

## BHS Preservation Board of Directors' Meeting

September 6, 2016 – Pirate Hall

The BHSP Board of Directors meeting was held on September 6, 2016, at Pirate Hall with Ruth Dorkin, president, presiding. Board members present included Sandra McCann, Ron Moore, Gary Hollis, Becky Tuten, Carol Persche, Dale Benson, Celestia Carson, Gerald Morris, June Lee, Ruth Dorkin and Claudia Alligood. Visitors included Jim Cox, Nelda Ormond, Steve Persche, Linda Poore, Marty Buchanan, and Linda Beitham.

Ruth Dorkin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Additions to the agenda included committee reports, and adding minutes' additions to last month's minutes under old business.

The minutes were read, and following a correction of the spelling of Sandra McCann's name, they were approved (motion, Celestia; second, Gerald).

The treasurer's report showed a bank balance of \$52,208.06. June asked if we wanted the prepared budget at the October meeting. The treasurer's report was approved (motion, Claudia; second, Gerald).

### **Committee Reports**

**Grants** - Carol Persche reported that she, Sandra McCann and Ruth Dorkin had been meeting to prepare and discuss the grant application to PCS. She then recognized Ruth for comments about a possible delay in our application. Ruth explained that she had received a message from Surry Everett, president of the Historic Bath Foundation, requesting that BHSP not apply for a grant from PCS at this time. He said that Ray McKeithan, PCS representative, had said that PCS would not honor a grant application from either BHSP or HBF if both groups submitted an application at the same time. Surry said that HBF has been in contact with Mr. McKeithan for over a year. It was also suggested that BHSP wait until 2018 to submit a grant application.

\*A report was also given as to the progress HBF is having with the museum. A meeting is to be held on September 19 with a representative from the state to sign a 5-year lease to begin in 2018, whereby the state will assume the responsibilities of running the museum in the northwest wing of the high school building.

\*A discussion followed these reports including the decision to touch base with Ray McKeithan to ask his advice as to whether we should apply at this time. Our past minutes show that BHSP has also been in communication with Ray McKeithan for more than a year, seeking his help with financial assistance from PCS. We wanted further clarification as to the information given to HBF. We also discussed the possibility of submitting a joint grant with HBF. It was decided that Ron Moore would draft a message for Ruth to e-mail Mr. McKeithan, and our grants' committee would then decide what further action needed to be taken.

**Fundraising** – Claudia reminded the group of upcoming 5K Run/Walk to be held on October 22, beginning in front of the elementary school gymnasium. Sponsors are being sought, publicity is being circulated, runners and walkers are being contacted and registered, and many hands are working to make the event a success. The expected revenue from the event will hopefully be around \$10,000 if Sponsorships are forthcoming.

**Membership** – Nelda Ormond reported that the current paid membership count is 162.

**Gallery** – Ruth Dorkin reported that she had met with the representative from Grady White Boats, armed with the official name of the gallery area “Pirate Hall,” and they discussed signage for the area. Grady White would like something like “Pirate Hall Presented by Grady White Boats” and their logo. They would like for it to be positioned to the right of the double glass doors (looking from the outside) so that it can be read from the outside. They were not specific as to the form of the signage, but they are willing to help with the design if we decide to use their help. The gallery committee, Ruth Dorkin, June Wallace and Becky Tuten, will work on this project and try to have something to report at the October meeting. John Wood, the district representative of the state historical sites’ office, will need to be contacted to see if we need a free-hanging plaque or etching on the glass. Claudia will contact Mr. Wood and either report his comments to the committee or ask him to contact the committee directly.

**Newsletter** – Joann Childs has been producing the newsletter for quite a while. She has recently experienced some difficulty with making her deadline because the gentleman who was supposed to be typing the newsletter failed to do so. She hired Nell Godley and paid Ms. Godley \$300 out of her pocket. Joann is willing to continue putting together the newsletter, but she should not be responsible for hiring someone to do the typing. Becky Tuten made a motion that we pay Ms. Godley \$300 for the final issue of this year’s newspaper. Claudia seconded the motion. The motion passed.

\*Becky moved that we budget \$300 twice a year for a total of \$600 annual to cover the expenses of having the newsletter typed. Gary Hollis seconded the motion. The motion passed with one nay vote from Dale Benson.

No reports from the other standing committees. Some discussion concerning these reports included the need to hear from everyone, saving time by not hearing from committees that had no action to report, such reporting from all committees just for the sake of reporting is not the way we have been handling this, or possibly putting reports online.

### **Old Business**

\*Dedication of Pirate Hall and the adjacent memorial walkway had to be tabled because of signage questions. This will be revisited when the signage issue has been decided.

\*With regard to questions about the changes made to the June minutes:

1. One change was correct; the reference to the 10<sup>th</sup> oyster roast should have been 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. All questions concerning the nominating committee and the legitimacy of the nominating format and procedures were incorrect. The nominating committee consisted of James Russell Boyd, chair; Mike Godley, and Claudia Alligood. Various members of the board suggested likely candidates for Board positions that were available. The nominating committee contacted the suggested people, Mike Godley put together the nominating forms (just like the ones that we have been using for several years), and the procedures at the annual meeting were conducted in the same manner as they have been conducted for several years. Mike Godley sent a letter to verify same, and James Russell Boyd attended the meeting to attest to the same.
3. The question with regard to transfer of the deed for the northwest wing from BHSP to HBF and the desire to revisit that discussion. The only question that needed clarification had to do with a “binding resolution from the 2014 board prohibiting the splitting, subdividing or other transfer where any of the ‘ground’ was to be deeded out.” As no such resolution existed, the challenge of the transfer is a moot point. Our board member who is a lawyer stated that an existing board can not be bound by the decisions of a former board.

**New Business**

\*Ruth Dorkin is looking to appoint a parliamentarian for the Board. It was mentioned that Ricky Carawan had said that he would be willing to serve in that capacity. Ruth will check with him.

\*Board members were asked to submit one and three-year goals. Ruth asked for everyone to seriously consider what these goals should be and to submit suggestions to her.

Gerald moved that the meeting adjourn; Ron seconded.

Dale made suggestions about using the Pirate Hall for class reunions or for entertaining classes to generate interest in the space and to let more people know that the space is available and may be rented.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on October 4 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claudia Alligood, Secretary

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ruth W. Dorkin, President

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Resolution from the 2014 board prohibiting

From the 2014 board forbidding the division of the property. There was no such bind