

South Houston High School Alumni Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 14, 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 May 14, 2024, at 4222 Vista Rd, Pasadena, TX 77504.

Present and forming a quorum were:

Al Carter
Wayne Adams
Herman Munster
Rick Willoughby
Johnny Fusilier
Claudia Lively

Herman Williams
Bruce Summers
Pam Jones
Neal Cooper

Absent were:

Jose Rosales
Gayle Holder
Luci Fuller
Robert Marquez

Wayne Adams called the meeting to order. Upon motion made by Herman Williams and seconded by Herman Munster the minutes of April 1, 2024 were unanimously approved.

Wayne Adams provided a recap of the Annual Meeting, stating that attendance by the alumni was much lower than in 2023. Al Carter stated that we needed to add attractions to the meeting. Herman Willams mentioned that a few of the attendees did mention that it was their first time to attend an Annual Meeting and referred to the email blast from the Association’s new website as a motivator.

Wayne Adams noted that the Education Foundation would be sponsoring the annual golf tournament on June 7th. Wayne also mentioned that the Foundation has had much success in raising funds, noting that the Basketball Tournament is the largest of the fund raisers. The current fund balance of the Foundation is \$3 to \$4 million.

Wayne Adams and Herman Williams discussed the potential use of the Association funds specifically designated for use by the drill team. Herman Williams agreed to contact the donor, Wendy Wilkins Burke for additional direction about the use of the funds.

Herman Williams presented candidates for Board membership. The Board then discussed the aging of the current members and the need to recruit younger alumni to replace current members. The Board agreed that some succession planning needs to be put in place.

Ricki Willoughby gave an update on the status of the Alumni website. Updates to the content will be made as needed to reflect upcoming events and activities.

Herman Williams reported that he had not received any new commemorative brick orders. Ricki Willoughby suggested that an order campaign might be a good idea in order assure placement of bricks prior to Homecoming on September 20, 2024.

Herman Williams indicated that no activity had taken place on the shade structures and opined that it is a project that may no longer be either needed or viable. The Board then discussed the need to identify projects which would benefit the school administration, teaching professionals and student body.

Al Carter opened a discussion to identify a candidate for the 2024 Ainsworth Award. After discussion, upon motion made by Al Carter and seconded by Herman Williams, the Board unanimously voted to present the award to Bobby Allen.

Al Carter brought to the Board's attention that there might be an issue with the Museum related to the recent attention by the Fire Department at other facilities.

The Board then discussed preparations for 2024 Homecoming events. Al indicated that there would likely be no presentation at the football game due to the difficulty of logistics. The Board agreed that the spirit ribbons sold in 2023 were popular enough to warrant selling them again in 2024. Wayne Adams made a motion and Neal Cooper seconded same, to purchase 200 spirit ribbons. Ricki Willoughby indicated she would work on that project.

The Board agreed to suspending meetings for June and July, reconvening on Tuesday, August 6th, 2024, with a special meeting to occur on September 3rd, 2024 to finalize preparations for Homecoming on Friday, September 20th, 2024.

Upon motion made by Herman Williams and seconded by Bruce Summers, the Board adjourned the meeting.