheon scheduled for May 15

Membership

- 256 members (139 recently expired)
- 60 new friends of APA (free 1 year membership to new APA eligible employees)

**DOOR PRIZE WINNERS**

- 2 year APA membership – Joan O'Bryan & Lynda Hunt
- \$10 Spicy Pickle gift certificate – Gail Kurtz & Kelly Davidson
- \$25 WMU Bookstore gift certificate – Doug Engebretsen

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faith Wicklund  
Recording Secretary