

Bath High School Preservation Board of Directors' Meeting
January 3, 2017

BHSP Board of Directors met for the regular monthly meeting on January 2, 2017, at Pirate Hall. The meeting was scheduled for 6:00 so that members could hear a report from Jill Jones and Linda Poore, who are serving on the Pirate Hall committee. Ruth Dorkin presided over the meeting. Board members present were Gerald Morris, Dale Benson, Ricky Carawan, Sandra McCann, Carol Persche, Becky Tuten, Ruth Dorkin, Celestia Carson, June Lee and Gary Hollis.

Ruth introduced Jill and Linda. Linda opened her remarks with a question for the board. She queried as to what the board saw for her committee. Were they merely working on the dedication, or was the board interested in having these ladies serve as a long-term committee for Pirate Hall? They emphasized that they had worked really hard already. Basic ideas that are a part of their vision for this space include:

- This is just the beginning.
- Long range goal sees Pirate Hall as a hallway to the auditorium.
- The catering kitchen will help with renting the space.
- They want the Hall to be an art gallery.
- They want to work with Debra Torrence, Arts of the Pamlico, and feel that her exhibits can come here.
- Artists can work with children teaching and helping with art.
- Linda and others could be working artists working while they volunteer.
- They referred to a budget several times.
- They want to bring antique furniture and Oriental rugs.
- What income do we want from this space?
- Renters are responsible for the artwork that is hanging, if artwork is damaged.
- June suggested that this committee create a budget to present to the board for consideration.
- Revenues will eventually cover the expenses of the gallery.
- It was suggested that patrons pay the artists and have the artists pay our organization a percentage of their sale.
- Photograph artwork for security purposes.
- If we partner with Arts of the Pamlico, the income could be split with that organization.
- They need documentation for donations. (Claudia will provide a copy of what we have used before.)
- This committee wants to have an opening on April 13 as well as a ribbon cutting.
- They would like to have operating hours for the Hall on Thursday thru Sunday 11:00 – 3:00 or 4:00.
- They need volunteers as they are hoping to have events schedule to coincide with other events in Bath.

Ruth and the committee presented a budget item in the form of a security system from Jason Pair. The cost would be \$600 for installation and \$25 per month. Artwork could not be hung in the Hall at the present time because there is no security.

Our current insurance does not cover the artwork; our insurance policy is for events and is a liability policy.

Following the report from these ladies, Ruth Dorkin called the regular meeting to order and thanked June, Becky and Claudia for their work on the Christmas float. The agenda was adopted (motion, Claudia; second, Celestia). Minutes were approved (motion, Carol; second, Sandra). Treasurer's report showed a bank balance of \$51,005.27. June also reported on specific figures for the 2017 budget.

-Carol Persche inserted a note regarding insurance in that insurance rates within the Bath Fire Department district have been reduced because of an inspection of fire department records and other related work.

The treasurer's report was approved (motion, Carol; second, Gary).

-June suggested we earmark money for specific projects, namely the catering kitchen.

Claudia moved the earmark \$20,000 for the catering kitchen project. The motion passed (motion, Claudia; second, Celestia).

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Claudia reminded everyone of upcoming Oyster Roast and the ongoing Gator Raffle, both which need ticket sales from the board. Oyster Roast tickets will be available within a few days. Flyers were available for distribution.

Building

Ricky reported that Gary has moved the fire extinguisher to the other wall.

Ricky will start electrical for kitchen and has Barney Waters in the running for installation of plumbing in the kitchen.

Ricky also noted that we need to clean the street before the dedication as the construction crew and the wet conditions have created a muddy area adjacent to the sidewalks.

The Hall will be cleaned by Gwen Slade's crew, but we will need a pressure washer to clean the ceiling on the porch. Gerald Morris will talk to Rodney Bowen about a pressure washer.

Membership

Nelda has sent notes for people to donate to the Eve Elliott memorials.

We now have 237 members.

Dedication of Pirate Hall and Memorial Walkway

James Russell will be asked to bring the Gator for display.

Becky asked for volunteers for food and help in serving.

Becky is in charge of food.

Claudia and June Wallace will take care of flowers.

The plaque has been ordered.

There will be a person in the library during the hours of the dedication so that we may use their ramp.

Ruth will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

Claudia moved that we adjourn; Celestia seconded. Motion passed.

Our next meeting will be held on February 7 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Alligood, Secretary

Date approved _____

_____ President, Ruth W. Dorkin

_____ Secretary, Claudia W. Alligood

