

**Brandywine High School Alumni Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2010**

In Attendance:

Leslie Rutherford Collins
Cindy Baldwin Jewell
Kevin Lyons

Lois Hone Cosenzo
Bonny Bagnatori Krause
Bob Ralston

Donna Savage Hoffecker
Cyndi Mitchell Lehm
Laird Robbins

Bonny called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. She welcomed everyone. Introductions were not made, as everyone knew each other.

Secretary's Report:

Cyndi reported that the minutes of the last meeting, held on April 29, 2009, were approved by the Board, and are posted on the BHSAA website. The same will be done with the minutes from this meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Kevin reported a balance of \$4,224.83. One outstanding check was written to Cyndi Lehm for \$106.90. That check includes the renewal of the website hosted by godaddy, a \$20 fee for usage of the building this evening, and \$30 for the cheese tray for the party at Stanley's after Homecoming. Kevin will also be writing checks for two \$500 scholarship awards to one male and one female graduating senior.

Committee Reports:

Brick-scape:

Leslie reported that 2 bricks have been ordered. Sales of the bricks have been slow.

Fundraisers:

Bonny reported that the fundraiser at Timothy's last June was fun, but did not raise much money. The get-together at Stanley's, following the BHS Homecoming last fall, was poorly attended. Discussion followed about the importance of an annual fundraiser to enable us to continue with the BHSAA annual scholarships. It was decided to plan a fundraiser for September, much like the one that was held at C.W. Harborside in September 2008. Donna will organize the upcoming fundraiser.

BHSAA Annual Scholarships:

Bonny stated that the winners of the 2009 scholarships were Jordann Duncan and Andrew Sibert. This year, 8 girls and 3 boys applied. Students were asked to write essays stating what their post-high school plans were, and to describe their volunteer activities, and talk about their school spirit. The anonymous essays will be reviewed by several BHSAA members. The top choices will be given to Amanda Nersasian, the BHS counselor in charge of student awards.

Unfinished Business:

BHSAA Class Representatives:

Cyndi reported that she has been finding class representatives for each of the graduating classes. The only classes without a representative are the following: 1962, 1972, 1981, 1985, 1991, 1999,

2002, 2005, 2006, 2008, and 2009. The representatives' responsibility is to forward any information from BHSAA to their contact list. Many of them have their fellow classmates on their Facebook page, making it very easy to deliver a message. We do feel that more alumni are getting our messages than in the past. If anyone knows of alumni from any of the classes without a representative, please contact Cyndi. We will not be posting the representative's e-mails on our website. Rick Browne will create a "contact us" form that will be directed to Cyndi, and forwarded to the proper alumni representative.

Facebook page:

Rick Browne is the administrator of the BHSAA facebook page, which can be accessed by going to brandywine alumni association. We currently have 165 members.

New Business:

Bonny asked everyone how he or she feels about the current status of the alumni association, given the poor participation in events. Discussion followed. It was concluded that we would keep trying to reach out to alumni, and continue to be a means for alumni to communicate to fellow alumni. All those present feel that the annual alumni scholarship is extremely important, and we should continue to have at least one annual fundraiser to support the scholarship. It was proposed to amend the by-laws to reduce the required number of meetings per year. The wording will be composed, and will be voted upon at a later date.

Election of Board Members:

Bonny stated that the following Board Members' terms have expired: Pamm Ferris, Lisa Osberg, Bob Ralston, and Laird Robbins. Pamm, Lisa, and Bob have agreed to run for re-election for another three years. Rick Browne has also agreed to run. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made to accept the nominations of Pamm, Lisa, Bob, and Rick. The motion was seconded. All were in favor, and the motion was approved.

Election of Officers:

The Board Members elected the officers as follows:

President	Bonny Krause
Co-VP	Donna Hoffecker
Co-VP	Lisa Osberg
Secretary	Cyndi Lehm
Treasurer	Kevin Lyons
Board Member	Rick Browne
Board Member	Leslie Collins
Board Member	Bob Ralston
Board Member	Pamm Tweed

The Board wants to express its gratitude and appreciation to Laird for his efforts and support for the Association over the years.

Upcoming Reunions:

Bonny mentioned the following upcoming reunions:

- May 29, classes 1968-1973, Elks Lodge, registration deadline is April 30
- July 17, class of 1970, Greenville Country Club

- September 18, all alumni, Talleyville Fire Hall
- November 6, class of 1960, Doubletree Hotel

A 2-page detailed flier was circulated from the class of 1960. It was suggested to contact the committee members listed on the flier, after their reunion, to encourage their participation in the BHSAA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndi Lehm, BHSAA Secretary