

South Houston High School Alumni Association

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2023; 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Herman Williams called the meeting to order at 5:39 PM. Herman welcomed the members in attendance and reminded members of the purpose of the Association. He also shared that the Board is trying hard to regain the initial energy generated when the Association was formed. Herman turned the meeting over to Aaron Smith, Assistant Principal of South Houston High School, who welcomed the members of the Association. Mr. Smith shared that his spouse, Sara Sills, is a graduate of South Houston as well as 30 to 40 members of the school staff.

Herman Williams then introduced Herman Munster who presented the inductees for the Hall of Honor in 2023. Three former students and three former teachers will be added to the Hall of Honor recipients. Larry Kerbow (posthumous), Becky Benner and Kenny Mercado are the student alumni inductees. Diane Stafford, Tom Swan and Charlotte Eads (posthumous) are the teacher alumni who will be inducted for 2023. Herman continued his presentation with detailed descriptions of the lives and accomplishments of the honorees.

Following the announcement of the Hall of Honor inductees for 2023, Bob Steubing presented the financial report for the calendar year of 2022 as well as the first quarter of 2023. At the end of 2022, the Association had an ending balance of \$5,603.53. At the end of Q1 2023, the Association had an ending balance of \$5,703.21. Herman Williams observed that to continue to support the work that the Association has done in the past, new and more robust fund-raising options would need to be developed. Herman reminded the membership that the Association has been able to provide support for a bank trailer, a football run through and a museum with past contributions from members, including contributions from prominent alumni supporter, Bobby Allen.

Herman Williams also shared those recent accomplishments of the Association including supporting the Basketball team at the McDonald's Basketball Invitational. South Houston High School was also the recipient of \$15,000 in grants to help teachers reach their goals for the 2022-2023 school year.

In 2023, the Association goals include developing an Association branded website to increase its visibility and help with communications and fund-raising opportunities. Herman reminded the membership that commemorative bricks are available for purchase at \$50 each and will be placed in the courtyard. He also pointed out the QR code on the agenda that can be scanned to direct donations to the Association's Paypal account.

Al Carter then announced that SHHS Homecoming for the 2023-2024 school year will be Friday, 13, 2023 against Sam Rayburn High School. The Association plans to have an open house at the school for alumni returning to celebrate Homecoming as well as a reception at Reinartz Conference Center and an alumni mixer at Sudie's Catfish House prior to the game.

Al also mentioned that new donations of a jersey and hat had been made to the Alumni museum by Coach Scott's family and that Darrell Harris also donated a handmade shirt worn in the play Annie Get Your Gun. Al also invited the membership in attendance to tour the museum.

Herman Williams then presented the 2023 Board structure consisting of 15 Board Member positions. Of those 15, 14 positions are filled for alternate terms of office. Herman presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations for Board positions and terms for which a motion and second were duly made and which passed by acclamation. Herman then introduced all the Board members present.

Herman Williams also told the assembled alumni that, sadly, Sandra Bundy Cramer had passed away suddenly only a few days before the meeting. Sandra was the daughter of Patricia Bundy Bartlett, a much loved and admired former SHHS teacher who is a frequent supporter of alumni reunions and activities. Those who knew Sandra remembered her as a

sweet and outgoing individual. The membership was invited to send their sympathies to Mrs. Bundy Bartlett on the passing of her daughter. Sandra will be missed by all who know her.

Herman Williams also reminded the alumni that the Athletic Hall of Fame banquet on Thursday, April 20th, 2023.

The membership then adjourned to enjoy light refreshments prepared by students of the SHHS Culinary Arts Program under the direction of their instructor, Katherine Alba.