

Copy of the August 10, 2011 HSSU Alumni Association Minutes / Submitted by: Joan Moehl / Minutes were read at the Sept. 14. 2011 Meeting

HSSU Alumni Association Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order: The August 10, 2011 Alumni Association Meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM by President Candace Dickson. The Meeting was held in the Seminar Room of the HSSU Technology Center.

Roll Call:

Attendees listed below:

Alumni Officers

Candace Dickson – President (present)
Jeanine Riley – Vice President (excused absence)
Jessica Kelly – Recording Secretary (excused absence)
Sarah Archibald – Corresponding Secretary (excused absence)
Scharad Hutchins – Financial Secretary (present)
Kalifa Gray – Treasurer (present)
Thomas Stenger – Parliamentarian (excused absence)

Board Members

Shirley Brown (present)
Darius Chapman (present)
Suzanne Goodwin (present)
Benny Lewis (present)
Catherine Metzger Stenger (present)
Terell Wayne (present)

Other Attendees

Elaine Du Bose
Dorothy Abram Sevier
Edward Scruggs
Yvonne Chatwell
Armetta Whitmore
Marlon Lee
Dolores Malcolm
Joan Moehl

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

Correspondence: Sarah Archibald
Not present (excused absence) - No report given

Financial Reports:

Financial Secretary: Scharad Hutchins
Report given - see attached documents

Total Membership Revenue: \$ 575.00
Total Scholarship Revenue: \$ 45.00

A motion to approve the financial report was made. The motion was approved and carried with no opposition or unreadiness.

Treasurer: Kalifa Gray
Report given - see attached documents

Beginning Balance: \$ 31,071.61
Ending Balance: \$ 30,922.66

The treasurer's report also contained the Student Disbursement List which included: Dates, Names and Money awarded for Scholarships and Books from 11/09/2007 to 02/04/2011 to deserving students from the Alumni Association.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made. The motion was approved and carried with no opposition or unreadiness.

President's Report: Candace Dickson

Alumni President reported that a search is in progress to replace retiring HSSU President Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. She stated that interviews have begun and an appointment to the President's position should be made soon and possibly before the end of 2011.

She announced the dedication on campus of the new Freeman Bosley, Jr. Residence Hall on Friday, August 12, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

Committee Reports:

Gold Gala: Shirley Brown

She announced the theme of the Gold Gala: **Glitz, Glamour & Giving**. She stated that the main focus of the Gold Gala Event is for the alumni to honor and pay tribute to Dr. Henry Givens, Jr.

She presented three Action Items:

1. **Ad Costs need to be increased for the 13th Gold Gala Scholarship Dinner Dance Ad & Program Book.**
A motion was made to approve the increases. The motion was approved and carried with no opposition or unreadiness. New prices will be listed on the Ad Solicitation Form for 2011.
It was also suggested to use new Corporate Pricing for Ads. A motion was made and approved.
2. **Ticket Prices need to be increased to \$ 75.00 per ticket.**
A motion was made to approve the increase from \$ 65.00 to \$ 75.00 per ticket with tables at \$750.00.
3. **VIP ticketing and a VIP Reception were discussed.** A motion was made and carried to include the new VIP Tickets at \$100.00 per ticket in the Gold Gala invitation.

The Gold Gala Committee will continue to meet to select a Musical Group. Many members expressed the desire to have Julius Hunter as the Master of Ceremonies. Additional information will be forthcoming at the September Meeting.

Scholarship Committee: Dolores Malcolm

Mr. Marlon Lee will be the new Scholarship Chairperson.

Membership Committee: Terell Wayne

Current Paid Memberships as of July 25, 2011: 240

Breakdown:	Lifetime Memberships	30
	Paid Members until 2012	72
	New Graduates Paid	138

He stated that a Membership Card Machine will be purchased by Ms. Courtney McCall out of her budget. The Alumni Office will make the Membership Cards from this point on.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011.

By-Laws Committee: Tom Stenger

Not present (excused absence) , No report given

Homecoming Committee: Benny Lewis

Homecoming Week is Friday, September 23rd to Saturday October 1st .

Numerous events were announced for Homecoming Week and a list of those events will be sent to the alumni. The alumni members discussed ways to make the Gold Gala more student-friendly. It was suggested that the scholarship recipients should stand and be recognized at the Gold Gala Dinner.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Since 1994, Benny Lewis has been a valued partner of the St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation. He introduced the alumni members to a new partnership program that would be mutually beneficial to both the Gateway Classic and HSSU. The purpose of the partnership of the Gateway Classic Foundation and the Ameren Missouri Gateway Football Classic with HSSU is to raise additional funding for scholarship programs and activities through ticket sales to the Gateway Classic.

A motion was made to have the Alumni Association purchase a minimum of 100 tickets and to purchase additional tickets on a “need to basis”. Another motion was made to have the Alumni Association provide refreshments to be given to HSSU participating ticketed students at the Gateway Classic Event. Both motions were approved and carried.

The Alumni Association contact person is Benny Lewis. He will update us as needed.

Yvonne Chatwell announced the Dinner at the Governor’s Mansion to honor Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. and his 32 years of service as president of HSSU on August 25, 2011 in Jefferson City, Mo.

Meeting adjourned: At 7:00 PM

Minutes Submitted By: Joan Moehl