

South Houston High School Alumni Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024; 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the South Houston High School Alumni Association (the “Association”) met at the offices of Qualified on January 9, 2024, at 4222 Vista Rd, Pasadena, TX 77504.

Present and forming a quorum were:

Al Carter	Herman Williams
Luci Fuller	Bruce Summers
Herman Munster	Bob Steubing
Robert Marquez	Pam Jones
Rick Willoughby	Gayle Holder
Wayne Adams	

Absent were:

Jose Rosales
Johnny Fusilier
Claudia Lively
Neal Cooper

Also present was Emory Gadd of the Alumni Advisory Board.

Wayne Adams was initially absent from the meeting. Therefore, Al Carter called the meeting to order. Herman Williams made a motion, seconded by Herman Munster, to approve the minutes of January 9, 2024, which passed unanimously.

Al Cart first thanked the Board members who were able to attend the special reception for Chris Tremie who is being inducted into the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame. The formal induction ceremony for the Athletics Hall of Fame is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2024, at the Pasadena Convention Center. Herman Williams then shared that the Board could try to put together an Alumni table for the event and told the Board that he would send out information to determine which of the directors might be able to attend.

Bruce Summers presented the treasury report with details on the Association’s current financial status. Bruce also reminded the Board that \$2500 of the current available funds are designated for specific purposes. Herman Williams said that the Class of 1968 is planning to donate \$1,000 for use as a scholarship through the Alumni Association. Upon motion made by Herman Williams and seconded by Herman Munster, the treasury report was unanimously approved.

Wayne Adams then arrived at the meeting and assumed the duties of moderating the meeting. Wayne addressed the possibility of changing the day of future Board meetings due to other commitments on the second Tuesday of the month. It was decided that the Board would begin to meet on the first Monday of each month. By motion made by Robert Marquez and seconded by Herman Williams, the Board unanimously approved the change of day for Board meeting to the first Monday of the month.

Herman Williams presented the nominating committee report. Herman indicated that there were no new recommendations for Board member candidacy. He further reminded the Board that he has previously presented a slate of officers along with duration of office at the January meeting. Al Carter had contacted Crystal Aldape, who is organizing a reunion of the Class of 2004, but she is unable to make the time

commitment. She did say she would poll other classmates of the Class of 2004. The Board went on to discuss the necessity of recruiting Board members from more recent classes to ensure the continuity of the Association.

Ricki Willoughby updated the Board on the status of the Association website. Ricki recommended linking to Facebook pages administered by other South Houston High School graduating classes. Ricki also indicated that she had contacted Jamie Ashby about assisting with website administration duties and that Jamie is agreeable to learning to do so.

Luci Fuller reported on progress of researching options for donations, including corporate donations and grants to the Association. The Board then had an extensive discussion regarding fundraising options. Board members presented various ways of raising funds to support Association projects and goals.

The Board then opened the discussion for the Annual Meeting in April. Al Carter requested a \$500 allocation for museum expenses, half of which would be utilized to improve the museum. Herman Williams reminded the Board that a stipend of \$500 had already been authorized by the Board so that no motion would be needed to approve same.

Al Carter reported on the final selections by the Hall of Honor committee at the meeting held on January 23, 2024. Information on the final candidate selections is confidential and should not be shared with anyone until the Annual Meeting in April. Wayne Adams said that he would engage the South Houston High School Culinary Arts program to provide some light refreshments for the meeting. The Board also discussed the proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting.

Al Carter recommended that the presentation at the football game be dropped due to lack of promotion. Herman Williams mentioned that as the result of changes in enrollment, some Pasadena ISD schools will be redistricted in the football program for the 2024-2025 school year.

Al Carter also discussed the lack of progress and interest in placing a plaque commemorating the visit of Pearl Buck, a Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winning author, to South Houston High School. After having difficulty reaching either the school Principal or Assistant Principal, he recommended dropping the project. Lastly, Al Carter stated that the Board should consider candidates for the Ainsworth Award and come up with at least 3 candidates.

Upon motion made by Herman Williams and seconded by Robert Marquez, the Board adjourned.