

Bath High School Preservation, Inc Called Meeting of Board and Officers

At Mike Godley's Home

July 11, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

Attendees: Marti Buchanan, Jim Cox, Harold Cutler, Mike Godley, Claudia Alligood, Peggy Daw, and Susan Modlin

Harold welcomed everyone.

Peggy provided a review of the Historic Bath Commission's annual meeting on the morning of July 11. She had prepared a power point presentation to provide an update on the BHS preservation activities and positive movements since the last report. She emphasized the unity of the mission statements presented by the Historic Bath Foundation, Historic Bath Commission and BHS Preservation. Claudia Alligood and Surry Everett were introduced at the meeting as the newest members of the Commission.

Peggy shared Abraham Lincoln's famous quote, "A house divided against itself, cannot stand". With so many differing focuses and rapid changes in community events, she urged the board and officers to maintain our unity of purpose.

Claudia expressed having been part of the movement to save the "school" i.e.: the operational school before the new Northside school opened in 1989 and now was glad to be part of the group saving the historic heritage of this school.

Marti gave a roof report. She had met with David Ross of 2831 Hines Rd., Winterville, NC for his recommendations. He provided her with a Certificate of Liability/ WC coverage, a handwritten bid for \$13,500 and a copy of his license. She answered questions and provided details.

Harold clarified that he did not have a general contractors' license, the document was a City of Greenville license and this was all that was necessary if the bid was not over \$30,000. Harold asked Marti about the fax from Mr. Ross.

Marti explained how she received the information and what measures she had taken.

Harold commented on needing more structure in our processes. He questioned the recent bid on the doors and stated, "We can't renovate the building" ourselves.

Susan expressed agreement and said, "Nobody said we would". She expressed a desire to maintain historical core elements. She had rejected the bid because they were way beyond our budgeted \$3,000 at \$24,000 to do the doorways that are needed.

Harold expressed some concerns. He felt that if we were going to have the board decide on items to delegate to the executive committee, we needed to meet more often, perhaps monthly.

Peggy suggested that we consider Bobby's schedule as she expended his regrets due to a conflict. He offered some set days of the month. Everyone got a calendar and chose to try the First Tuesday of Each Month for our Board/ Officers to meet at the Bath Christian Church. Jim mentioned he

would not be sure of his schedule until school resumed. A quorum of 4 board members was present. Marti made the motion to have a monthly meeting (with first choice First Tuesday and Second Choice 3rd Tuesday) Claudia Seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Claudia suggested that we prioritize our efforts and offers of assistance while the town was deciding how to move forward with the State, since we are all unsure of what state it would need to be in, for the State to accept it. We should target our efforts at the roof, doors, windows and safety with working on the steps. She commended the group for the reopened entry steps and cafeteria window work.

Harold asked the group to go around the room and answer one question, "What do you think our role will be when the town starts moving?" Everyone give your thoughts. Each person expressed their viewpoint on the Foundation choosing a Committee to be the liaison between the Town and State to preserve the BHS building. There were some expressions of concern that BHSP would be the third wheel and left out of important decisions or could it be part of a program to maintain continuity.

The group recognized that we have been integral to the project reaching this good point. As an organization, everyone agreed, we will continue to support exterior improvements to protect our heritage regardless of how we are accepted or included.

The roof being top priority, a full discussion ensued to accept David Ross' offer to replace the missing/ damaged tin with new comparable heavy gauge galvanized tin and repaint the areas that do not need repair. His bid needs to be presented to the Town on Monday night in order to make timely repairs. A discussion followed on our budget, funds allocation and ability to cover all projects underway. Satisfaction was met after Mike gave a mini report on our balances and outstanding approvals. Claudia made the motion that we accept David Ross' bid and have all three buildings repaired and roof areas painted with fiberglass coating starting with Building 1, then 3, then 2, in his time frame. Jim seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Jim requested approval to spend about \$300 for materials for supporting a section of the interior auditorium ceiling. Marti moved, Claudia seconded, and the board approved this purchase.

After a brief discussion on the upcoming raffle, which was referred for a subcommittee meeting to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Daw, Acting Secretary

Harold Cutler, Sr., Chairman

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