

Bath High School Preservation Annual Meeting
June 6, 2017

President Ruth Dorkin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

When the agenda was presented, Dale Benson objected to the agenda on the grounds that no business could be conducted that was not included in the agenda – committee reports being the business to which he referred. A brief discussion reviewed the tradition of allowing committee reports as a part of the annual meeting in order to inform members of the accomplishments of said committees. Discussion also expressed the feeling that such reports did not constitute transaction of business. Gerald Morris moved to accept the agenda that Ruth had presented; Ron Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed with 1 nay (Dale Benson).

Claudia read the minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting, which had already been approved in August 2016 by the Board of Directors. A motion was made by Seth Effron to accept the minutes; motion was seconded by Mike Godley. Dale made a motion, seconded by Susan Modlin, to make additions to the 2016 Annual Meeting minutes. Susan Modlin objected to the board's being allowed to vote on Dale's motion. The membership voted on Susan's objection. Of the nearly 70 people present, 4 voted in favor of Susan's objection. The Board then voted 11 to 1 against Dale's motion.

June Lee gave the treasurer's report, showing a bank balance of \$89,076.82. She also reported \$3,276 in membership money. For the month of May, she reported revenues from bricks (\$450), hamburger stand (\$565.31), bake sale (\$1,015.11), and donations for auditorium seats (\$915). The treasurer's report was approved (motion, Gary Hollis; second, Susan Modlin).

Committee Reports

Building – Ricky Carawan

Ricky reported on the progress of the catering kitchen. The plumbing is complete. The electrician will be called back to hard wire the sump pump.

The water fountain outside the library will be reviewed by the plumber to determine the cost of restoring the fountain to workable condition.

People have donated \$915 for auditorium seats. Tearing out of the interior of the auditorium for an engineer's inspection has begun.

The stairwell adjacent to the auditorium needs to be restored in order to gain access to the upstairs for storage purposes.

Fundraising – Claudia Alligood

Claudia reported that the Fundraising Committee and its many volunteers have been very busy and successful since last year's meeting. We have had brick sales, a small metal sale, a yard sale, a 5K Pirate Run, an oyster roast, a Gator raffle, and a bake sale. We are currently setting up for another yard sale to be held on June 10, and we have begun organizing the 2017 5K. The group has raised more than \$37,000 to date from this year's events. Claudia was most pleased to report that more than 100 volunteers have loaned their services for the many fundraising events.

Grants – Sandra McCann

We have received \$1,000 from Southern Bank. We have also been informed that Aurora Potash has currently canceled its grants' program because of the merger they have recently entered.

Membership – Nelda Ormond

The membership for last year was 389. This year's drive, which is in its early stages, stands at 132 members. Memberships paid at this meeting were not included in the membership numbers reported

tonight. Four hundred eighty-two membership letters were mailed. We have also received 9 memorials, 69 donations, \$750 for the window project, and \$825 for bricks. Money from memberships, etc., has increased from last year. Budget goals for this year are 200 members with membership revenues of \$20,000.

There were no reports from other committees. Dale expressed displeasure with no reports from other committees.

Nominating Committee – Gerald Morris, Chairman

Gerald Morris introduced and thanked the other members of the nominating committee, Gary Hollis and Ron Moore. Gerald explained that ballots were distributed to paid members when they signed in. Approximately 70 ballots were distributed.

Ron Moore read bios for the three nominees for 3-year terms as Directors. Those three were Ricky Carawan, Melody Woolard, and Janet Courson. The floor was opened for nominations. Theresa Lowry nominated Marti Buchanan, seconded by Susan Modlin.

Susan Modlin brought up the issue that Ricky Carawan has completed two one-year unexpired terms on the board, Jeannie Woolard’s term and Cori Fritz’s term, and should not be allowed to serve a three-year term. The point was made that the by-laws only reference a one-year term so there was no precedent to prevent Ricky from serving if elected.

Surry Everett moved to close the nominations; Mike Godley seconded; motion passed.

Nominated board members and votes are Ricky Carawan (61), Melody Woolard (60), Janet Courson (64), Marti Buchanan (5), and a write-in (1). The top three vote-getters were elected – Ricky Carawan, Melody Woolard, and Janet Courson.

Ruth made brief remarks—appreciation for being elected president again, welcoming new board members, and thanking Ricky and Celestia for their previous service.

She reviewed the dedication of Pirate Hall.

She suggested our motto should be “Work Together; Win Together.”

Sandra Harrison made some constructive comments urging all to work together and not against each other. She reviewed the progress made by BHSP to this point.

Kerry Cox (1971) made some comments about ballast stones and encouraged working cooperatively for the good of the project.

Ruth shared an invitation from the Bath Community Library.

Joann Childs asked new officers to gather for a photograph following the meeting.

Marti Buchanan moved that the meeting be adjourned; Terry Woolard seconded.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene the first Tuesday in June 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudia Alligood, Secretary
Celestia Carson, Assistant Secretary

Approved _____

President, Ruth W. Dorkin
Secretary, Claudia W. Alligood
Assistant Secretary, Celestia Carson