Harris-Stowe State University Alumni Association Board Meeting Minutes
Date: September 9, 2009

The HSSU Alumni Association Board Meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by President John Ingram.

The minutes from the June 2009 meeting were read aloud by Elaine DuBose, former recording secretary. The minutes were accepted with one correction.

Correspondence: Corresponding Secretary Sarah Archibald read a letter from the Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program detailing information on an award for college graduates to be used toward the purchase of a home. She also read a letter from Mrs. Mae Duggan, a graduate of Harris Teachers College, expressing her appreciation for information she receives on alumni activities.

Financial: HSSU Public Relations/Alumni Specialist Nisa Korte distributed copies of an overview of the Alumni Association’s financial accounts held at the University. There were questions raised regarding this report. Therefore, answers/clarifications will be given at the October meeting.

Insurance Report: Korte reported that Meyer and Associates deals exclusively with alumni groups. She will pursue an agreement to be drawn up exclusively for the HSSU Alumni Association. This was authorized to be carried out by majority vote. Korte has spoken with an alumni relations office employee from Webster University who had positive reports about their relationship with Meyer.

Kielbasa Event: Membership Chairman Terell Wayne reported that participation at the Kielbasa by current students and alumni has decreased markedly in the past several years. It was voted on unanimously to suspend the Kielbasa event this year and appoint a committee to plan an alternative event for next year. Members of the committee are Sarah Archibald, Shirley McCullough, Kelnita Pierson and Maureen Simmons. Among ideas generated by those present were a barbecue, a carnival and or a “ride-less” carnival.

Homecoming 2009: Korte asked if the Alumni Association was planning to have a float in the HSSU Homecoming Parade. A form must be obtained to register for parade participation. Archibald, Wilzetta Bell, Edward Scruggs, Pierson and Simmons volunteered to serve on the float committee. They will contact other graduates via e-mail and telephone to recruit additional volunteers.

Gold Gala: Chairwoman Candace Dickson reported that her committee worked during the summer to ensure a successful event. Tony Simmons Band will provide entertainment for the evening. Each Board Member is asked to purchase or sell a table, buy or sell an ad for the souvenir booklet and or donate an item for the silent auction. The tickets are $60 per person. The Gold Gala will be held on October 10, 2009.
Goal Reports:

**Goal #1 Activity Support** Chairwoman Sarah Archibald reported the Activity Support Committee met and identified a purpose, strategies to be utilized and possible contacts to be made. The committee emphasized the need for a calendar of events to ensure alumni are informed of upcoming events and activities.

**Goal #2 Coordinating and Collaboration** Korte reported on behalf of Chairwoman Dickson that the Coordination and Collaboration between the Alumni Association and the University Committee is in the process of identifying and making contact with recent graduates to encourage and promote their participation in alumni events and activities.

**Goal #3 Awarding of/Funding Scholarships** Chairman Tom Stenger reported that the Awarding of/Funding Scholarships Committee will meet in the near future.

**Goal #4 Expansion Committee** Chairwoman Yvonne Chatwell reported that her subcommittee of the membership committee had met on two occasions. The Expansion Committee is researching the possibility of establishing HSSU Alumni Association groups in other locations. Their goal is to establish two new chapters per year in two different locations. Some questions which will have to be addressed in the future are: the need for national officers and board members and reviewing the bylaws we have in place currently. It was suggested that other universities would be a good source of information concerning this goal. It was voted on unanimously for the committee to continue this mission.

**Membership Committee:** Chairman Terell Wayne reported that the Alumni Association has 122 regular members and 24 lifetime members. It was voted on unanimously to give Sergeant Tracy Mitchell of HSSU Campus Public Safety a $100 gift certificate for her assistance with the membership cards.

**Scholarship Committee:** Chairwoman Marilyn Wayne reported that the Alumni Association has collected $5,302 for the scholarship fund since June 2009. It was voted on unanimously to place two ads in the souvenir booklet — one congratulating the 2009 scholarship and book awardees and the other thanking scholarship donors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. by President Ingram.

Those in attendance: Sarah Archibald, John Ingram, Wilzetta Bell, Elaine DuBose, Dorothy Sevier, Shirley McCullough, Terell Wayne, Marilyn Wayne, Edward Scruggs, Nisa Korte, Courtney McCall, Candace Dickson, Yvonne Chatwell, Andrew Latchison, Jeanine Riley, Barbara Jacobs, Thomas Stenger, Joan Moehl, Kelnita Pierson, Maureen Simmons, Ray Wasyluka, Carrie Whiteside.

Excused absences: Armetta Whitmore, Rebecca Casson, Catherine Metzger Stenger

Sarah Archibald and Elaine DuBose

Recorders