

South Houston High School Alumni Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 9, 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:

Absent were:

Al Carter	Herman Williams	Robert Marquez
Luci Fuller	Bruce Summers	Wayne Adams
Herman Munster	Bob Steubing	
Johnny Fusilier	Pam Jones	
Jose Rosales	Claudia Lively	
Neal Cooper	Ricki Willoughby	

Wayne Adams was absent. Al Carter called the meeting to order. Herman Williams made a motion, seconded by Bruce Summers, to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023 which passed unanimously.

Al Carter began the meeting by announcing that there would be an special reception on January 18, 2024 to announce the induction of Chris Tremie, South Houston High School Class of 1988. Chris will be unable to attend the March event due to a previous engagement.

Al Carter indicated that the Board needs to set the date for the Annual Spring meeting so that appropriate space can be secured. The Association plans to have the meeting at the Reinartz Conference Center from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Al also said that he wanted to begin promoting the sponsorship of the Class Panorama photos at the Annual Meeting.

Herman Williams provided an update on the Prize Parade activities. In December, the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation presented the largest amount ever, \$381,000, in grants to applicants. South Houston High School received almost \$36,000 in grants.

Bruce Summers then presented the Treasurer’s report showing monthly, quarterly and annual figures for the end of 2023. Upon motion made by Herman Williams and seconded by Neal Cooper, the Treasurer’s report was unanimously approved.

Herman Williams gave the Nominating Committee report. Herman reported that Gayle Holder agreed to join the Board. Upon motion made by Pam Jones and seconded by Luci Fuller, Gayle Holder was appointed to the Board.

Ricki Willoughby reported that the website team met and discussed ideas. The Board agreed that the website needs to engage the alumni, keep them interested and coming back. The Board then discussed the next steps in updating the website.

The Board then discussed future fund-raising options. Herman Williams provided an update on brick orders. Currently he has 18 bricks that he will order. Herman Munster told the Board that he would have brick order forms available at the upcoming 55th reunion of the Class of 1968. Herman Williams said that he plans to contact the High School maintenance department to determine if they can offer any assistance to install shade structures in the school common area.

Herman Williams and Luci Fuller indicated they would collaborate on additional fund-raising ideas. Luci mentioned the possibility of developing and selling a car decal and enlisting former students to help with designs. Enlisting contributions at reunion events was also mentioned as a possibility. Other sources of contributions might be family charitable foundations and corporate charitable organizations.

The Board then discussed the planning for the Annual Spring meeting. Upon motion by Herman Munster and second by Herman Williams, the Board unanimously approved the date of the Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 25th at the Reinartz Conference Center from 6 – 8 pm. Al Carter will confirm with the school Principal that the date is available.

Al Carter then gave a further update on the status of the Class Panorama sponsorships and indicated that more information would be provided to the alumni at the Annual Meeting. Currently the following classes have a sponsor for their Class Panorama, 1964, 1965, 1968, 1970 and 1983.

Al Carter then went on to present some options for placing a plaque commemorating the visit of Pearl Buck to South Houston High School. In any event, the High School administration will need to approve the placement of a plaque at the school. Upon motion made by Jose Rosales and seconded by Herman Williams, the Board unanimously authorized Al Carter to meet with Principal Wenke to determine the next steps in placing a plaque in honor of Pearl Buck.

Jose Rosales emphasized the need to try to engage in some fund-raising activities prior to the end of the school year. Al Carter also mentioned re-engaging the practice of having a Board representative attend reunions to assist with fund raising.

The Board then discussed methods of interesting younger alumni in joining the Board of Directors.

Upon motion made by Herman Williams and seconded by Luci Fuller, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.