

600 Club Members

The 600 Club was launched to request donations for the Auditorium wing renovations as we recognized the upcoming Centennial Celebration- 100 years of BHS history- in 2021.

The idea for the 600 Club was conceived during the November 3, 2020 BHSP Board meeting. During the treasurer's report and budget approval process, it was noted that the 2019 Auditorium renovation estimate was approximately \$600,000.00. The discussion ensued about the funding included in the State budget for the past two years. The BHS auditorium was recognized as a deserving project by both the Governor and Legislature. However, they had not agreed on a State budget either year and it was still "on the table" for next year. As we sat there, it was as if we could hear our parents and grandparents saying, "God helps those who help themselves". We don't have enough funds to see the project to the finish, so it would not be wise to start without more funding. Then, it became crystal clear, - "if 600 people gave \$1,000, or if 300 people gave \$2,000, we could raise the \$600,000". We reached out to some local long-term members and supporters who readily agreed to be the first 600 Club members.

The 600 Club founding members agreed to donate the first \$1,000 and to sign their names to the 600 Club letter that went out to 2000 people in November, 2020. The 600 Club original members are Peggy Daw, Betsy Gray, Anna Biggs, June Wallace, Surry Everett, David Johnston, Sandra Harrison and Ron Moore. By the February 2, 2021 BHSP board meeting, \$48,225 had been donated in response to the 600 Club campaign. There are 27 individual members and 5 business members at the \$1,000 donation level. There were approximately 90 people who responded to help out as they could and they have been recognized under membership levels. The 600 Club donations prompted grant committees to take a closer look recognizing the efforts of the community and alumni in raising nearly \$50,000 in less than 3 months. The CARES Act of 2020 continues with the same or even better tax considerations to donors in 2021. The intention was to get as much done as possible before the Centennial Celebration. The \$1,000 donors of the 600 Club in 2020 and 2021 will be recognized at the event. Our family groups, class groups and additional individuals and businesses can add to their earlier donation or send new donations. We are grateful to everyone. These funds can and will likely be matched by larger grants or donors.