

Agenda – Friends of South

Monday, March 10, 6pm-7pm

Next meetings: April 14, May 12, June 9

Current board members: Morgan Stein (Treasurer), Wendy Pierpont (VP), Anna Ingram (Communications Officer), Rico Lea (at large), Liz Tate (at large), Natalie Reeves (at large), Dan Ambrose (at large), Cam Bannister (voted in 3/10/25 for at large position).

Meeting called to order by Steve Richards at 6:00pm.

Motion 1: Introduction and motion to add Cam Bannister. Steve made a motion to add Cam Bannister to the board as an at-large member. Seconded by Wendy Pierpont. Motion passed.

FoS board. Steve Richards opened the discussion about FoS and the role it plays with fundraising, distributing funds/grants, Celebrate South and the relationship to the school. But we don't have true access into the school. Steve suggested the idea of offsetting the grant proposal timeline. Could consider two small campaigns, twice a year. We will revisit this idea, after seeing how grant distribution goes in the next month or two. No motion/vote.

Discussion around frequency of meetings: We currently have 10 meetings a year. We will keep this for now but talked about not having a meeting if there isn't anything on the agenda. Currently, Wendy manages the agenda and request for agenda items. No vote about this but will revisit this topic as needed. Discussion also around limited terms (2 years) when someone joins the board. No motion/vote.

Celebrate South Report: Fundraising results (See spreadsheet.) Balance \$69,682.48 from the event. Ideas and discussion include a self-managed endowment for \$25k specifically for non-athletic endowment. Recommendation to keep the grants distribution at 20k, same as last year. Question about the endowment and who decides where that money goes. About \$4k a year comes from the endowment. The AD makes a recommendation for its use. The Hall of Fame committee makes a recommendation, the board votes on it, and Jim Moore gets the funds.

Celebrate South 2026: No one present wanted to take on planning an event for 2026. Group is tasked to ask around, see if we can find anyone interested. April meeting: agree on a date to have someone/something in place.

Motion: Proposal to put 20k into the 2025 grant fund, \$2,500 into the athletic endowment. Motion made by Morgan and seconded by Wendy. Motion passed.

Motion: Motion to create this year's *Ad hoc* committee for grants applications. Committee consists of Sarah Butler and Forest Ingram. (Possible additional members.). Motion passed.

Discussion around grad party yard signs and sports yard signs. Marcia Yu reviewed her plan to create yard signs for activities and for 2025 graduates. Anna will help update the website by next week and there was discussion around communication, distribution, cost splitting, and reaching students and families.

Wendy, minutes taker, left at 7:10pm.

Minutes taken by Wendy W. Pierpont, Vice President, Friends of South

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For April agenda and current tasks:

1. Consider future of Celebrate South: We need someone to lead next year's event. Ask around before April's meeting. Should have someone by the end of the school year.
2. Task: Steve will send Wendy the spreadsheet with contacts and board info.
3. Task: Wendy/Morgan will follow up with Kee/Jim/Chad about involvement from SEHS.
4. Task: Forest Ingram and Sarah Butler will add people, if they choose, to the grants committee. Maybe Jess Ellis and/or Cindy Roe?
5. Consider term limits for board members/succession plan.
6. Task: Anna is helping Marcia/grad committee with updating the website to sell grad signs.
7. Consider: Twice a year grants distribution.

