

ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2007

The SPHS Alumni Association, Inc. met on
Monday, January 15, 2007 at the Vencil Learning Center at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present were Peyton Gregory, Debbie Baca, Frank Molinary, J. D. Cassell, Kathy Ferguson, Allyson Sutherland, Kim Helbert, Blake Whitenack, and Cindy Issacs. Others present were Connie Molinary, John Jones, Connie Kessinger and Teresa Vencil.

Chairman Frank Molinary called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The first order of business was approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Peyton Gregory, seconded by Debbie Baca to approve the agenda. Motion passed by consensus of the board.

The second order of business was the approval of the October 16, 2006 minutes. Debbie Baca read the minutes. On a motion by Blake Whitenack, duly seconded by Allyson Sutherland, the minutes passed by consensus of the board.

The third order of business was review and approval of the Treasurer's Report. The report reflected a January 15, 2007 balance of \$3508.92. The report showed a CD balance of \$5,336.60 and the J.R. Jones, Jr. Scholarship CD balance as \$50,000.00. The report reflected that a scholarship payment has been paid to Josh Turner for \$1,000 and Chris Sutherland for \$500. John Jones informed the Board that an interest check from the \$50,000 CD will be paid in early May. At the current CD rate, it will be approximately \$2500, which may be used for the 2007 J. R. Jones, Jr. Scholarship recipients. Any amount not used will remain in the CD. Kathy reported to the Board that our tax exempt status has been approved. On a motion by Debbie Baca, duly seconded by Blake Whitenack, the Treasurer's report was approved by consensus of the board. .

The next order of business discussed was online membership registration. The goal of the Board Officers is to make the website the primary source of confidential communication for Alumni members. Frank encouraged everyone to please register on the website.

The next item was a review of the Election Guidelines and voting online. Frank Molinary read the Proposed Election Guidelines which were presented last year by Walt Padgett, Debbie Baca and Clarece Hileman. John Jones commented on some of the problems with previous elections which prompted recommendation for changes in procedure. Debbie stated that when this committee had presented these proposed guidelines, the Board decided at that time to change the by-laws to reflect some of these changes. The by-laws were amended to require a minimum of 15 nominees (previously 30), and amended to state "the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in each decade will automatically be elected, the remaining candidates with the highest number of votes shall fill the other 9 positions." The specific details of the election process are to be determined by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board prior to the election. J. D. Cassell, Chairman of the Nominating Committee will be contacting committee members in the next two weeks to meet for the purpose of creating a list of nominees, an outline for the ballot and a detailed election procedure.

Allyson Sutherland brought up the possibility of creating more participation and involvement by allowing people in the school and the community who did not attend St. Paul High School to join the Alumni Association. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Debbie Baca, seconded by Kathy Ferguson, to add this as an agenda item for the next Board of Directors meeting. Motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Under other Committee Reports, Blake Whitenack, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, advised that he and committee members will meet with Rick Thompson and Mr. Meade to determine the 2007

scholarship recipients. John Jones explained that the J. R. Jones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship will be funded by the May interest check mentioned earlier, which could be allocated to renew scholarships previously awarded, could be awarded to one or more 2007 graduates attending Virginia Tech, or a combination of both, to be determined by the Scholarship Committee. Frank noted that the \$500 SPHS Alumni Scholarship General Endowment Fund will be awarded to a 2007 graduate also determined by the Committee.

Under Items of Information, Frank reported that the SPHS Alumni website has had 5,500 hits.

The next meeting of the Alumni Board of Directors will be April 16, 2007 at Vencil Learning Center at 7:00 p.m.

The last item discussed was the update on 2007 Reunion plans. Cindy Issacs advised that she has confirmed the caterer and photographer. The Big Bad Wolf of Norton, VA will be catering. Cindy is working on confirming a videographer. The recommended price for attending the dinner will be \$25.00 per person. The Board agreed that we should keep our tables and tents reserved until Cindy confirms with Walt Padgett exactly what the school will be able to provide.

A motion was made by Kathy Ferguson, seconded by Blake Whitenack to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Debbie Baca, Recording Secretary