

**Annual Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 26, 2013**  
**First State Bank McNelly Room**  
**Minutes**

The Uvalde High School Alumni Association Board of Directors met Saturday, October 26, 2013, at the First State Bank McNelly Room. In attendance were Dr. Lawrence Ray Smith, Gladué Tafolla, Carmen Iruegas, Edna Hernandez, and Deyanira Salazar.

We began the meeting with a prayer by Dr. Smith. Next, Edna voted to approve the minutes and Gladué seconded the motion. Dr. Smith made note of the letters that were sent to the Uvalde school board president and the superintendent with regards to protesting the colors of the UCISD band members' uniforms. No reply from either source was received.

Next, the Treasurer's Report was made note of due to Kay's absence and it was noted that all members received the report. Members were given information regarding the scholarship report for the dates 9-30-10 through 9-30-13. For these dates, the UHSAA has received \$12,388.80 and has given out \$10,625.00 to date.

Next item was the UHSAA Fund Raiser, "Friends of UHS Scholars." It was decided that the UHSAA would continue to give these three awards to community members; namely, the "Leader of the Pack Award," the "Distinguished Educator Award," and "UCISD Educator's Award, Posthumous."

Next item was the Website/Technology Report. Emphasis for the official website was made on the scholarships, awards, and reunions. The Association will gladly accept information regarding reunions and will post the information on the website. It was also noted that the official website of the UHSAA is [uvaldealumni.com](http://uvaldealumni.com).

On Public Relations, a report on the Newsletters was given. There were some problems with the email addresses for Marilyn Benavides at Spectrum, and, thus, the newsletter was mailed later than usual. Additionally, the UHSAA non-profit status had to be renewed. However, since the members include 416 paid members, the Association was not eligible for non-profit status mailing. Marilyn made another invoice for the Association and was able to mail the newsletter at \$0.25 per copy. It was noted that the Association would continue to use first-class stamps for the mailing of the "Friends of UHS Scholars" donations.

Next on the agenda was the President's Annual Report. It was noted that during Dr. Lawrence's service time as President of the UHSAA, the following changes occurred:

- 1) The Association's bylaws were updated,

- 2) The Board established two new awards, in addition to The Leader of the Pack, the Distinguished Educator Award and the UCISD Educator's Award (Posthumous),
- 3) Established a temporary budget,
- 4) Established the "Friends of UHS Scholars." The aim is to have this award's donations year-round so that people may donate at any time.
- 5) The UHSAA's financial report indicates that in Aug. 2009, the Association had \$49,588.83 in investments and as of Sept. 2013, the Association has \$65,163.15. Thus, the Association's investments have paid off and is in good standing.

In other Business, the Association is recruiting new board members. The members also discussed the special spring award presentation for Jewel Kinchlow, the Posthumous Award for a UHS Distinguished Educator. Carmen has not received word from her last invitation to the Kinchlow family. It was decided that we would continue to pursue the preparations for this award, which is slated to take place on April 26, 2014, at the El Progreso Memorial Library. Community members will be invited to this event. The Association will present a certificate to the Kinchlow family.

In other news, Dr. Smith will send a press release to the Uvalde Leader-News on the appointing of new officers for the UHSAA. Gladué Tafolla was named the UHSAA President.

The meeting was then adjourned by Dr. Smith.

Minutes prepared by Deyanira Salazar, Recording Secretary