

MIDDLETON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

Meeting Called to order by Albert E. Smith

Meeting Started at 11:04 a.m.

Present: Phan Boston, Patricia Cooper, Yvonne Douglas, Ronita Durant, Jackie Dupree, Apolonia Mendoza, Rev. Earl Mason, Sr., Calvin Simmons, Woodrow Simmons, Albert Smith, Debra Smith

Albert announced that he spoke with Sabrina, Luvator's daughter. She mentioned that due to medical issues, Luvator hopes to return, but, for health reasons, will not serve in an officer capacity.

Woodrow – opening prayer

Minutes: Albert made a motion to approve minutes as presented, Woodrow seconded. Minutes were approved

Financial Report: Patricia Cooper presented the financial report for June, July, and August. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Report. Albert emphasized that the report given was our typical monthly report. The By-laws require an annual financial report be given at the Annual Membership Meeting...thus, the annual report will be presented at the next general meeting on October 2, 2021.

Calvin presented the membership report – 36 members including lifetime members. Pat and Ronita agreed with Calvin's membership report.

Albert commented that the three Booth sisters paid dues of \$30, which is the Regular tier rate. However, they are not regular members. Ida is Honorary, and Elmer Rhome and Margaret qualify as Associate members. Calvin, as Treasurer, will follow up with all three in order to dispense with the \$10 overage each paid.

Albert advised this is the Annual Membership Meeting and the members need to do two things: (1) Elect Officers and (2) approve the by-laws. He explained the Executive Committee met and reviewed the by-laws over several months. The revised by-laws were distributed by Yvonne on August 22, 2021. Albert cited that one highlight was the change in dues amount and structure:

LTM = \$500.

Maroon and Gold Membership = \$100.

Regular Membership = \$50.00.

Associate Membership = \$30.00

Honorary Membership—based on tier selection,

All agreed that these changes become effective for the August 2022-July 2023 fiscal year.

Jackie inquired and Albert offered clarification regarding dues payment, and its impact on being active.

By-Laws were approved unanimously and stand revised as of September 11, 2021--revised dues become effective on August 1, 2022.

As all officers were up for election or re-election, the election process was turned over to Rev. Earl B. Mason, Sr. to preside.

The slate of officers elected were as follows:

President—Albert E. Smith (after his election, Albert resumed presiding over remaining election proceedings)

Vice President and Treasurer—Calvin Simmons

Financial Secretary—Patricia Cooper

Recording Secretary—Ronita Durant

Corresponding Secretary—Yvonne Douglas

Parliamentarian—Rev. Earl B. Mason, Sr.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Apolonia Mendoza

Historian—Fred Hearn (absent; no nominee); thus, Fred is allowed to serve another term as Historian

All Elected Offices were filled with unanimous approval.

Moving forward, Albert, as new President, noted the importance of the Alumni Association's needs to broaden its base. There needs to be more participation, particularly from graduates from the **NEW** Middleton, from 2004 thru 2021! Applauding the new enrollees, it's our hope and expectation that Ms. Elmer Rhone, the Guidance Counselor can assist in coordinating the new graduates with this active alumni board! In addition, we will continue to have scholarship recipients granted Alumni Status while they are attending college and have them participate in events when they are in town.

As a coming event, Albert gave an overview of the golf tournament...mentioned that he asked Middleton Principal Boddie to select students who would be willing to participate on the day of the tournament. There are over 100 players registered. Alumni is invited to come by and have lunch (charge is \$15 for non-golfers).

Time constraints did not allow time for installation of officers; thus, the installation ceremony will be scheduled for October 2nd, our General Meeting.

Woodrow – closing prayer

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m