

Bath High School Preservation Board of Directors' Meeting
May 3, 2022

The BHS Preservation Board of Directors met on May 3, 2022, for its regular monthly meeting; Mike Godley presiding. Board members present were Robert Moore, Celestia Carson, Ruth Dorkin, Darlene Ormond, Kerry Boyd, June Lee, Betsy Gray, David Mason, Cody Chrismon and Claudia Alligood. Guests were Sandra Harrison and Matt Carr. A quorum was determined and the agenda was approved.

Minutes were studied and approved (motion, Ruth; second, Darlene).

Cody Chrismon gave the treasurer's report, showing a bank balance of \$406,216.29. The report was accepted and approved (motion, Darlene; second, Celestia). Sandra Harrison wanted to know how much of the money has been budgeted; that amount was \$66,000 for all budgeted expenses.

The Senior Center is terminating its rent agreement because they have lost their intern and have no one to direct their programs.

Committee Reports

Membership – Ruth Dorkin

Brochures need to be ordered for the upcoming mailing for the membership drive and for the membership meeting. A motion was made and approved to expend up to \$500 to cover postage and printing for the membership materials (motion, Betsy; second, David). Ruth brought up the extra expense because of the added pages. It was suggested that info from 2022 needed to be added to the brochure. Because most of the brochures had already been printed and time was really short, it was decided that updated info will be added to next year's brochures. Ruth said she also emails several hundred people in addition to the mailings.

We need to facebook everyone about the upcoming meeting.

Betsy wants to do a small addendum for this year's mailing.

A group will meet at June Lee's house to put together the mailings.

Annual Meeting – June 7 - Board will meet at 6:00; the annual meeting will begin at 7:00 in Pirate Hall.

Building Committee – Sandra Harrison

Sandra announced that the display cases that had been stored on the stage in the auditorium had been removed. The gentleman who removed them made a \$300 donation to BHSP.

Sandra then recognized Matt Carr to give a report on the progress of bids. Matt reported that on March 9 he sent out letters to four contractors, inviting them to look at the space over the library, study the scope of work and submit a bid for the job. Two of the contractors declined because of the overload of work they are currently experiencing. One local contractor had not been able to find the time to tour the project because of his work schedule but would like to bid if allowed. Moseby looked at the job and offered a bid of \$633,000 with no alarm system or \$600,000 without plaster.

Matt's opinion was that we push the pause button to wait it out until prices come down a bit. He donated the time he has spent on the bidding process. Questions arose; such as: How long for the pause? (no one knows) How long will the project take? (4 months)

David Mason asked if there are jobs we can complete without a pause. Matt said we can do some cosmetic things, things that can be done without involving building inspectors. He named several such jobs. Ron questioned why another contractor had not been involved. Matt chose not to answer the question, but said he would talk with Ron privately.

Sandra revisited the problem with water that she believes is caused by the chimney adjacent to Pirate Hall. Darlene said that we should not be using grant money for projects other than projects stated in the grant application.

Fundraising – Claudia Alligood

Claudia reminded everyone of the work schedules distributed at a prior meeting. She reminded the group that help is needed for the many upcoming fundraising events.

Grants – Darlene Ormond

Darlene announced that a letter of intent had been sent to Golden Leaf; we are awaiting their decision as to whether we can advance to the grant level.

Mike received a call from Covington advising that we should hear from them by May 15.

Darlene reported that she has been looking for additional help with grants. She had met with Kevin Richards of Mid East Commission (who was recommended by Lynn Davis, Belhaven Town Manager) because of the help he has been with the John A Wilkinson Building. Kevin recommended Jamie Heath as a source of help for us. Jamie would look at a grant application, figure the time it would take for the application process, offer a contract price, and BHSP would determine whether to hire her for that specific grant. Her rate is \$85 per hour. Darlene shared Jamie’s resume and a record of grants she has written and received.

Darlene reiterated that the use of Jamie is, in no way, an attempt to replace Diane Merryman, but a way for us to apply for additional grants with which Jamie has had experience.

There was lots of rhetoric about the proposal, which did not make a decision about using Jamie a timely option; therefore, the Grants report was received and no additional action was taken at this time (motion, David; second, Robert).

Ruth said that the Pitt Community College Symphony Orchestra will be performing at Bath Fest, and our chairs are needed for their use. The group approved the loan of 40 chairs (motion, Robert; second, Cody).

Motion to adjourn by Claudia; second by Celestia. Everyone approved.

The next meeting will be held on June 7 at 6:00, with the Annual Membership Meeting to follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudia Alligood, Secretary
Celestia Carson, Assistant Secretary

Approved _____,
_____, President Mike Godley
_____, Secretary Claudia Alligood
_____, Assistant Secretary Celestia Carson