

BHSP Board of Directors Meeting
November 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the BHSP Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 3, at the Bath Christian Church Fellowship Hall, president Ruth Dorkin Presiding. The expressed purpose of the meeting was to examine some planning ideas for the next phase of our rehabilitation project.

The agenda was approved (Becky motion; Carol second).

The minutes were approved (Margaret Ann moved; Becky seconded)

The treasurer's report showed a bank balance of \$107,654.29 and was approved (Carol motion; Claudia second).

Sandra opened the business portion of the meeting with a review of the negotiations, heading toward a closing between HBF and BHSP regarding the northwest corner of the building (office wing). The preparations for a sales agreement were reviewed. Both boards will be given a chance to tweak any necessary items. The lawyer will draw up the paperwork. Holscher said there might be need of a variance. This will go to our attorney to draw up the paperwork. Both boards will look at the work from the lawyers before the final paperwork is signed. The question: do we agree with what is presented here? Amending items previously agreed upon along with new information from from negotiations and prepared to be given to the attorney and then to both boards. Motion by Ricky to agree with recommendations and proceed to the next step; seconded by Carol. The motion passed.

Committee reports:

Building - Muriel reported that work is ongoing on the gallery project, completion by the end of the year.

There is standing water in the builder room, which will require a ^{sump} pump. An electrician and lines for moving water will be required also.

Christmas trees in the gallery will be in the way of work and should be left out for this year.

The issue of naming of the gallery was raised. Grady White gave \$74,000 for the library and the gallery. We were to include the company's name in the naming of the gallery. Our suggestion was The Grady White Gallery. The grant lady from Grady White said they wanted credit, not necessarily their game. We need to go back to Grady White to work out the naming.

Grants - Michelle Oros, the Beaufort County Schools' grant writer and overseer of projects for which grants are written, was present to help with our planning regarding money to fund the projects. She gave an overview of her experiences, and she thinks grant writing is fun. She including the following points in her comments:

- charitable, educational and social merit are all plus factors to grant foundations
 - multiple ideas for budget, such as breaking down the project costs into categories will decrease the need for such tremendous sums of money needing to come from one source
 - she suggested some local sources that might be available and the possibility of revisiting some of the sources we have previously used
 - Lentz Stowe might be a possibility to help with a business plan
 - Muriel Moore will be the ideal person to create a budget for the phases of this restoration project
- The entire group was energized and encouraged by Michelle's positive attitude.

Fundraising - Claudia reminded the group of the need to sell the tickets for the Gator. The drawing will be held at the oyster roast at the end of February.

Membership - Nelda reported that we have approximately 237 members currently.

Other business

Carol made the motion, and Ricky seconded that we hire Keith Mason as our attorney; he has already expressed his willingness.

Ruth will be on the agenda with the town council to discuss plans with HBF; she will be in contact with Elna Lewis.

Board appointments for 2016 will be revisited at the next meeting.

There is no one physically able at present to prepare a float for BHSP, so we will opt out of that event for this year.

Our next meeting will be on January 5 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudia Alligood, secretary

Minutes approved January 5, 2016 (date)

Ruth W. Dorkin

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