

HSSU Alumni Association Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order: The April 13, 2011 Alumni Association Board Meeting was called to order at 6:42 PM by President on Building Dickson. The meeting was held in the Givens Administration Building, 1st Floor Room 101, Board of Regents Room.

Board Members Roll Call: Attendees listed below

Alumni Officers

Candace Dickson – President (present)
Jeanine Riley – Vice Present (present)
Katina Stewart – recording secretary (resigned)
Sarah Archibald – Corresponding Secretary (present)
Scharad Hutchins – financial secretary (present)
Kalifa Gray – treasurer (present)
Thomas Stenger – parliamentarian (present)

Board Members

Elaine DuBose (present)
Suzanne Goodwin (excused absence)
Dorothy Abram Sevier (present)
Stacy Shaw (resigned)
Catherine Metzger Stenger (present)
Jessica M. Thomas (present)
Terell Wayne (present)
Armetta Whitmore (present)

Other Attendees

Shirley Brown
Dolores B. Malcolm
Edward Scruggs
Yvonne Chatwell
Wilzetta M. Bell

Minutes from the March 9, 2011: The minutes from March 9, 2011 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes from March 9, 2011 with minor corrections was made. The motion was approved and carried with no opposition or unreadiness.

Correspondence: *(Sarah L. Archibald)*

No report given

Financial Reports:

Scharad Hutchins: (report given, refer to attached documents)

Kalifa Gray: (see attached documents)

Gold Gala: *(Shirley Brown)*

It was recommended by Mrs. Brown that the association get the tax exemption that they need before the Gold Gala. At the Gold Gala auctioneers are told that they are tax exempt when they are putting in bids for the auction. Also, if we are not tax exempt then the association will have to pay the hotel taxes.

The 2011 Gold Gala will be held at the Renaissance Grand, in downtown St. Louis off of 8th and Washington. There will be parking right next door to the event which will cost \$5 for the regular parking and \$12 for valet.

It was also suggested that there be an "alumni tribute to Dr. Givens." Mrs. Brown asked for a motion to be carried for this. Motion was given and approved from the alumni association.

Recognition Luncheon *(Candace Dickson)*

The 2011 recognition luncheon's theme will be "Tribute of past alumni presidents." Many past alumni presidents that were asked to attend the event have confirmed that they will be there on Sunday, May 22, 2011. Judge Charles Shaw will be the guest speaker for the event. Tickets for the event will be \$45 per guest. It was asked that each board member sell at least one table which is equal to 10 tickets. The venue holds a capacity of 250 people.

Scholarship Committee *(Dolores Malcolm):*

The scholarship committee is now seeking someone to chair. Currently the association give 10K away in scholarships. A motion was approved to raise the dollar amount of the scholarship. The budget committee will get together with these amounts.

Nominating Committee *(Sarah Archibald):*

Slate of nominees passed out for the new slates. Motion approved to accept the slate of nominees.

Bylaws Committee *(Thomas Stenger):*

The bylaws committee went through the corrections. Final adjustments will be made and sent to the alumni and president so that they can voted on in the May 2011 alumni meeting. This meeting will be intended for the general membership.

Old Business:

In December meeting it was agreed that the alumni association would be giving books to the children of the Early Childhood Development Center. 22 books were purchased at 20% off each book with an educator's discount card totaling \$205.54. The children and teachers of the center will be given three baskets of books during the "Week of the Young Child," by Elaine Dubose and Armetta Whitmore.

Jeanine Riley spoke of the SoulU poetry night that was held in the Emerson Performance Center. She stated that it was a great turnout and those students who did attend seemed very interested in such events.

New Business:

3 sympathy cards were sent out to:

Sandra Wilson

Dorothy Sharp

Callie Williams Manskeer

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM by President Candace Dickson.