

BHS Preservation Board of Directors' Meeting
February 2, 2016

The BHSP Board of Directors met on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, for its regular meeting at the Bath Christian Church Fellowship Hall, Ruth Dorkin presiding.

The agenda was approved (Becky, motion; Margaret Ann second).

The minutes were read by members and approved (Margaret Ann, motion; Celestia, second).

The treasurer's report showed a bank balance of \$20,960.72 and was approved (Claudia, motion; Becky, second).

Presenting guests included Bubs Carson, Maryann McQueen and Jason Pair. Bubs gave the group a brief overview of the upcoming 300th Anniversary of Port of Bath, First Port. He introduced Maryann and Jason to share specifics. Maryann and Jason had attended a Bath Town Council meeting to gain approval for the planting of live oaks and crepe myrtles in Bath for their foundation. While listening to other town business, the pair heard about the upcoming celebration for Bath's First Port status. They agreed to help with the festivities, and now find themselves in a leadership role to plan the events for the celebration. They shared their plans to date: music, food, historical events, visiting celebrities, etc. The BHSP group seemed to appreciate the plans. The pair of presenters stated that their sharing with community groups was for the purpose of enlisting help. Several board members expressed their wish to help with the celebration, and it was noted that the newly-completed gallery would make an excellent venue for sharing displays with the public.

Committee Reports

Building:

* A review was given concerning the issue of capping the chimneys at the school. BHSP had submitted an application for a grant from the HBF to cover the cost of having caps created and installed on the three remaining chimneys. The grant was approved, and HBF's newsletter reported that award. A family who had spent vacation time in Bath in years past and had witnessed chimney swifts landing in the chimneys in question as their temporary home during seasonal migrations. This family thought that our group would be in noncompliance with laws that protect these birds and thought it a bad idea to cap the chimneys. A discussion ensued. Ruth thought our best action at this time would be a stepping away from the installation, not doing anything until she could research our options. It was also mentioned that two of the chimneys will soon become the property of HBF, and action concerning the caps will be for their consideration. Ruth will research the issue with groups and agencies who have more information than we do.

*Muriel reminded the group of the need for termite control in the building and recommended spot treatment now. He will contact Turner Pest Control.

*The flag has come loose from one of its hooks and has been flying upside down. A passerby observed this and stopped, re-attached the flag. He had difficulty getting the flag to the top of the pole. This needs to be fixed.

Fundraising

*Claudia reminded the committee that tickets need to be sold and that a report of total oyster roast tickets needed to be called in a week prior to the event to ensure that ample food, oysters and supplies would be available. Numerous display items were available to assist in contacting friends and classmates about the raffle, brick installation and ordering, silent auction needs for the roast, etc.

*An announcement was also made about the surprise notification that BHSP has been selected to receive a \$2500 grant from a Farm Communities group sponsored by Monsanto. Claudia will complete the required documents and script a summary of needs for the money. This grant was made possible through a recommendation by the George Ross Family.

Grants:

*Several possibilities were mentioned as possible sources. National Trust for Preservation was one. Ruth talked with Debra Torrence about possible grants. Ray McKethan with PCS is a person of interest. Carol Persche will invite him to our oyster roast, and he will be meeting at some point with Muriel and possibly others.

Membership:

*Nelda reported that the current membership as best she can determine is 399.

Gallery:

*The fire marshal has given a certification for the space that will accommodate 148 people using chairs only or 70 people with tables and chairs.

*The tracking that was removed for the completion of the new space needs to be put back up.

*With regard to naming the gallery, Ruth and Becky will meet to come up with a suggestion.

*Carol Preston wanted to use the gallery for a yoga class. It was thought that we need more information about her plan. This may not be a good time, and we will need to be compensated for the use of this facility.

*It was agreed that the gallery could be used for the Port Bath celebration at no charge.

*On the issue of shutters for the gallery to match the one already installed, Ruth Peterson said that Shutters Direct gave a quote of \$3,598 for five large windows and \$204.25 for a smaller one, for a total of \$3,802.25..

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Business

The question was raised as to the frequency of our meetings. It was thought that we need to stay with monthly meetings for the time being.

Auditorium - Claudia shared a very rough sketch that followed Keith Friedline's original plan for the auditorium, with a few changes. Michelle Oros has told our group earlier that we needed to break the retoration of the auditorium into smaller parts to help make funding through grants more attainable. The following is a list of suggested segments, not necessarily in priority order:

- remove seats
- floor
- walls
- stage and storage
- window treatments
- kitchen
- outside steps and rails
- ramp
- furniture
- lobby
- opening between gallery and auditorium
- dressing rooms
- sound system
- heaat and air
- lighting
- others

Marti Buchanan suggested that we give the library a 2008 green Santa to commemorate the date they became the first tenants of BHSP. It was approved to donate the green Santa to the library (Claudia, motion; Margaret Ann, second).

The meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be March 1, 2016

Minutes approved March 1, 2016

_____, Ruth W. Dorkin, President

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