



Board of Directors Minutes Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Members Present: Walt Merritt (Past-President), Anita Raby (President), Chad Easterling (President Elect), Jim Miner, Betty Ruth-Oliver, Deborah Schaus, Janet Smith, Tony Smith, Vicki Stevenson, Janice Owen, Robin Clem, Robert Mills, JJ Donahue, Kay Kelly, Mignon Bowers, George Williams and Cale Abernathy

Members not present: Lisa Payne (Staff Rep.), Louise Steele, Don Entrekin, Ann Greer, Mike English, Kent Bevil, Tressie McLemore, Heath Daws (SGA President) and Deborah Schaus

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dr. Bob Glenn (University President)

Also in Attendance: Tena Bullington (Coordinator) and Tricia Di Lullo (Alumni Secretary)

1. Welcome- Anita called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. She announced that Dr. Glenn has received the Howard Davis Sr. Award that recognizes outstanding service to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
2. Minutes- Janet moved to accept the minutes from September 3, 2009. Jim seconded. M/S/P
3. Financial Report- The General Fund increased due to interest and Collette profits; unfortunately, the CD interest rates have gone down. Fiddlers was also down this year. A list of all Alumni investments was included in the packet. Excess monies from the Exxon stocks have been filling the gaps in other underperforming investments. Jim explained that the Alumni funds are a subsidiary of the Foundation and the Foundation is making considerably more money on their investments. Jim would like the Alumni Association to invest their money with the Foundation to increase profits, but only if the profits from the Alumni money invested would be allocated back to the Alumni Association. Jim will work on a proposal with the finance committee and bring it back to the board at the next meeting.
4. Correspondence- A thank-you note from Louise Steele was read thanking the Board for the flowers during her illness and the print from the 50 Year Club Luncheon. A thank-you note from Vivian Morgan about her retirement gift was also read.
5. Board Dues- The \$100 Board Dues will not be waived this year and should be paid as soon as possible.
6. Christmas Committee-
 - The committee met a few weeks ago and Robert Mills will take care of the food, punch and coffee at cost plus a tank of gas. He will need assistance since Tressie will be out of town at a family event. Robert estimates it will cost around \$300 plus tax. The committee is planning for 200 guests. The tickets are \$5 and all proceeds go to the Community Band. Robert will need help by 3:00 p.m. to set-up for the Christmas Concert Reception. The three

scholarship recipients will also be available to assist. There will be a Sunday, December 13th concert at 3:00 p.m. with a reception following in the Parlor. The Monday, December 14th concert will be at 7:00 p.m. and there will not be a reception.

- Decorating will commence after the meeting. The current tree lights are not working on the pre-lit tree. Anita and Kay purchased new lights for the time being. Anita would like to give Maintenance a gift for their cheerful help with putting up the Christmas tree and restringing the lights. She moved to give the three helpers a gift card.
7. Awards Nomination Committee- The new nomination form was included in the packet and completed packets are due by December 18, 2009. The committee requested serious consideration to be given to the nominations.
 8. Awards Banquet Committee- The Awards weekend is March 5-6, 2010. Tickets will be pre-paid at \$25. The College of Business will be recognized this year. Betty Ruth will contact Linda Shonesy to encourage attendance from her faculty and staff. The Friday reception will be at 7:00 p.m. with the location to be announced. Saturday night's banquet will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom with the awardees arriving at 5:00 p.m. for photos by Tony Smith. The awardee and their spouse will receive a complimentary ticket to the banquet. The committee is requesting that all Alumni scholarship recipients should attend the banquet. It will be requested this time and may be required in the future. Trish and Betty Ruth will work on streamlining the reception attendance process. George Williams suggested incorporating an open house or tour of Waters Hall in conjunction with the Awards weekend.
 9. Other Business-
 - Waters Hall has a conference room on the first floor that could be used for the next Board meeting on February 4th.
 - McCain is the next building due for renovation
 - December graduates will have the choice of walking January 22-23 at First Baptist or waiting until May to walk at the VBC. Carter Gym bleachers may be replaced and be an option for future graduations.
 10. Reports
 - Fiddlers- Concession sales were down. Not having baked goods hurt the tent. The candy bars, etc. did not go over well. The Coke bill is still outstanding and Tim-Buck-2 has not turned in their proceeds yet. Kay and Tony thanked everyone that worked. Kay gave a special thanks to Vicki Stevenson and Tena Bullington and their spouses for their help in closing the tent down on Saturday evening. Betty Ruth suggested investing in an industrial coffee maker. JJ suggested that part of the problem can be addressed by fixing the electricity. The Optimist Club, backed by the word of Jim Miner, can loan a working coffee maker to the Alumni Association. Additional vendors will not be attached to the Alumni tent in the future. A list of current paid members should be under the tent for reference.
 - Special Projects- The Waters Hall Donation list was included in the packet and Chad gave a presentation with details on each item on the list. The committee recommends the amount of \$4,178.44 to purchase the listed items. Kay moved to accept the recommendation. Janet seconded. M/S/P The items will be purchased by the University and reimbursed by the Alumni Association.

11. Announcements- The upcoming trips were reviewed and brochures for the Rockies and Hawaiian trips were available. A trip presentation will be offered February 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. after the next Full Board meeting to review the Branson, Rockies, Hawaii and European trips.
12. Meeting- The next Full Board meeting will be Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
13. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.