

March 19, 2007

Present: Peggy Smith, Pat and Michael Mansfield, Karen and David Sayer, Mike Godley, Harold Cutler, Marti Buchanan, Bonnie Ahlberg, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson, Rosalie Everett, Betsy Gray, Jo Ann Tuten Childs, Star Credle, Jim Cox , Polly Cox, Nelda Ormond, Jimmy Taylor, Ellen Heck, Jack Wallace, Susan Modlin,

Harold Cutler's opening remarks:

BHSP has accomplished quite a lot. There is a display in the entry for ideas of what is possible. These ideas and opportunities are impressive. I want to remind you to not let your defenses down. We still have some opposition, but there are a lot more people working with us. Keep on your current path. We need your hard work.

Mike Godley: a brief glance of financial status since January 2006:

\$29,126.0 with expenses of \$16,332. Current: \$12,794

Cash in the bank \$11,269 Southern Bank, \$3,862 BB&T earmarked for windows

Successful fund raising projects: \$11,150 from Raffle \$1,164 expenses. There are still prizes to fulfill from these funds. \$9,986 net

Golf tournament: \$3,970 with expenses \$1,060 \$2,910 net.

General donations \$8,943

Donations earmarked for windows \$3,882

Total donations \$12,825

Expenditures for the year includes: \$5,000 on building (carpenter, electrician, and roof)

\$4,500 (professional: engineer, architect, lawyer, accountants)

\$3,700 (promotion and fund raising)

Susan Modlin: Door project:

Half of the first floors are refurbished: there are about 8 on the first floor that need replacement (rear of cafeteria, pair inside courtyard, across rear). We removed coverings; these doors were intact structurally – needed cosmetic carpentry. We replaced hardware from the inside for security. Some doors still need hardware once the doors have been replaced. The main door at the portico going into the cafeteria: the entire doorway area needs to be built in its original state. This is going to require outside expenditures. Other doors have been done through volunteerism. There are a lot of ways to volunteer: word of mouth, looking for old doors, painting, donation, lending support, talking to town council.

We have scheduled another cleanup day April 21 with a rain date on the 28th. We would like to finish auditorium doors and main doorway.

Betsy Gray: New initiatives: Forms available outside in the hallway for Bath Fest and newsletter.

We will be selling baked goods for Bath Fest. We do need donations which are individually wrapped and priced. Please place your name on a card along with the year you graduated (Maiden name) and graduation class.

Fund Raiser will be May 12th: Setup is between 830-1000; we need volunteers for setup, there is a time schedule through 5pm – two people at all times. We will also sell items: Santas, ornaments, etc. A lot of people have an interest and we were overwhelmed last year with questions. We gained a lot of members.

Our new project: a newsletter – published in May and October with general information and an interview – a spotlight of an alumni of the High School – we will include their new endeavors and their opinion of the High School project.

The name of the newsletter thus far is “The Pirate’s Revenge” but we will accept all ideas.

Peggy’s presentation: I hope you will enjoy the presentation and learn something you can share with others.

A lot of folks have been asking questions and the general public has indicated a need to have more answers. This is information that was shared with Bath Historic Commission and will be shared this next June.

This photo is of the original metal stairway versus the bricked stairwell.

Timeline June through November listing

Board of Directors June 4, 2007

Photographs of timeline

ECU Points of interest: flexible space usage, two perspectives from senior and junior level. We have all their work in storage and bring it out after the feasibility study has been shared.

Oral History: Ken Freidlien was there to gather information regarding septic, gas tanks, various needed information to be integrated into the feasibility study.

Doors are looking better & this makes all feel better about the building: We checked all over the state for doors that were needed. Goal is to repair or replace.

PNC: Preservation and Wellness: We feel its important for reuse.

Rick Bane: NC Rural Center feasibility study, suggested we form a development team

National Register Nomination presented to planning board in September and town in October. Time to gather definitive history for posterity. Reviewed at state level in Oct/Feb/June. Our application is #39. Hope to be on October meeting. National Park will take 45 days.

Buildings effect your emotion: shelter and speak to us, whatever we find important and need to be reminded of. Alain de Botton The Architecture of Happiness

Bath High School building speaks: outlive their origins. Renewed interest in preserving, in the midst of a movement. Several High Schools are in progress or have been successful.

This is happening everywhere and we can learn from them.

Next push: Open windows; get light coming back in,

New update: Josie Hookway asked about the study at Town Council meeting, raffle winners posted on website,
Additional roof repairs: April06, more leaks over auditorium November additional repair made, some windows opened with permission of town council

Bath Christmas parade: started from scratch. Original pirate. June and Jack Wallace Grand Marshals, Replication of pirate by Nancy Scobel
First place blue ribbon
Parades: on the float, see a different perspective, everyone waving and supportive

Santas: 36 remaining. Diane Merryman donation

ECU; working on tax credit academic exercises: gave us a copy

Action Committee: started in September 05, will meet again after the feasibility, can accomplish more together

David Hoggard: interested in helping us. We're his next worthy cause. Will give us an estimate for window restoration – March or April.

We have 171 windows

Bath Fest: booth, baked goods, prints, t shirts, ornaments,

Historic Bath Commission: as a member, have provided update with them, Rachel Futrell urged commission to support the preservation of the building.

Individual National Register listing

Already in the registered district, documents unique history of this property does not add or take away any protections that are already in place

Town Council: expressed to them that we are also interested in all structures on the site.

Pirate Alumni Day: July 21, Bath Elementary Grounds,

If we had an alumni who is significant in history or we find another measure of significance, we might have the opportunity of protecting the building under a statute.

Capture such things as Ms. Webster, 100, wearing High School ring – capture more oral history

Committees:

Membership: different levels, and Pirate's Revenge: Betsy

By-Laws: Susan and Marti

Mattamuskeet: bipartisan effort to support, our project: Basnight: funding won't be an obstacle.

Let your representatives know

One letter counts for twenty

If they can afford to do the lodge, they can help us; its not sitting in the middle of the oldest town in the state

Harold reminder: septic system – Bubs was going to find out; town council agreed, still not done, town board thinks limited support and interest – write a letter to Bubs inquiring about septic and other things.

Perseverance is the best indicator of success

Jack: call your council and influence them

Anyone in their right mind knows you don't tear down a historic building in the state's oldest town.

Placed in register 1970's

18,000 students still live in Beaufort County, need to get supporters – probably 17,000 will support us.

Like to see building restored before passing on.

Peggy has carried the burden

Never be sorry because it is the right thing to do no matter what happens

Be a helpful agent for the feasibility study, for whoever takes the lead, help and work with them
Study that everyone can embrace