**Tilford Group Minutes**

**Friday, August 31, 2018**

**Overman Student Center, Meadowlark Room**

**Attendance**

Shama Ali

Harriet Bachner

Jessica Jorgenson Borchert

Susan Carlson

Browyn Conrad

Debbi Fischer

Tatiana Goris

Kristen Humphrey

Mark Johnson

Jorge Leon

Rome Lusren

Vadishth Patel

Dory Quinn

Susan Schreiner

Vivek Sharma

Harold Wallace III

**Secretary’s Report**

The minutes of April 16, 2018 were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Our treasurer, Jorge Leon, stated that the budget for 2018-9 is currently $2,565, which is similar to the Tilford budget for the last few years.

**Old Business**

* **Presentation by Jamie McDaniel.** Last Spring we voted to approve this in principle, pending this year. The request was for a stipend of some amount to offset McDaniel’s gas costs as he will drive from Virginia to us to present on Thursday, November 15th. In late September, Jorge Leon worked out the fee ($300). We’ll find out close to November 15th if we reimbursing EML or a different organization with those funds. Jamie McDaniel will be presenting to Casie Hermansson's class on Wed 11/14, so it is suggested that we schedule a time on Thursday 11/15. A description of Jamie McDaniel’s talk is in the attached hand-out.
* **Invitation for Bernie Sanders to speak at Pittsburg State University.**Susan Carlson sent an e-mail to Jacob Gillison, the official scheduler for Senator Sanders in Washington, D.C., and is following up with phone calls.

**New Business**

Jorge Leon is looking for someone to maintain and improve the Tilford web page and help with web content. He asked for some suggestions for a volunteer for this position.

Portico Bowman had asked for funds to help bring two speakers, Wayne Grady and Merilyn Simonds, to campus. Merilyn Simonds will be part of the library’s DeGruson Lecture Series. Bowman has secured most of the funding, and just requested a small additional amount from Tilford. The Tilford Group agreed to give $200 to Portico Bowman for this purpose. The vote was moved by Susan Carlson and seconded by Harriet Bachner.

Jorge Leon reported on the events scheduled at Axe Library for Banned Books Week (September 23-29) They included:

* “Bridging the Art of Letterpress and Banned Books Together” by Dr. Portico Bowman and her ART 351 class. (Wednesday, September 26th at 4:00 p.m.)
* “Challenged Children’s and Picture Books” by Professor Susan Knell (Wednesday, September 26th at 6:00 p.m.)

Mark Johnson announced that the Indian Student Association is holding cricket matches on the PSU softball diamond on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Everyone is invited.

**Upcoming Events**

* Harold Wallace is working on bringing Dr. Eric Jill to speak to students about the book *The New Jim Crow*, and to discuss perceptions about race and incarceration.
* Harriet Bachner announced that BaFa’ BaFa’ will be held this year on November 7th from 2-4 p.m. in the Governor’s Room of the Overman Student Center. She needs some volunteers from the Tilford Group to help with the presentation.
* Harold Wallace would like to invite Reverend Moses Berry to speak to students and faculty during Black History Month (February 2019).