

**Report of Spring Public Informational Meeting
Bath High School Preservation, Inc.
7:00 p.m., March 19, 2007
Beaufort County Community College Auditorium**

Officers and Board members present: Harold Cutler, Peggy Smith, Betsy Gray, Mike Godley, Susan Modlin, Nelda Ormond and Jack Wallace.

Members and interested parties present: Dianna Boyd, Rosa L. Everett, Richard Jacobsen, David & Karen Sayer, Joanne Childs, Jim Cox, Polly Cox, Starlon Credle, Jimmy Taylor, Craig Newton, Ellen Heck, James R. Boyd, Marti Buchanan and Joe Mangum.

Harold Wayne Cutler, Chairman of the Board, presided; Susan Modlin, Secretary

Mr. Cutler called the meeting to order and welcomed all of the guests who were there. He gave a brief pep talk that we need to keep on top of things and not become complacent with success; don't let our defenses drop, it's not a done deal yet, and we still have a long way to go. Mr. Cutler then turned the meeting over to Peggy Smith, President.

Ms. Smith asked Mike Godley for a financial report. Mr. Godley stated that due to the success of the raffle, Golf Tournament and other fundraisers, we had a cash balance of \$11,269.80 in the operating account. He expected increased expenditures over the summer for continued renovations, fundraising expense and the planned Pirate Alumni Day.

Ms. Smith called on Susan Modlin to give a report of the door and window project. Ms. Modlin gave a summary of accomplishments but stated work was slower than anticipated. She stressed the needs for more volunteers and not just those with construction skills. Just show up and we will find something you can do to help. All doors are expected to be completed before Bath Fest, with windows to be determined. This still requires approval of Bath Town Council.

Ms. Smith called on Betsy Gray to share new initiatives. Ms. Gray reported that the premier edition of the newsletter would soon go out. Tentatively called "Pirates Revenge", plans are to publish this in April and September. Each issue will feature a spotlight on a special alumni or staff member. Bath Fest will be held on May 12th and we have planned to have a booth. In addition to our regular fundraising, a bake sale is planned.

Ms. Smith then showed an updated PowerPoint presentation and timeline of organization activities. Highlighted were the progress toward individual National Register of Historic Places listing of the building; design proposals from the ECU School of Design; Bath Historic Commission support for the project; Jack Wallace's "spooky" presentation of a history of the building, and looking forward to the report of proposed uses for the building which should be coming out in the next month or two. She also discussed plans for Pirate Alumni Day in July. Separate committees were tasked to coordinate that event, review corporate bylaws, and plan future fundraising. Sign up sheets were made available to attendees who wanted to participate in any of these events.

Ms. Smith then asked the audience for general questions. Someone addressed the condition of bathrooms on the property followed by renewed questions about the septic tanks or availability of

sewer service. Bubs Carson was asked to look into this by the Town Council but has not moved forward. This will be addressed again. A question was raised as to who would ultimately own the building. Again this is in question but should be addressed in part by the feasibility study. It was affirmed that BHSP stood ready to take over the building if necessary.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Modlin, Secretary.

Date Approved: _____

Chairman of the Board

Attest:

Secretary