

HSSU Alumni Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order: The May 11, 2011 Alumni Association Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Vice President Jeanine Riley. 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 President (present)
Katina Stewart- Recording Secretary (resigned)
Sarah Archibald- Corresponding Secretary (present)
Scharad Hutchins- Financial Secretary (excused absence)
Kalifa Gray- Treasurer (present)
Thomas Stenger- Parliamentarian (present)

Board Members

Elaine Dubose (present)
Suzanne Goodwin (present)
Dorothy Abram Sevier (present)
Stacy Shaw (present)
Catherine Stenger (present)
Jessica M. Thomas (present)
Terell Wayne (present)
Armetta Whitmore (present)

Other Attendees

Shirley McCullough
Edward Scruggs
Benny Lewis
Wilzetta Bell
Yvonne Chatwell
Darius Chapman
Joan Moehl
Shirley Brown

Election Ballot Presentation:

Election ballot was passed out in the beginning of the meeting and members were allowed to vote for the slots. A couple of nominees could not be present. It was noted that Jessica Thomas will serve for one year replacing Katina Stewart as the recording secretary and may be elected again. Benny Lewis will also serve for just one year replacing Stacy Shaw as board member and then can be elected again. Darius Chapman will serve for one year replacing Katina Stewart's board member position and then can be elected again. The candidates are listed below.

Recording Secretary: (1 seat available)
Jessica Thomas

Financial Secretary: (1 seat available)
Scharad Hutchins

Corresponding Secretary: (1 seat available)
Sarah Archibald

Board Members: (6 seats available)
Shirley A. Brown
Edward Scruggs
Shirley McCullough
Benny Lewis
Dolores B. Malcolm
Darius Chapman

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

Correspondence: (Sarah Archibald)
No report given

Financial Reports:

Financial Secretary: Scharad Hutchins (not present, no report given)

Treasurer: Kalifa Gray

Report given see attached documents

Page 2 will be corrected. The corrected report will be given in the June 2011 board meeting. No money has been moved from the scholarship fund based on the vote last month. A motion was made by Terrell Wayne that 10K be moved into the scholarship fund immediately and by April 1st in subsequent years. The motion was tabled and is pending review. Several discussions took place about the tax exemption

status of the association. Treasurer, Kalifa Gray found that the alumni association is tax exempt and has been since 1984, the attorney's general requires we send proof. There will be no penalties that will apply. We must file proof exempt by the 15th day of the 5th month of the organization's fiscal year. While doing the research on the tax exemption Kalifa Gray found out that the association is still registered as "Harris Stowe State College Alumni Inc." This must be changed ASAP. It was stated that we also must check to make sure that our gross is under 25K. Yvonne Chatwell stated that the registered agent for the state is Chester Hines, this also must be looked into and be changed. Kalifa will work with Candace to make sure that this gets changed. This must be changed with the Secretary of State.

Gold Gala: (Shirley Brown)

Report given see attached document.

The event will still be held at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis. The committee was debating on possibly changing the ticket prices for the even from \$65 to \$75. The is just a discussion brought up in a committee meeting, the committee will make the final decision on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 5:30 PM at the home of Shirley Brown. There are also 4 other ides that will be discussed at the meeting on the 25th that are listed on the committee report given by Mrs. Brown.

Recognition Luncheon (Candace Dickson)

The Recognition Luncheon is still on for Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 2 PM. Tickets will be sold for \$45 per person and \$450 per table. There has been an extension on the deadline for the purchasing of tickets therefore, Friday, May 13, 2011 will be the last day to purchase tickets for the event. So far, 112 tickets have been sold for the luncheon. Last year there were 186 tickets that were sold. It has been brought up in several discussions that would be a great idea for each board member purchase a table for the event to show their dedication to the association.

Scholarship Committee (Dolores Malcolm)

Not present, no report given

Nominating Committee (Sarah Archibald)

ALL nominees listed above were granted the position. Induction for the new members will be held in June 2011 alumni board meeting.

Membership (Terrell Wayne)

2000 names of people who graduated from HSSU were sent by Nisa to the membership committee. The membership committee is to call these people to see if they were interested in joining the alumni association. Terrell Wayne asked for alumni to volunteer to help serve on the membership committee. Sheet was passed around for volunteers.

Bylaws Committee (Thomas Stenger)

There was a motion to approve the bylaws that were given out. The motion was carried with no opposition or unreadiness.

Old Business

Mrs. Willzetta Bell stated that there was a budget approved for 2010-2011 but the association will need to look at the budget on a continuous basis and be certain that we stay within the budget for events and scholarships.

New Business:

Vice President, Jeanine Riley stated that according to the alumni calendar there needs to be an event held in June. She has proposed an idea where the alumni could celebrate a fun day with the St. Louis Cardinals. The event would be held on June 19, 2011 at a Cardinals game versus the Kansas City Royals. It was also stated the Cardinals would be hosting African American Heritage Appreciation Day as well. The event would be hosted by M3 Productions. Forest Park Community College and the St. Louis American will also be joining this event. Tables will be set up near the main entrance where HSSU alumni can greet the game goers, hand out literature about Harris Stowe and answer any questions. The alumni association has the chance for Harris Stowe to be recognized on a large screen at the game but in order for this to happen at least 30 people must purchase tickets to the game. The alumni will be seated in one section together and the ticket prices range from \$20-\$27. A motion was made for Jeanine to go forth with his event and advertise. The motion was approved with 8 accepted, 5 oppositions, and 5 abstain.

Presidents Report:

The 2011 HSSU Commencement had a well attended ceremony. Alumni President Candace Dickson received the diguisited alumni award. The party after the ceremony hosted by the alumni association had a great turn out. There were about 70 graduates that attended the event and enjoyed the dancing, moving, and appetizers. President, Candace Dickson and Vice President, Jeanine Riley, along with several other alumni members walked the room congratulating the graduates as well as discussing with them on how to become active in HSSU alumni association.

It was brought up after the president gave her report that the alumni association must have a calendar published and approved by the alumni association before events are planned out. Several discussions were brought up that although this was an amazing event protocol must be followed in planning such events.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.