

JENA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 1, 2009

The Board of Directors met at the Caboose Café for the scheduled meeting on August 1, 2009. President Mike Francis called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. The members of the board attending this meeting were as follows: President-Mike Francis, Treasurer-Crawford Williams, Bo McCartney, Jr., Tom Collins, Peggy Collins, Sarah Owers, Glenda Guffey, Marcia Francis and two new members of the board, Louise Boyett Kelley, and Shirley Wallace Jeffrey.

The board meeting was opened with a prayer by Crawford Williams and the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mike Francis. Mike Francis welcomed the two new board members Shirley Wallace Jeffrey and Louise Boyett Kelley.

Prior to the reading of the March board meeting minutes, two corrections to the minutes were made. These corrections were removing Marcia Francis from the band uniform committee and inserting Sherrie Hudnall's name to this committee. Sara Owers' name was also removed from the band uniform committee list. After these corrections were made, a motion was made by Tom Collins and seconded by Crawford Williams to dispense with the reading of the March 14, 2009, board meeting minutes. This motion was carried.

Crawford Williams, Treasurer reported to the board the bank balance for the alumni association was \$17,920.86. It was discussed there was an additional deposit of \$300.00, yet to be made. During this financial report Crawford Williams brought up C. C. Gaddis' previous idea to send out letters to businesses and individuals requesting donations to the alumni. A general discussion was had; however, no decision or vote was taken.

Tom Collins Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee gave a brief report on each of the nominees submitted for the Hall of Fame award. A secret ballot was passed out to vote for the 2009 Hall of Fame award(s) and each committee member cast their votes. The votes were counted by Louise Kelley and it was determined Bruce Montgomery Burnham (class of 1976) was elected as the 2009 Jena High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame member and Allen Judson Pope (class of 1957) was the 2009 Posthumous Hall of Fame member. The board decided the persons submitting these names would be contacted. Arrangements for a car in the parade will be made for Bruce Burnham and it was determined no car in the parade will be furnished for the Posthumous Hall of Fame, Judson Pope. It was discussed that the person submitting Judson Pope's nomination would be asked to accept the

award at the Homecoming Assembly at the high school. Tom Collins suggested pictures of these two Hall of Fame recipients should be collected and displayed on the screen during the Homecoming Assembly at the high school. All board members agreed this was a very good idea.

Mike Francis requested a report be given from the Nomination Committee. Two members of this committee were present. Sarah Owers and Marcia Francis reported this committee's nomination of Bo McCartney as President of the alumni association. A vote by the board members was made and Bo McCartney was unanimously elected as the new president of the alumni association board starting November 2009. The nominating committee did not recommend anyone to be voted on for Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. It was determined the nominating committee submit names for these offices by the next board meeting. Mike Francis suggested that Bo have some input on the names to be submitted for consideration since the officers on the board would work together closely.

Mike Francis requested an update report be given on the Jena High School band uniforms. No members of the uniform committee were present. Bo McCartney offered the board information he was aware of in regards to the band uniforms. He stated the uniforms had been ordered, the alumni's donation of \$5,000.00, towards the cost of the uniforms was expected, an account for the uniforms had been set up by the LaSalle Parish School Board and the school board was requesting the band director and the band members organize fund raising to help pay for the uniforms. The uniforms ordered were for the Jena Junior High School and Jena High School band members. Bo stated he was not certain any of the Cliff Williams Memorial Golf Tournament funds would be awarded to the Jena High School Band uniforms. It was decided by the board that a check in the amount of \$5,000.00, would be submitted to the school board and designated to go towards the cost of the band uniforms. This was agreed by all present board members.

During the discussion about the band uniforms, Louis Kelley informed the board members her graduating class of 1957, had collected monies to be donated to the Jena High School Band. This donation is to be used for band expenses.

Bo McCartney briefly reported that he had inquired about the bricks and was told by the school board that there would be a designated place for the bricks. Bo did not obtain the cost of the bricks or any further information in regards to the bricks until he had a chance to meet with the alumni board members and determine if this was going to be pursued as a fund raiser. Several board members felt it would be a good fund raiser; however, no vote or further discussion took place during this meeting. The board members paying a

renewal fee of \$25.00, each year was discussed and making a renewal fee of \$25.00, by all other alumni members on a voluntary basis was discussed. A new alumni membership drive was discussed. It was suggested this membership drive occur at the Family Life Center during homecoming in October. Louise Kelley suggested consideration be given to having a contest between the different graduating classes as a way to encourage new alumni membership growth.

Tom Collins recommended an article be submitted to the newspaper as soon as possible announcing the open house for homecoming at the Family Life Center at the First Baptist Church. He recommended this article be run in the Jena Times for several weeks before homecoming in October. This was agreed to by the board.

The board discussed obtaining motivational speakers and former graduates of Jena High School to speak to the students. It was suggested by Tom Collins a Motivational Speaker Committee be formed. This committee will be formed at the same time as all other committees are formed after homecoming.

Mike Francis brought up the subject of adding additional new members to the Executive Board of the alumni association. Tom Collins informed the board in order to legally change the number of board members from 20 to the formally proposed 50 members, it would be necessary to notify all alumni members or to run a Public Notice in the newspaper for a couple of weeks. It was determined this would be done in order to increase the number of active board members.

The next board meeting date was set for Saturday, October 17, 2009, at 9:30 A.M. NOTE: After the meeting was adjourned, during lunch, it was discussed by all present that last year's homecoming board meeting was held on Friday and not Saturday. After checking that meeting's minutes it was determined that board meeting was held on Friday, October 10, 2008, at 10:00, A.M. Mike Francis will notify all board members, the homecoming board meeting will be held on Friday, October 16, 2009, at 9:30 A.M., at the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church. The board meeting for last year and this year were scheduled on Friday's before the high school assembly to prevent a conflict with past graduating classes meeting with their classmates on Saturday.

With no further new business, the Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M. The board meeting was closed with prayer by Mike Francis.