

James B. Dudley High School  
1200 Lincoln St.  
Greensboro, NC

Minutes of the 1st Quarterly Meeting of the Alumni Association  
November 8, 2014  
Dudley High School Media Center

Those in attendance: Richard Bowling, Adjoa Botwe-Rankin, Gwen Stanfield, O.W. Sweeney, Darnetta Mack, Bill Adams, Brittany Mack, Percy R. Thompson, Theresa Thompson, Cathy H. Graham, Jackie Jeffers Wright, Crystal Stroud McCombs, Gwendolyn Sellars, Archie Barksdale, Bettye Matier, Cheryl Kennedy, Gloria Alston, Cassandra Taylor, Veronica Gray, Faye Sweeper, Julie E Crowder, Eileen G. Blackwell, Rufus E. Williams, Jesse J. Pratt, Herman M. Smith, Ronald E. Coleman, Clarence Greer, Lola A. McAdoo, Faye Chandler Scotton, Brenda Artis Barksdale\*

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Richard Bowling.

Invocation was given by Gwendolyn Sellars, Class of 1955.

The President recognized all alumni present by asking each person to stand, introduce themselves, and give their year of graduation.

#### Reports

##### Greensboro Chapter Report

Billy Adams gave the Greensboro Chapter Report. Billy explained that the Chapter is attempting to start Alumni Chapters in locations outside of Greensboro. He requests that any members present at today's meeting please notify relatives and friends living out of the immediate area in an attempt to start chapters in those locations.

Adams also reported on the Greensboro Chapter's Christmas dinner in at which an adopted family will be recognized and presented with gifts. In connection with this project, Ronald Coleman, Class of 1976, expressed a concern for homeless students and stressed the importance of supporting the school and proposed having an Old School Jam as a fundraiser.

##### Principal's Report

Mr. Jesse Pratt, Dudley High School Principal, gave a welcome and reported on the football team's undefeated season. He also reported on PTSA activities.

##### Booster Club Report

O. W. Sweeney reported on Booster Club fundraisers and Hall of Fame activities.

##### President's Report

Alumni President Richard Bowling explained the Alumni Associated structure and encouraged members to serve on the Board and start new chapters. He expressed a need for people to serve on the History and Membership Committees. The President also reported that:

- Reunion Honor Classes for next year will be those ending in 0 and 5
- Efforts for fundraising are for scholarship purposes; the scholarship goal for next year is \$50,000.
- Chapter Development – The Alumni Association is working toward increasing chapter membership.

- A new membership postcard was revealed.
- Dudley's Reunion for next year will feature a disc jockey instead of live music.
- Tickets for the dance will go on sale in January.
- The President urged everyone to post Alumni activities on Facebook.
- He also explained the advantages of affiliation membership
- Legacy Club Report – Legacy Club membership is awarded to persons having graduated 50 or more years ago.
- Membership and financial goals were discussed.
- Volunteers are needed for assistance with various projects.

The Pledge was read by \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was given by Charles Greer, Class of 1983. Total assets are \$40,698.11. Sales (state) tax refunds will be approximately \$10,000 and go toward scholarship money. O. W. Sweeney requested that a list of paid members be included in the next report.

The question was raised about whether to pay dues on the website or by mail. It was stated that dues can be paid by credit card online at Member Services. Reunion can also be bought online. All items for sale on member services can be purchased on the website with ecommerce.

Following a motion, the Treasurer's report was accepted.

#### Scholarship Report

The Scholarship Report was given by Betty Summers Matier. \$31,000 was given last year. Classes with the first six highest donations served on the scholarship committee. Twenty-two students applied and all applicants received some scholarship funds. Criteria for scholarship application are: (1) GPA, (2) Essay, (3) Extracurricular activities; (4) Leadership activities, (5) References, (6) Application, (7) Community Service. The maximum number of points for scholarship criteria is 100 points.

#### Consolidated Reunion Report

1955 – 60 year class - is planning a trip. Reported by Archie Barksdale.

1965 – 50 year class – there are 295 members. They would like assistance with protocol for the banquet. The souvenir book is almost complete. Reported by Eileen Blackwell.

1975 – Cheryl Kennedy

1985 – Plans are almost complete (Faye Sweeper)

There were no reports from the classes of 1995 and 2005

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Crystal McCombs in the absent of Martha Dick Recording Secretary