

Bath High School Preservation
Board of Directors' Meeting – February 1, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Bath High School Preservation was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at 7:00 P.M., at the Bath Christian Church Fellowship Hall, the President of BHSP presiding and the secretary present.

Directors Present – John Baldwin, Connie Bond, Betsy Boxer, Marti Buchanan, Sandra Harrison, Carol Persche

Also Present – Jimmy Edwards, Claudia Alligood, Gene & Susan Roberts, June Wallace, Elaine Harrison, Nelda Ormond

- I. **Call to Order** – Jimmy Edwards called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.
- II. **Secretary's Report** – Minutes of the January 4, 2011, were approved with minor corrections concerning listing of donors to the Covington Foundation Match.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Mike Godley reported that for the month of January BHSP had receipts of \$8,695.00 with disbursements of \$194,82, holds assets totaling \$228,851.51, of which \$122,968.10 is cash on deposit in banks, and has liabilities of \$80,000.

Mike also reported on the funds that are being raised to cover the Covington Foundation Match. The total donations for the reporting period are \$16,418, but on \$12,550 have been donated specifically for the Covington Match. Mike mentioned that bills need to be paid. He also informed the group that a yearly audit would be forthcoming to meet the requirements of the various grant applications.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. **Committee of 100** – In a recent meeting, Tom Thompson said that cooperation from some entities was lacking and his group is in a holding pattern awaiting word on the wishes of the people from Chicago. When his group is closer to curate, he would like a meeting with BHSP's Board in order to voice his plan.
- B. **Fundraising** – Claudia Alligood reported that the Fundraising Committee had met just prior to this meeting and covered plans for the upcoming Oyster Roast and discussed ideas for future fundraising ideas. Last minute details concerning the oyster roast were shared with the Board.

Connie Bond was thanked for the fundraising event held at her home in Greenville and the success of the event was touted.

- C. **Publicity** – Marti Buchanan gave a reviewed report of the newsletter distribution and of her efforts during the Historic Bath Open House to share information and wares with the public. She asked for people to meet with a representative from the *Washington Daily News* for an interview about the oyster roast. Jimmy and Claudia are scheduled to do that. Connie Bond and Sandra Harrison agreed to do an interview on WITN, also for the oyster roast.
- D. **Building Committee** – Sandra Harrison began her report with a follow-up of an item from the previous meeting – a water tap for the school. She and Mayor

Jimmy Latham agreed that there is no urgency surrounding this issue, and such an addition will be made when BHSP is ready to use the building.

Sandra discussed the need for one voice to speak with representatives of the town regarding BHSP business about the school. She moved that the Board designate someone to serve as liaison to the town on such matters. Asked for a suggestion, she offered the chairman of the Building Committee. Connie Bond seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Sandra Harrison will serve as a liaison with the officials of the town of Bath in discussions concerning BHSP.

Sandra's next item of business dealt with entry into the BHSP Building. Citing safety and security issues foremost, Sandra offered the following motion for consideration. "Two lock boxes shall be installed on the electrical pole outside the Northeast Building. The top box shall contain the keys necessary for entry into the Northeast building and bathroom of the porch entry to the connector hall.

"The bottom box shall contain the keys for entry into the connector hall and other entrances off the hall.

"Entry codes for each box shall be provided to the President and Building Committee Chairman. Codes shall be changed periodically to ensure security.

"Entry to the building(s) shall be pre-scheduled by contacting the Building Committee Chairman, if the chairman is not available, the President shall be contacted."

Sandra made this recommendation into a motion, seconded by Betsy Boxer. The motion passed.

Finally Sandra reported on-going discussions about the building's roof replacement. Ken Friedlin and John Wood are discussing and helping decide which shingles they will recommend. If a change in the original request to the Bath Historic Commission is needed, that Commission will be re-contacted.

- E. **Grants** – Some applications were mailed on the day prior to this meeting. An architectural plan for a portico and library have been mailed. February and March are key months for grants. BHSP's Grant Committee is making contact with Golden Leaf Board Members. Diligent efforts by Grant Committee members were acknowledged.
- F. **Membership** – Nelda Ormond reported on the sub-committee's discussions and recommendations as to membership for "things" other than membership dues. It was decided that a donor who gave \$100 or more in support of any BHSP project, without receiving goods or services in return, would be eligible to hold a membership in BHSP in lieu of paying the specific membership dues. The group agreed with this recommendation.

Nelda also made request for membership envelopes, and the request was granted.

V. Other Business

- A. Members were given a sheet concerning committee chairs and were asked to e-mail committee chairmanship interests to the Board Chair. Committee chairmen will name their own committees.
- B. Surry had brought up the idea of the overall period to which the school will be restored (portico, shingles, etc.). Following a suggestion from John Wood, the spirit of the restoration will be back to the original 1920's time period. Things added to the building over time for function and efficiency will not have to be removed in order to satisfy the 1920's restoration. Ken Friedlin and John Wood are brainstorming ideas , and BHSP will wait on proper working before entertaining a motion as to this issue.
- C. Historic Bath Foundation has been a tremendous supporter of BHSP, and it is out turn to support them with our membership and other areas of need.
- D. Planning meeting will be held on Saturday morning, February 19, 8:45 until 12:00 noon, at Bath Christian Church Fellowship Hall.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting date: March 1, 2011

Minutes submitted by Secretary Claudia W. Alligood

Date approved: _____

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