



Optima Petimus
Always Seek the Best

The Justin F. Kimball High School Alumni Association®

**Minutes of the Stated Board Meeting
Saturday – January 16, 2010 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Embassy Suites Love Field - 3880 W. Northwest Highway
Dallas, Texas 75220**

**Bonnie Pollock Roberds (61), President
Presiding**

Members Present: Darius Dupree (94), Shimese Flowers (91), Gayla Brooks Kokel (65), SueAnn Wall Kosydar (74), Jennifer Pendgraft (97), Bonnie Pollock Roberds (61), Danny Smith (68), Margaret Kemp Stanley (74), Kathy DeVault Toberny (67), Abe M. Williams III (98).

Members Absent: John Byers (61), Scott Byers (63), Stephen (Steve) Cumming (74), Jim Holman (66), Edwina Perry (91), Ron Sills (60).

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Pollock Roberds, Association President at 10:13am.

II. Reading of the Minutes

Due to the absence of Stephen (Steve) Cumming, Association Secretary, printed Minutes of the September 19, 2009 Meeting were not available. A rough draft of the Minutes was passed out to Board members. A motion to accept the Minutes as presented was made by Sue Ann Wall Kosydar and seconded by Margaret Kemp Stanley. *(Motion carried)*

III. Treasurer's Report

1) Association Treasurer Danny Smith passed out printed copies of the Treasurer's Report. After discussion a Motion to accept the report as presented was made by SueAnn Wall Kosydar, Seconded by Jennifer Pendgraft. *(Motion carried)*

2) Danny reported that the signatories on the Association Checking Account were still held by Beverly Davis and John Byers. He made a motion that the signatures be changed to Danny Smith, Association Treasurer, and Bonnie Pollock Roberds, Association President. Motion seconded by Darius Dupree. *(Motion carried)*.

3) Danny reported that he was to meet with Eugene Smith, CPA to wrap up the work necessary to place our Association back on solid footing as a 501(c)3 "Not-for-Profit Organization". Danny Smith made the motion to continue this work with SueAnn Wall Kosydar seconding. *(Motion carried)*.

4) There was discussion concerning the Association's Pay-Pal Account. Danny Smith is to talk to John Byers concerning this and report back to the Board at the next Regular Stated Meeting on April 17, 2010.

IV. President's Report

(No Report)

V. Old Business

1. All Class Mixer Social

(A) Bonnie Pollock Roberds brought up discussion concerning the Association *All Class Mixer Social* – or lack thereof.

(B) There was an organizational meeting in December 2009 to plan an *All Class Mixer Social* to be held as a Christmas/Holiday event. Persons attending were Gayla Brooks Kokel, Edwina Perry, Margaret Kemp Stanley, and Abe Williams III (Absent: Steve Cumming). This meeting was to meet with a representative from the “80’s” group to plan the Mixer. Abe had sent out information to these folks to ask their help in planning this event as they plan events like this quite frequently. The meeting was held in the Band Hall at Kimball High School. Unfortunately, the representative from the other group did not show up for the meeting. After waiting for forty-five (45) minutes, the Committee adjourned and went home.

(C) The event in December was held anyway without any input from the planning Committee or Board.

(D) In order to have more time to discuss this matter, a Motion was made by Shimese, Seconded by Jennifer to table this item until the next Regular State Meeting on Saturday, April 17, 2010. (*Motion carried*).

2. Election of new Board Members and Officers

(A) Part of the discussion concerned New Board Members. Margaret Kemp Stanley stated that because of the misunderstanding concerning the *All Class Mixer Social* that she felt that we needed more time to elect new Board Members. She also stated that the current Board members fully understood the past and present issues facing the Association and because of that should remain in their positions a little longer.

(B) Association President Bonnie Roberds suggested that following a Board Election that the current Board officers and newly elected Board officers serve concurrently for 2010. In 2011, the past officers may choose to serve as “At-Large Board Members” for the year. This way, the new officers would fully understand what has taken place in the past and what the current goals of the organization are. This arrangement would be in effect for one year only so that all the issues facing the organization would be fully understood by the new Board members. A motion was made by SueAnn Wall Kosydar to accept this plan as presented by the Association President. Motion seconded by Darius Dupree. (*Motion carried*)

(C) The following slate of **Officers and Board Members** has been nominated by the Nominating Committee **in accordance with the Proposed By-Laws:**

Board Officers

President – Stephen Cumming (74)

Immediate Past-President – Bonnie Pollock Roberds (61)

Vice-President – SueAnn Wall Kosydar (74)

Jennifer Pendgraft – Board Secretary (97)

Danny Smith – Treasurer (68)

At-Large Board Members

Darius Dupree (94), Shimese Flowers (91), Edwina W. Perry (91), Abe Williams, III (98).

VI. New Business

1. Association Fundraiser – There was considerable discussion concerning some sort of fundraiser for the Association. Danny Smith pointed out in his report that at this point our finances are in good condition. However, after paying the CPA fees, the 2010 W.P. Durrett Memorial Scholarships, and the donation to the Kimball JROTC for their Military Ball, our treasury balance will be quite low. A motion was made by Margaret Kemp Stanley and seconded by SueAnn Wall Kosydar to table this item at this meeting. Instead, it was suggested that all Board members bring fundraising ideas and thoughts to the next Regular Stated Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010.

2. Status of Kimball High School – Due to the many reports, stories, and rumors' concerning the future of Kimball High School, Abe Williams III gave a report on the status of the school for the 2010-2011 Academic Year.

A. Abe reported that the actual problem with the school in the unacceptable drop-out rate. The main problem with the drop-out rate is that some students drop-out, but their parents do not contact the school about the reason why past that point. Some of these students will go on to earn their GED, transfer to private schools or to schools that are not covered by the Texas Education Code (TEC). If the school is not listed within the TEC, then these students officially become “lost” and are considered “drop-outs”!

B. It was concluded that Bonnie and other Board members would contact the interim Principal to see how the Association might do to help them. It seems that the school counselors have tracked down some of these students, but since they were “discovered” after the deadline, the students are will counted as dropouts.

C. The current DISD plan is that after the end of the 2009-2010 Academic Year is to turn Kimball into a Ninth (9th) Grade center. In addition, it will also be converted into a Magnet school. The school will retain the Kimball name, but it will not be a high school in the sense that we as graduates knew it.

3. W.P. Durrett Memorial Scholarship – SueAnn suggested that the Association sponsor the Scholarships for the seniors again. There was discussion held as to how to get the word out to the seniors about the Scholarships so that they can apply for one. Bonnie said that she will discuss it with the Principal when she has her meeting with him. Since the Senior Class does not have a sponsor, she is thinking that maybe some of the Alumni might volunteer as chaperones at various Senior Activities. Bonnie will report back to the Board at our next regularly scheduled meeting in April.

4. JROTC Military Ball Assistance – Steve Cumming has received an inquiry from MAJ Johnny Manson, Senior Army Instructor of the Kimball JROTC program asking if the Association would be willing to again help provide support in the amount of \$300 for the annual JROTC Military Ball. It should be noted that the annual Military Ball is an event that the Department of the Army **requires** all JROTC units to hold annually in order to help expose the Cadets to a more formal social setting. After discussion, Gayla Brooks Koekl moved, with Abe Williams III seconding that the Association again provide monetary support in the amount of \$300 towards the annual Kimball JROTC Military Ball. (*Motion passed*)

VII. Additional Discussion

1. Next Stated Meeting – The next regular stated meeting will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Embassy Suites Love Field, 3880 W. Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas.

VIII. Adjournment

With no additional business to discuss, motion to Adjourn made by Shimese Flowers, seconded by Darius Dupree. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Cumming

Stephen (Steve) Cumming (74)

Board Secretary

Justin F. Kimball Alumni Association®