

Knoxville Alumni Association Board Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2023

Call to order at 5:20pm

Attendees: Amy Zoutte, Jennifer Schmidt, Brenda Davis, Mary Sharp, Kevin Stittworth, Pennie Sommar, Danielle Huffine, Julie Herrera and Jody Rawlings.

Absent: Connie Husted, Tom Bailey, Linda Loscher

- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Danielle Huffine, seconded by Jennifer Schmidt SOS – passed
- Motion to approve treasurers report by Kevin Stittworth, seconded by Julie Herrera – passed
 - There are a few outstanding bills from Homecoming festivities.
- SOS Class Challenge fundraising update:
 - Class of 1964 in First Place
 - Class of 1985 is in Second Place
 - Class of 1973 in Third Place
- Jody Rawlings motioned for KAA to place an engraved Alumni Brick on the Ken Locke stadium in honor of Annette Grimes (KAA president from 2012-15). Pennie Sommar seconded – Passed
- Pennie requested forms for the Alumni Bricks for Jerry Rinehart, Lynette Rankin & Annette Grimes
- It was decided that if KAA/SOS fails to raise sufficient funds to improve the stadium in 5 years, the funds will be put into an interest-bearing endowment to be used for community betterment
- Discussion around the SOS Can Shed partner. Pennie Sommar and Kevin Stittworth to explore Pella and Monroe partners and make partner recommendation based upon best services offered (can sorting) and payments to SOS
- Julie Herrera will send out thank you's for SOS donors via Venmo (no charge)
- Volunteers that signed up for help with SOS fundraising during the last SOS meeting will form a committee and meet to brainstorm ideas. Committee members are: Jennifer Schmidt, Cathy Courtney, Pennie Sommar, Brenda Davis, Justin Lenger, Pam Pritchard, Mary Sharp and Danielle Huffine.
- Jana @ Up 'N Stitches can make Christmas ornaments, ball caps, etc to sell during the holidays for SOS fundraising. Pennie Sommar to look into this
- Mary Sharp reporting on Ken Locke commemorative book sales. She is checking on availability of books in stock. Also Ken Locke playing cards may be considered for fundraising holiday gifts
- Danielle motioned to give 3 KAA flags to the Panthers vs. Cancer event. Amy Zoutte seconded the motion – passed
- Don Croghan, CPA, will look over KAA/SOS accounts for transparency. Amy Zoutte to investigate granting him "read only" access to view bank accounts
- Next Meeting will be December 4 @ 5:15 at Sprint Car Hall of Fame. Agenda:
 - Review and edit by-laws
 - Election of officers for 2024
 - Amy Zoutte has voiced her interest in stepping down as treasurer in 2024
- 6:32 pm, Danielle Huffine voted to adjourn the meeting, Kevin Stittworth seconded the motion – passed/adjourned.