

Bath High School Preservation
Board of Directors' Meeting
September 5, 2017

The September meeting of the BHS Preservation Board of Directors was held on September 5 at Pirate Hall; Ruth Dorkin presiding. Directors present were Ruth Dorkin, Claudia Alligood, Becky Tuten, Gary Hollis, Ricky Carawan, Janet Courson, Dale Benson, William Waters and Celestia Carson.

Ruth welcomed everyone and introduced Chris Umphleet, new site manager of the Bath Historic Site. Chris began his remarks by sharing a new vision: taking the approach of bringing community between the bridges together. He wants to bring people into Bath and has done some research in this area. He wants to get the town and community to be proactive.

Chris gave us a proposed schedule of events for the next few months:

- September 23 – Music on the Point (music and food at Bonner's Point)
 - September 30 – Maintenance Day at the Bonner House
 - October 7 – First Saturday for Kids – halloween masks, etc.
 - October 28 – Blackbeard's Ghost – movie and food, free for everyone
 - October 31 – Spook-free Zone – showing movies, *Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Charlie Brown*,
5:00 – 8:00 - pumpkin painting
 - November 4 – Campfire Stories and smores
 - 1st Saturday in December – Ticket Tour at Palmer-Marsh House, Scottish food
 - 2nd Saturday in December – Christmas Open House, heavy Victorian flavor
 - Cook once a month in the Palmer-Marsh kitchen
 - Enslaved people in Bath
 - Carrow House, 1890 Fisherman's House – work will begin to restore the house
the front room will be open for the Christmas Open House
 - Encouraging community involvement (He has state insurance that covers all on-site workers, etc.)
- Chris's cell phone # 919-825-6936

Ruth then turned everyone's attention to the business of the board by calling the meeting to order. The agenda was approved by adding follow up info gathered since last meeting (motion, Becky; second, William).

The minutes were reviewed and approved (motion, Gary; second, William).

The treasurer's report showed a bank balance of \$94,891.94. The report was approved (motion, Claudia; second, Celestia).

Committee Reports

Building – Ricky Carawan

Ricky announced that he has added Dale Benson as a member of the Building Committee.

We have termites, particularly by the courtyard door. Turner has been out and inspected;

Gerald followed up with them but was not present to make a report. We have moisture seeping into the building and gathering under the floor. Until this moisture is eliminated, the termites cannot be treated. Ricky has begun caulking the windows. We have to stop the leaks so termites will go to the ground and get into the chemicals. Flexsteel can be sprayed on the bricks to help seepage through them since they are so porous. The procedure will involve chinking the bricks, pressure washing and then applying the flexsteel. The windows in

the hall need attention; possible solution is sealing windows if historic Bath will allow. Ricky made a bid for the process to seal the bricks; his bid was \$45 per hour. Claudia made a motion that Ricky and his crew be allowed to chink, pressure wash and spray flexsteel on bricks, as well as continue to research possible plexiglass, etc., to seal the windows. The motion passed (motion, Claudia; second, June).

Electrical people will be here to complete the kitchen as soon as they finish their work at the new Food Lion in Washington.

The auditorium will have to be put on the back burner until the termite situation is resolved.

Fundraising – Claudia

The final yard sale for this year will be help on September 10th, with a day for gathering new items to be held on September 9th. We have had a wonderful group of volunteers helping with this project.

The 5K is on docket for November 4. Sponsors are slow to respond. More information will be available at the October meeting.

Some ideas were mentioned for the Oyster Roast in February, including having a raffle item that did not require \$100 tickets. We are considering a golf cart.

Membership – Nelda Ormond (not present)

It was reported that we have 3 new members and have had donations in the form of memorials.

Grants – Carol Persche

Carol has a grant ready to mail. It will be reviewed in January and we will be notified in February.

Seth Efron is prepared to begin writing a grant; Carol has supplied him with the information.

Pirate Hall – Ruth Dorkin

Penny Sermons has decided to hold her luncheon at the Episcopal Church.

Claudia reported on prices of tables and chairs from True Value. We will look for more estimates from Sam's, etc.

There were no reports from other committees.

Old Business

T-Shirts – Dale Benson

Dale has researched prices for shirt screening at three businesses. He had created a chart to show board members costs of various services. He also reviewed logo choices made earlier by the board. The Pirate atop the state of North Carolina may not print as clearly as the ship. He will send information via e-mail, and we will vote on line.

Committee Chairs

Sandra Harrison has accepted the chairmanship of the By-laws Committee.

Margaret Woolard will no longer be available to serve on Special Events because of family obligations. Janet Courson agreed to fill that position.

Follow up from last month's assignments

Prices were reported for tables and chairs at True Value; Celestia will check on prices at Lowe's and Claudia will check at Sam's. June also has a commercial catalog that we can research.

Mr. Pake, the new principal at Bath Elementary School is eager to enter into a partnership with us concerning the use of the auditorium. His students need an auditorium for plays, graduation and other events.

Jerry Waters reported that plans are underway to have a ramp constructed. It will be adjacent to the northwest wing. Our group will also be able to use the ramp for our patrons' convenience.

New Business

Ruth updated the year's calendar by adding the 5K and the Christmas Parade.

An announcement was made concerning a Community Trivia Bee on Tuesday, October 24, at the Washington Civic Center. There is a \$1000 prize for the winning non-profit organization. Our organization will participate. Team members were discussed. Our board members suggested were Dale Benson and Ron Moore. Other members will be added.

Becky moved that the meeting be adjourned; William seconded; the motion carried.

Our next meeting will be held on October 2 at 7:00 in Pirate Hall.

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

Minutes approved _____
_____, Ruth W. Dorkin, President
_____, Claudia W. Alligood, Secretary
_____, Celestia Carson, Assistant Secretary