Harris-Stowe State University Alumni Association Minutes
Date: March 11, 2009

The HSSU Alumni Association Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President John Ingram.

The minutes from the February 11, 2009, meeting were read aloud by Recording Secretary Elaine DuBose. The minutes were accepted as read.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to be read by Corresponding Secretary Sarah Archibald.

Treasurer’s Report: The treasurer’s report was given by Vice President Wilzetta Bell. She reported the ending balance in the alumni account as of February 2009.

There is a need to fill the position of financial secretary. Alumni member Dorothy Sevier volunteered to accept the position if her schedule permits. She will notify President Ingram by March 26, 2009, if she will be able to serve as financial secretary.

Insurance Benefit: HSSU Alumni Relations Specialist Nisa Korte has spoken to Meyer and Associates insurance company who stated they would train a student representative to present information about their coverage to HSSU Alumni Association members. The student representative will be compensated for his or her services.

Recognition for Dr. Givens: In response to conversations held with Dr. Henry Givens Jr., the reception, which was planned in honor of his 30 years as HSSU president, has been postponed. It is his belief that in these challenging economic times, it would be inappropriate to hold such a celebration.

Recognition Luncheon: Chairwoman Armetta Whitmore and steering committee members, Sarah Archibald and DuBose, gave the following report: the luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009, at the Hilton Frontenac at Noon. The members voted unanimously to maintain the cost at $35 per person. It is the goal to have at least 300 in attendance. The contract has been signed with the hotel. A deposit to hold the room for the luncheon and a copy of the tax exempt letter are required.

Membership: Chairman Terell Wayne reported that he had received one lifetime membership check and application form.

Scholarship Committee: Chairwoman Marilyn Wayne asked the Board to approve a donor solicitation letter to be sent in June to support student scholarships. Included will be a Harris-Stowe business reply envelope. The Board voted unanimously to pay postage in the amount of $180. The alumni scholarship will be awarded on April 17, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the HSSU Scholarships, Prizes, Awards & Recognition Ceremony. The HSSU Alumni Association awards will be presented by President Ingram. The Scholarship Committee will meet prior to the scholarship ceremony to review the applicants and make their recommendations.
**Courtesy Committee:** Chairwoman Carrie Whiteside stated that a sympathy card was sent to Board Member Edgar Burnett whose mother passed away.

**Unfinished Business:** Yvonne Chatwell stated that the Nominating Committee will present their slate of candidates for office at the April meeting. The election will be held May 2009.

Director of Communications, Marketing and Alumni Affairs Courtney McCall and Public Relations/Alumni Specialist Nisa Korte suggested that a calendar of events for the year be compiled in order to help alumni plan for participation in those events.

The members voted to table a vote to move some monies from the alumni treasury to the scholarship fund.

The budget and finance committee is still in the process of being formed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by President Ingram.

Elaine DuBose,
Recording Secretary