

Brandywine High School Alumni Association
Board Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2008

In Attendance:

Leslie Collins
Cyndi Lehm
Bob Ralston

Donna Hoffecker
Kevin Lyons
Laird Robbins

Bonny Krause
Lisa Osberg

Bonny called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Cyndi read the minutes from the July 31 meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Kevin circulated copies of the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the account is \$4,517.66. There is also \$1,191.35 set aside for costs associated for the brick paving project.

Committee Reports

Fundraiser:

Bonny reported that the fundraiser at C.W. Harborside on September 16 was a success. The profit was \$2,700. Everyone is in favor of doing the same thing again next year. The following are some suggestions for next year:

- Start the event at 5:00 pm, instead of 4:30 pm
- Have it on a Thursday evening, instead of a Tuesday
- Have a microphone available
- Use boxes instead of baskets for the raffle tickets, because of the wind

BHS 50th year Homecoming:

Bonny reported that the event was well attended, in spite of the rainy weather. We received 85 applications for the BHS Alumni Association, and 3 brick paver orders. She commented that Mrs. Eunique Lawrence, the BHS teacher who coordinated the Homecoming festivities, thanks everyone who helped to make it a great success.

Membership:

Laird will enter the contact information from the new applicants. He will send an e-mail to them to thank them for joining. We have heard complaints from some people that they are not receiving e-mails from the Alumni Association. We need to get the word out to everyone that they need to make sure they do not have a filter that blocks e-mail from Brandywinealumni@gmail.com.

New Business:

Bonny asked the group for feedback about BHSAA, and what to do with our money. Everyone seemed to be in agreement that the organization has made progress. The working website has made a huge difference. Dialog continued about whether to continue to support the Brandywine Award as we have done for the past three years, or to create our own BHSAA Award. Some thoughts with a BHSAA Award included:

- Let the Principal and/or counselors determine a male and female recipient of the award

- The award should go to seniors who are continuing with post-high school education, not necessarily college
- The award will not necessarily go to students who are academically at the top of their class; school spirit and volunteerism are important as well
- The recipients should show great promise and potential, and who might not be candidates for one of the traditional school awards

Bonny and Cyndi will meet with Jeff Byrem, the BHS Principal, to discuss this idea further. Cyndi also contacted Rick Shea, the Athletic Director for BHS, to find out if any fundraising has begun, to improve the outside stadium. Rick said no, but he is currently replacing the conference banners, which cost \$300 each. BHSAA could contribute to this as well.

Bonny and Leslie's term expires in 2009. Both of them are willing to remain on the Board. The election will be held at the annual meeting in April. There is a \$15 facility usage fee that we will need to pay to BHS, for the annual meeting. Bonny will contact the school for an available date. Our choices for dates are April 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, or 30.

Leslie commented that we need more than just a few bricks to place an order. It was decided that we should send a mass e-mail to everyone to promote sales of the brick pavers. Also, once we have decided what to do with our fundraiser money, we should put that information on the website.

Bonny sent thank you notes to all of the sponsors for the fundraiser. And, to Martine's Nursery, for their generous donation of 6 mum plants for the brick walkway on Homecoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndi Lehm
BHSAA Secretary