

BHS Preservation Board of Directors' Meeting
August 1, 2017

The regular meeting of the BHSP Board of Directors was held on August 1, 2017, at Pirate Hall with Ruth Dorkin presiding. Board members present included Gerald Morris, Becky Tuten, Carol Persche, William Waters, Janet Courson, Dale Benson, Ricky Carawan, Gary Hollis, Celestia Carson, June Lee, Melody Woolard, Ruth Dorkin, and Claudia Alligood.

Agenda – Celestia added an item to the agenda concerning Frank McNair, the writer. The agenda was then approved (motion, Gerald; second, William).

Claudia asked to make an opening statement and was given permission. She expressed her frustration over the pettiness and discord that had caused much disruption to the group's ability to take care of business and to move forward with the important matters concerning our restoration purpose. She also shared the many remarks that were made about the behavior of some of the members who attended the annual meeting. Members expressed concern about these individuals who seemed to be trying to stagnate progress.

Minutes – Claudia explained how she and Celestia were working together to take notes and to be sure that the minutes are as accurate as possible. The minutes were approved (motion, William; second, Gerald).

Treasurer's Report – June reported that we have met our membership, donation money goal for the year. Our current bank balance is \$96,428.99. The report was approved (motion, Claudia; second, William).

Committee Reports

Building – Ricky Carawan reported that the sump pump has been tied in.

-The floor in Pirate Hall was the next item. Walter Clark, who installed and finished the floor in the new part of the hall, was present to share information. He said that the wood for this floor was taken from the side of an old barn, as opposed to the floor in the front half of the Hall, which was taken from the floor in the old cafeteria (giving it a different color and quality). As was not unusual for this kind of wood that has not been treated or cured, it has been infested with pine post beetles. They had eaten the summer growth of wood, leaving a tunnel that is larger than that of termites. He proposed using epoxy to fill the voids in which the grooves are not too severe. Boards that have become "papery" will be replaced with left over wood from the project. He can sand and finish the replacements and repairs, and the color will eventually come back so that the whole floor will be the same color. He will follow the same process he used when initially installing the floor. The epoxy will strengthen the boards when the grooves are filled.

Becky asked if this problem could continue to surface, especially with wear. He pointed out that the worst two enemies for hardwood floors are dogs and women (claws and high heels). He will apply another coat of polyurethane to the entire floor. The approximate cost will be \$3,000.

Gerald asked if Stocks and Taylor shouldn't have some sort of liability for this floor project since they supplied the wood. The question also arose as to whether we could get a written statement from Turner Pest Control stating that the problem is not termites. Following the statement from Turner, an appointment needs to be made with Stocks and Taylor. Ricky feels that Stocks and Taylor should at least pay for the repairs.

- Ruth and Gerald will talk to Turner.
- Ricky will talk with Walter Clark.
- Ruth will contact Muriel Moore about a possible contract that may have existed with Stocks and Taylor.
- Gerald moved that we proceed with Walter Clark to repair and restore the floor that is affected by pine post beetles. William seconded the motion. Motion carried 12 ayes and 1 nay (Dale Benson).
- The yoga class needs to be notified about the work that needs to be done so that they can relocate their class until the work is finished.
- The Hall needs to be emptied so that work can be done. Marti had hoped to have the display again in December, but everything would have to be moved in the next two weeks so that Mr. Clark could get started on the repairs.

Fundraising – Claudia reported that the third phase of the yard sale will be held on Saturday, September 9. Board members were encouraged to share the work. We need shoppers and donated items.

- A date has been set for the 5k. It will be on November 4. We need runners and sponsors. Yvonne Waters will again help with the organization of the run.

Membership – Nelda prefaced her report with a comment about the difficulty Bath Fest has in securing sponsors because so many of the local funds have been used for the Memorial Day Celebration.

- As of 7-14 her records showed 184 members, with \$4,441 in donations, 11 memorial donations, \$1120 in auditorium seat donations, \$750 in windows and \$825 in bricks.

Grants – Carol reported that we had been rejected for a recent grant application.

Pirate Hall – Ruth reported that the display featuring *Blackbeard, Knight of the Black Flag* was well received. There were about 300 people who viewed the display. Marti Buchanan and Gillian Jones did a great job.

- Penny Somers wants to have a luncheon in Pirate Hall on October 11 for approximately 40 people. We will need more tables and chairs. Claudia will check with True Value. The rent will be \$75.

No other committees had reports to make.

Old Business

-Dale Benson showed 3 logos for front pocket and four for the back for proposed t-shirts to bring attention to the school and the organization, and to possibly raise some funds. He shared the choices that board members had made via e-mail. He will contact three places in Washington and one in Greenville. He is considering white shirts with maroon lettering and logos, maroon shirts with white lettering and logos, and gray shirts with maroon lettering and logos. He said other colors may be considered later.

New Business

-Frank McNair, an author who has written a sports' book, would like to have a book signing in Pirate Hall. The group agreed to host Mr. McNair for this event, providing light refreshments. He will donate \$5 per book from his book sales that day. (This event will have to wait until the floor has been completed.)

-Ray McKeithan will keep our grant request and application and resubmit it to corporate Potash when money is available.

-Standing committee chairs were reviewed and nominated for the coming year. Sandra Harrison would like to chair the by-laws committee. Gerald Morris will head the history committee. Someone will speak to Margaret Woolard about the events' committee.

-Our next meeting will be held on September 5.

We need to bring suggestions for goals to accomplish in the coming year.

The 300th anniversary of Blackbeard's death will be celebrated next June and July in Bath. Our group needs to consider our role in the anniversary events.

The meeting was adjourned (motion, William; second, Celestia).

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Alligood, secretary

Celestia Carson, assistant secretary

Minutes approved _____

_____ Ruth W. Dorkin, president

_____ Claudia W. Alligood, secretary

_____ Celestia Carson, assistant secretary