

Troy University Band Alumni Chapter  
Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Board  
May 16, 2009, 3 p.m., Troy University Alumni House

Members present:

- Frank Miles, president
- Kelly Langford, secretary, Special Projects chair
- Ralph Ford, director of bands
- Royce Robinson, Financial chair
- Michael Bird, Special Projects member

Members absent:

- Joy Barnes, president-elect (attempts were made to attend via Skype, but failed)
- Doc Kirby, treasurer
- Lance Holman, Communications chair
- Tammy Clark, Homecoming chair (phoned in Homecoming Committee report)
- Heli Reese, member-at-large

Guests present:

- Faith Ward, Troy Alumni Affairs director

## **1. Welcome**

## **2. Roll Call**

## **3. Minutes** – unanimous approval from March 7 meeting.

## **4. Treasurer's report** – Frank Miles

1. Checking: \$3,948.13, no change
2. Savings: \$966.04, earned \$2.38

## **5. Director's report** - Ralph Ford

- Currently 302 Intent to Participate Forms received.

Band fee structure:

- \$197 for credit hour
- \$60 yearly band fee

- \$50 stick and mallet fee for percussionist
- \$75 one time helmet and brush purchase

Each band member will receive, upon audition, a \$300 scholarship to offset these costs. The percussion fee provides all percussionists with all sticks and mallets for the entire season.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **• Financial**

- Endowment: Royce spoke with Melanie Denison from the university and several other relevant sources. Discussed ways to implement an endowment to fund future scholarships.
- A possible golf tournament is in the works.
- Discussed levels of giving for donations.
- There is merchandise available for sale, monies will go to Foundation.
- Noted that donators to the Foundation should earmark their donations to benefit the Alumni Band.

### **• Communications**

- No report available.
- Kelly is gathering lists from each era of SOTS.

### **• Homecoming**

- Will narrow music selection to 4 – 5 for members at large to vote on.
- Prices for Homecoming T-shirts reported and discussed. Suggestion was made to take pre-orders.
- Discussion for alumni gathering after Homecoming game.
- Gathered registration sheets from HC 08 and developed database to help improve communications.
- Registration: will offer and encourage pre-registration, begin registration on day of HC earlier.

### **• Special Projects**

- Currently there are 4 committed locations for alumni gatherings: Tallassee, Troy, a Georgia location and a Birmingham area location. The goal is to gather members for social and networking opportunities at several times during the year other than Homecoming.

## **7. Old Business**

- Fundraisers – discussed in financial report.
- soundofthesouth.org will be owned and maintained by the Alumni Band. Updated forum to launch soon.
- Student representation on the board – Ralph Ford suggested Jacob Fortiner, newly elected SOTS President.

## **8. New Business**

- gotroytrojans.com. - Question at hand – should the SOTS forum be included with gotroygrajans.com or should there be a link to our own site?

## **9. Open Discussions**

- Faith Ward, director of Alumni Affairs, discussed ways we can become more involved with the National Alumni Association. She informed us of ways we can make our presence known within the association.
- Faith reported the tents provided at Homecoming are courtesy of the Alumni Association.
- Fan Day is in August, and it was suggested we have board representation at the event.
- Faith encouraged us to nominate someone for Alumni of the Year. Ralph suggested it not be a current staff member.
- Leadership Conference is held once a year and we are encouraged to attend.

**Next meeting will be Saturday, June 27, time and location TBA.**

Adjourned at 6 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Kelly Langford