

October 11, 2006

I. Roll Call

Missing: FC, 8th St #3 (vacant) , HArmFul

II. Guest Speakers

III. Approval of the Minutes

IV. Executive Reports

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-Join Committees

-To President's Forum - start meeting

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-Fall Festival coming up

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V. Standing Committee Reports

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VI. Special Committee Reports

RHA Sound System Ad-Hoc Committee: Patrick Wiseman

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VII. Bill Status Reports

• 07-005: 6th Annual Steak and Stickball Tournament

Dave Colman

VIII. Special Orders

IX. Old Business

• 07-006: Trick-or-Treat Night **P** **\$ 700** Samantha Thomson

Mallory Williams presents the bill.

FOC Recommendation: \$750

-Give them more money because there will probably be more people than they expect.
 4th St motions to accept FOC recommendation
Amendment passes, bill now stands at \$750.
 6th St: What if we made people pay \$2 instead of \$1?
 Wryen Meek: Are there going to be other hall councils participating?
 Tim: You're confusing this event w/ the Fall Festival event
 WM: In that case we should encourage other hall councils to set up booths for fundraisers to donate to charity.
 Tim: That idea is not germane to the bill.
 George Ray: We should have RHA PR Balloons at the event.
 Harris: In response to 6th St, a can of food donation is roughly \$1.
Bill passes 23-0-0.
 Desmond Dean votes twice.

- 07-007: TEAM Buzz Community Service Day **P** **\$ 996** George Ray
 George Ray presents the bill.
 George wants to friendly amend the bill to pay for screenprinting of shirts instead of food.
 Tim Gallagher: Make your motion after presenting.
 Desmond Dean: Can you give an example of some projects?
 GR: Grant Park cleanup and fence building, Chattahoochee River cleanup
 6th St: Why do you want us to pay for screenprinting instead of pizza?
 Neil Tolbert:
 George makes the motion to replace pizza with t-shirt printing.
 DD seconds.
 NT: How many t-shirts is that?
 GR: 2/3 of the printing cost of all the shirts.
FOC Recommendation: Pass as is.
 -In the past we have given \$500, but since this includes permanent advertising, \$996 is ok.
 Nobody opposed to voting, **bill passes 23-0-0.**

X. New Business

- 07-008: Haunted House Video Production **P** **\$ 313** Nik Reddy
 Wryen Meek presents the bill.
 Buzz Studios wants to make a commercial for the Haunted House to be shown on GTCN, also add a video element to the Towers Haunted House.
 George Ray: What is the personnel fee for?
 WM: You scratch our back, we scratch yours. It goes straight to the club and helps raise money for our equipment.
 GR: Are you guys affiliated with GTCN?
 WM: No, we just work with them.

- 07-009: Chocolate Fondue Fountain **CO** **\$ 162** Dave Colman
 Woodies presents.
 W: We want a chocolate fondue fountain.
 George Ray: Where is this fountain coming from?
 W: We did some research, we're ordering it online.

- 07-010: Halls of Horror **P** **\$** **1780** Megan Brodale

Megan Brodale presents.

MB: We want to unite all the events going on for Halloween on East Campus.

MB: This bill is for the movie, screen rental, decorations, food, dry ice.

MB: We're showing *The Shining*, voted on by you guys a couple weeks ago.

6th St: Are you concerned about the sound system?

MB: We're not using the RHA sound system, we're renting their sound system.

6th St: What about the issue of sound distraction due to all the other events going on?

MB: Shouldn't be a problem since the Haunted House is inside Towers.

George Ray: When do you have to have the contract signed?

MB: Soon.

Neil Tolbert: When will the movie be shown?

MB: October 31st @ 7pm

XI. Open Forum

4th St: How can I get involved in the Housing Priorities meeting?

Tim Gallagher: There is a meeting tomorrow but it's just going to be a rubber stamp. RHA wants to form a committee to come up with a list of recommendations to housing for next year.

4th St: I want to address the concerns of many of my constituents in 4th St that are international students.

Desmond Dean: Since we didn't do that well last week, we discussed issues at our HC meeting last week.

CHill issues: Big screen TV for CHill, massage before Finals Week, no lawn-mowing and leaf-blowing too early in the morning.

CHill philanthropy: Fill the Burger Bowl with puppies from the Humane Society, finding accountants for Leukemia Society.

- Neil Tolbert motions to overturn Executive Order 07-013: Finals Food.

Tim Gallagher explains Robert's Rules of Order on overturning decisions of the chair.

Trivia: This is the only motion in all of Robert's Rules that requires a majority in the negative in order to carry.

4th St: Why do you want to do this?

NT: CHill has a lot of residents (700) and \$1000 (\$300/night) is not enough.

8th St seconds NT's motion to appeal.

TG: Finals Food used to be a way to use up all of the remaining funds left in a Hall Council's budget at the end of the semester, providing a snack for residents at night while they study for finals, but in recent years it has grown and many HC's provide entire meals for residents, but this is not a wise use of residents' funds since people just come, grab food, and leave, w/o building community and furthering the goals of RHA.

NT: I agree with you but I think it would be better set at \$1200 and \$450 a night.

4th St: I think an amount per resident would be better than setting a cap.

Woodies: I agree w/ that.

George Ray: I think it would be better if it this bill came from the Legislative body because it would better reflect the opinions of the hall councils.

Tim Gallagher: It would be difficult to do it per resident since the size of hall councils varies so much. Realistically, \$300 is a good amount because for large HC's the amount per unit food goes down. To reiterate, the goal of Finals Food should not be to provide a meal because it doesn't further the goals of RHA.

Vote: 15-8-0 – EO is upheld.

6th St: We have a Hall Council suggestion box but it's locked, how do we get at it?

George Ray motions to move 07-010 to old business and consider immediately.

Motion carries.

• **07-010: Halls of Horror**

Harris: What is FOC's recommendation?

Tim Gallagher: Not there yet.

6th St: Has FOC considered this?

Tim Gallagher: Not there yet.

FOC Recommendation: Didn't meet w/ rep, but recommend approval as is.

Since it's an exec board activity it should be well-planned and good.

No questions.

Vote: 23-0-0

Neil Tolbert motions to move 07-008 into old business and consider immediately.

• **07-008: Haunted House Video Production**

6th St 2: Has the price of blast plastic sheeting really increased in the last couple years?

Alex Becking: It was \$45 at the same time last year, this year it is \$75.

George Ray: Where will the videos be kept?

WM: They will be distributed.

Matt Scrudato: Will the videos have the RHA Logo at the bottom?

Tim Gallagher: Or perhaps balloons?

Wryen Meek: No, but we might have t-shirts w/ RHA logos on them.

Neil Tolbert: Since nobody is getting a stipend, why is there a personnel fee?

WM: It's all going to the club.

FOC Recommendation: Didn't meet w/ rep, but recommend striking of personnel fee.

-Not sure if we can pay them personnel fee even if it goes to club because that might be for profit.

George Ray motions to strike personnel section and increase equipment fee to \$200.

6th St.: Isn't that just creative accounting?

GR: No because this limits the spending to equipment rental.

Area2 #2: Wasn't the money already going to equipment maintenance?

GR: What is the executive board's opinion on this amendment?

Tim Gallagher: It would still be in question whether or not this is legal.

Lisa Stuber: What is the actual cost of rental? \$100? \$200?

WM: This is the first time our club has charged anyone, but other clubs have charged as much as \$3000.

George Ray withdraws amendment.

6th St: What happens if we pass it but it turns out we can't pay them because it's for profit?

TG: I don't know, but consider this bill on its merits and not a question of legality.

6th St to WM: What would happen if you didn't get the money?

WM: We'll probably have to cut the commercial and, it wouldn't be fair--

Tim Gallagher cuts off WM – I will not allow that type of opinion.

Woodies: Can you clarify why you would need a car wash?

WM: We have lots of equipment we need to repair and replace.

GR motions to table the bill until we can get clarification.

Woodies: Let's talk about it now and get it over with.

Neil Tolbert: We can talk it up and down all night long but there are still unanswered questions.

GR: Obviously people are in favor of this bill since they all voted to move to old business.

Woodies 2: What would happen if this bill passed now?

TG: If this were to pass tonight I would veto it until we had the questions answered.

6th St motions to accept FOC recommendation.

GR: Point of order – we are still discussing motion to table.

4th St: If we pass this bill tonight it would be a lot of work in the future so let's table it.

Bill is tabled until next week.

4th St: Email lists aren't working.

Woodies: We don't even have a mailing list.

Tim Gallagher: We'll get IT to fix that.

ULC: Our secretary still isn't getting bills.

Jeff Wei: We fixed that.

6th St: We're still having problems with bills.

Tim Gallagher: Our IT committee doesn't suck, they're just new and our former IT guy and the guy who wrote RAM left w/o telling them how everything worked.

XII. Miscellaneous Business

XIII. Announcements

Need an Auditor

Join ID Committee

XIV. Adjournment