

Bath High School Preservation Board of Directors' Meeting

April 4, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Bath High School Preservation Board of Directors was held on April 4, 2017, at Pirate Hall, Ruth Dorkin presiding. Board members present were William Waters, Ricky Carawan, Carol Persche, Gary Hollis, Dale Benson, Becky Tuten, June Lee, Celestia Carson, Ruth Dorkin, and Claudia Alligood. Visitors were Nelda Ormond and Marti Buchanan.

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

The minutes were corrected to include information concerning the desire of the Jim Edwards family to repair the water fountain outside the library entrance, depending on cost. Ricky was to contact the plumber to see about possible repairs and costs, and Becky was to contact June Wallace about the location of the fountain top or bowl.

An additional suggestion for correction from Dale mentioned asking the president to appoint a chairman for the nominating committee. Ruth had announced that a nominating committee would be named at the April meeting.

Following these additions, minutes were approved (motion, Celestia; second, June).

The treasurer's report showed that BHSP has earned \$29.21 from the Amazon site, and the bank balance stands at \$76,480.58. The report was approved (motion, William; second, Claudia).

Committee Reports

Building – Ricky Carawan

* Ricky announced that the first phase of the electrical work needed for the kitchen has been installed.

*The plumbing is under construction.

*Mike Jarvis has completed the chimney maintenance.

* Turner Pest Control has treated the auditorium. Pirate Hall did not require treatment because of the cement floor underneath.

*Clean up of debris found under the auditorium has been put on hold until Ricky has a Friday available.

*The sewer drain from the kitchen will have to be adjusted because of a nearby obstruction.

*Dale shared information concerning bid requirements for non-profit organizations regarding various sizes and types of jobs.

Fundraising – Claudia Alligood

*BHSP will fill a vending position at the Bath Fest on May, at which we will be selling desserts and sweets of various kinds. We are also planning to add some beverages at our site. We will also have some of the Pirate products available for sale.

*BHSP will be sponsoring a "Yard Sale" on June 10 in the old BHS Gym. Sale items are needed from board members, friends, neighbors, and any community members who have things they wish to share.

Membership – Nelda Ormond

*Nelda reported \$215 in memorials received and a current total of 389 members.

*She also explained that the membership flyer could not be mailed without envelopes because there was need of a return envelope for people who wanted to mail membership, as well as a letter about the annual meeting.

Grants – Carol Persche

*Carol said that she had e-mailed Cannon about the catering kitchen project, and they responded that it was unlikely they would be able to support that project.

*Jerry Waters, HBF, has received word that the merger involving PCS has caused a hold on all grants for the time being.

Pirate Hall – Ruth Dorkin

*Debra Torrence presented her proposal to the County Commissioners. She does not expect to hear back from them before May 30.

*Ruth will accompany Debra to a presentation and workshop concerning Arts of the Pamlico.

Other Business

*Becky will talk with June Wallace about the top (bowl) for the outdoor fountain, and the plumber will be back at his convenience to examine the fountain and estimate the cost of the project.

*Phoebe Wahab, with the Bath Library, has requested use of Pirate Hall for a kickoff event involving their summer reading project. Items considered for discussion included the fact that the ladies in the library are a type of security system for our space. Last year we allowed them to have several functions, and we did not charge them. We have talked about charging groups who want to use the Hall, but it was thought that working with the library was good pr. William moved that “the library may use the Hall for the kickoff for its summer reading program at no charge.” The motion was seconded by Ricky, and the motion passed.

*Ruth attended a brainstorming session that Penny Sermons organized for the 2018 giant gala celebrating the 300th anniversary of the death of Blackbeard. Specific details will be shared at a later date.

*Ruth also reported the following items from the HBF meeting:

*George Chrismon will separate lawn maintenance for HBF and BHSP.

*The Park will open on May 20.

*Jimmy Latham reported on the desire to install diagonal parking on Harding Street, across from the old high school and extending past the Van der Veer House. The town would like the split the costs of this project four ways between the town, HBF, BHSP, and the library. No voting has taken place on this issue. The bid is approximately \$12,00, and the project is just in the planning stage at this time.

*Ruth presented the nominating committee of Gerald Morris, Gary Hollis and Ron Moore. Dale had put together a list of suggestions for the committee, but the chairman is responsible for that duty. She also appointed Gerald Morris as chairman. The nominations were approved by the board (motion, Becky; second, William). Dale voted nay.

*Insurance - June lee reported that Billy Byrd, the insurance agent who has been handling our account, has retired. He has turned his accounts over to Weatherly Insurance, which is also a Nationwide business. The question rose as to how we chose Billy Byrd originally, and the answer was that Sandra Harrison contacted him because he is her insurance agent, friend, and a loyal supporter of BHSP.

*The Greater Bath Foundation is announcing its Greater Bath Memorial Day Foundation Celebration. The event will take place May 27 at Bonner (or Bonner’s or Bonners’) Point. The Embers’ Concert will begin at 6:00. Fireworks will be performed at 9:00. There will be food vendors and booths as well as a sky diving performance.

*The Bath Garden Club is presenting a Home and Garden Tour on April 22, 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Cost will be \$20 per person.

Return to Building Committee

*Ricky asked June for an estimate of the amount of money available for the preparation of the auditorium. There are numerous items that need to be completed before an engineer can look at the bones of the building in order for an estimate for the renovation costs for the auditorium project to be determined. Stocks and Taylor gave an estimate of \$30,000 to get this portion of the project done.

*Ricky is also interested in securing the stairwell adjacent to the auditorium in order to provide storage space for supplies, etc.

*We will have to find an engineer to look at demolition for the auditorium.

*Ricky will examine the junk under the auditorium to see if anything is worth salvaging.

*Ricky also suggested purchasing some t-shirts to advertise Pirate Hall and/or to earn a little money for our projects.

William moved that the meeting be adjourned. Gary seconded. The motion passed.

Next meeting will be held on May 2 at Pirate Hall at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudia Alligood, Secretary

Minutes approved _____
_____, Ruth W. Dorkin, President
_____, Claudia W. Alligood, Secretary