

BHS Preservation Board of Directors' Meeting

March 7, 2017

The BHSP Board of Directors meeting was held on March 7, 2017, at Pirate Hall; Ruth Dorkin, president, called the meeting to order.

Prior to the regular business meeting, Ruth introduced Debra Torrence, Director of the Arts of the Pamlico, whose purpose was to inform board members of a possible partnership between BHSP and Arts of the Pamlico, specifically with regard to Pirate Hall.

As part of her duties, Debra is in charge of the Turnage and its varied schedule of events, as well as exhibits and other uses of the facility. She presented to the group some of the ideas she had for a partnership involving Pirate Hall. The following are ideas presented by Debra:

- Arts of the Pamlico has a county-wide vision into which BHSP Pirate Hall would fit nicely, just as is another project being currently considered in Belhaven.
- Debra is preparing her grant application for the County Commissioners and plans to insert an amount of \$5,000 to assist Pirate Hall, particularly to help employ a staff person for events.
- She has rental agreements that are used by her group that she would be willing to share with us.
- She can create a memorandum agreement for us to study.
- She can assist with artists, exhibits and other things to be used in the Hall.

Debra also cited other details of interest to our board:

- She is preparing for a board-strategic planning session.
- There are lots of things that can be done in our space.
- She talked about a certificate of liability insurance for renters.
- Artists have an agreement form for the care of their work.
- Insurance is carried by the Turnage to cover events and exhibits.
- We can still earn money by renting our facility to individuals and groups.
- She also mentioned the possibility of day-long exhibits that might preclude concerns about protecting the exhibits, etc.

Following her presentation, the board entertained a motion that we enter into an affiliation with Arts of the Pamlico to support Pirate Hall (motion, Claudia; second, Becky). The motion passed. Ruth will contact Debra concerning our decision.

Ruth, as president, will be the point person for Pirate Hall to represent us with Debra Torrence until such time as a committee is formed, possibly the April meeting.

Ruth then began the regular business meeting. Members present were Gerald Morris, Becky Tuten, Carol Persche, William Waters, Dale Benson, Ricky Carawan, Gary Hollis, Celestia Carson, June Lee, Ruth Dorkin and Claudia Allgood. Guests included Debra Torrence, Nelda Ormond, Marti Buchanan, Teresa Lowrey and Adrian.

The agenda was approved (motion, Claudia; second, Celestia).

The minutes were read over and approved (motion, Gary; second, Becky).

June Lee's treasurer's report began with a review of the oyster roast money – receipts, expenses, and profit. Her records showed receipts of \$43,065, expenses of \$18,458.27, and a profit of \$24,606.73. She also reported the sale of two bricks.

In her monthly treasurer's report, there was a bank balance of \$82,173.68.

The treasurer's report was approved (motion, William; second, Celestia).

Committee Reports

Building - Ricky Carawan

-The work has been completed on the door under the auditorium; the sticking door to the auditorium has also been repaired.

-Ricky has contacted Barney Waters and the electrician. They should be here next week to begin work on the kitchen.

-He has contacted Mike Jarvis concerning maintenance that needs to be completed on the chimneys.

-Turner Pest Control did a walk-thru. They will treat the auditorium and Pirate Hall for \$4,373 with no warranty. A warranty only comes with spraying the whole building. The treatment covers a ten-year period. We can have the technician return to check things out and then decide whether to have regular visits.

Dale questioned our responsibility to acquire three estimates. Several members of the group felt that was not required.

A motion to hire Turner Pest Control to treat the auditorium and Pirate Hall for termites at a cost of \$4,373 was made by Gary and seconded by Becky. The motion passed, with a "no" vote from Dale.

-Ricky also said there was a pile of debris under the auditorium that needed to be cleaned up. He will take care of that chore.

Fundraising

Claudia expressed much appreciation to the board members who helped with the oyster roast fundraiser, as well as mentioning the more than 80 volunteers who assisted with the project. She also mentioned that some changes for next year's event have been discussed and noted, particularly from the steamers and servers who helped with this year's event.

There will be a bake sale in conjunction with Bath Fest in May. Everyone is needed to bake. The board had already been informed of a possible cruise (discussed earlier in the year). Ron Moore, who is in charge of procuring the cruise, called to see if that was still wanted. It was decided that the cruise needed to be omitted as we had just finished a frantic sale of raffle tickets, raffle sales were down from last year, and it would be difficult to realize enough profit to make the effort worthwhile.

There will also be a yard sale in June. Everyone needs to clean out attics and storage areas.

There will still possibly be a 5K Pirate Run in October.

Membership

Nelda reported \$1335 in memorials, \$2990 in donations, and a total of 387 memberships.

Nelda will order acknowledgement cards to be used for memorials, donations, and other forms of assistance to BHSP. She will look into the cost, inform Ruth, and Ruth will poll the board on line for approval.

Grants

Carol Persche will be meeting with Michelle Orros the following week to discuss a grant for the kitchen and a discussion about money for the auditorium.

Pirate Hall

Ruth reported that she and Claudia had visited Wanda and Willie Roberson at Yankee Hall to look at the equipment they had available for use in our kitchen. Though the two were only charged with finding a three-bay sink, they were able to price many other items. Ruth reported that a sink like we needed (9' 3-bay sink with two shelves) was available at a price of \$550. She also mentioned finding 3' and 8' stainless steel tables, a 4' cutting board table, a double door refrigerator (4 ½' wide x 2 ½' deep), a food

warmer, commercial microwaves, 120 qt. coolers, and a 2' x 15" freezer. Items other than the sink will be considered later as usable space becomes more apparent.

Barney Waters will purchase the handwashing sink.

Approval for purchase of the sink had been done at a previous meeting, so Ricky will pick the sink up.

No other committees had items to report.

Other Business

It was suggested that we could interest classes in meeting in Pirate Hall for some portion of their reunions. It was suggested we supply such information for the newsletter and possibly purchase an ad for the newspaper. We can also provide information for the contact persons for each class.

A question was raised concerning the nominating committee. Ruth said that she would review the by-laws and present the committee at the April meeting.

Motion to adjourn (motion, Gerald; second, William). Motion passed.

Our next meeting will be held on April 4 in Pirate Hall at 7:00.

Minutes approved: _____

_____, Ruth W. Dorkin, President

_____, Claudia W. Alligood, Secretary