

Minutes of the Fall 2009 Board Meeting of Mississippi's First Alumnae Association—Held Saturday, October 24 at 1:30pm at the Wesley Foundation in Columbus, Mississippi

1. President Anghaarad Teague Dees called the meeting to order.
2. The invocation was given by Jane Dennis.
3. The membership voted to approve the agenda for the meeting.
4. The minutes of the 2009 Summer Board Meeting were read by Barbara White and approved with one correction.
5. Visiting reporters from television station WCBI and the Commercial Dispatch newspaper were introduced and welcomed by the president.
6. Angh Teague Dees reported that the shortfalls on the Patsy McDaniel scholarship and the Culinary Arts scholarship had been made up by the association.
7. In her report Treasurer Deborah Hodges stated that the association's budget for next year was being worked on and encouraged committee leaders to submit their requests for funds. She reported that the association had \$13,476 in the bank and that of the \$7500 allotted for expenditures this year, \$5600 had already been spent, not counting the October 23, 2009 party hosted by the MFAeA.
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. For the Public Relations Committee, Jimmie Moomaw discussed operations and content of the association newsletter.
 - b. Jane Dennis presented the Chapter Development report, stating that the association currently had 37 chapters with new chapters in development.
 - c. Beverly Jones reported that the Past Presidents' Committee had had a good meeting the previous evening and that the group was attempting to identify ways to help the W.
 - d. For the Elections and Nominating Committees, Lenore Griffin stated that the two committees had held a joint meeting to develop a timeline for holding the upcoming election and that progress had been made with the database of member names.
 - e. On behalf of Betty Lou Jones, Lillian Wade gave the Ways and Means Committee report, updating the association on the status of the 501c3 application and the Legacy Scholarship and the faculty awards to be presented at graduation.
 - f. Angh Teague Dees presented the Constitution and Bylaws report in the absence of Lydia Quarles. She stated that much work had been done and that some changes would be presented to the board at the February meeting.
 - g. For the Cookbook Committee, Gus Argrett discussed ways to increase sales of cookbooks and the status of the three Culinary Arts scholarships given by the association.

9. Ricki Garrett gave a report from the Friends of the W, saying that the group was working hard to create a plan to address name change and closure/merger as well as putting together ideas for rebranding the W and strengthening the women's mission. She discussed the group's plans to hold a reception for legislators in January.
10. Jimmie Moomaw asked that association members send pictures which would be suitable to use in the Homecoming newsletter.
11. It was announced that the February board meeting would be held the first weekend in February and that Deborah Hodges was working on obtaining a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn.
12. A note of thanks from the Wesley Foundation for the association's donation was read by Lillian Wade.
13. Door prizes were given and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara White
Secretary, MFAeA