

Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting – Unofficial Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Starting Time: 5:40 pm Ending Time: 7:00pm

Location: Benson H.S. Library Classroom

ATTENDEES:

Dale Bajema, Josh Piper, Joanne Stainbrook, Chuck Heil, Neal Galash, Dick Spies, Bob Hyland and Tammy Hite.

MINUTES:

Note: Items may not be in the exact order in which they were discussed. If any corrections or additions need to be made, please forward them to Tammy Hite.

- Introductory comments
 - BPHSAA is contributing \$100.00 to the June 11th picnic to thank students, teachers and parents for their work to save the school. Approval for funds done via email.
 - A Benson foundation is being started to help with teacher salaries. Drafting and Band have been canceled for 2010-2011 unless funds can be gathered by July 1st. John Slaughter is heading up the organizing.
 - Concern about BPHSAA memberships.
- Minutes for March and May meetings approved.
- Finance
 - Current budget: \$1856.72. Current expenses: \$100 for picnic, Tammy's charges from Tech Show and payment for August Picnic site to Bob H.
 - ♦ **Action Item:** Tammy to get Joanne the receipt for Blue Lake Park.
 - Joanne and Ken have met with John Bell, an accountant and Benson Alumnus about the association and scholarship committees non-profit status
 - ♦ Scholarship committee has not filed the necessary forms for the past 3-years and may have lost their status.
 - ♦ Another meeting will be scheduled with John Bell. Don to be included.
- Membership
 - No membership count available, but 4-new applications received in mail.
 - Recruiting
 - ♦ Face to face emphasis seems to be more effective through the events.
 - ♦ May need to consider having no fee, but ask for donations instead.
 - ♦ Need to focus on making connections with alumni; reunions.
 - How do we keep people active in Benson and the association?
 - ♦ PTSA is also suffering from lack of participation.
- August Picnic
 - Possible fund raisers: raffle with cash prize? Silent auction?
 - Car Show
 - ♦ According to the park registration materials, 1-row has been reserved for us. Need to confirm how many cars this will include.

- Merchandise is desired, but not determined.
 - Potluck table open to any one who brings a dish for 4 to 5 people.
 - Business meeting to begin at 2:30 to give people time to recruit and eat.
 - Kyle, Chuck and Josh's terms are ending this year.
 - **Action Item:** Tammy to schedule a meeting to work out details for picnic.
 - **Action Item:** Tammy to contact Andrew and Shannon about the car show information.
 - **Action Item:** Bob to contact media about picnic and inform class of 1950.
 - **Action Item:** Bob to contact park to verify the number of cars.
 - **Action Item:** Tammy to get Juanita flyers for the picnic to send out to teachers in August.
- Discussion about the current plan the district has for Benson
 - District is starting a "Blue Ribbon" committee to look at district CTE and Benson.
 - There are rumors that members of the school board (Regan, Gonzales and Wynd) do not support the current plan for Benson.
- Chuck has spoken to Christie Plinski about being part of a group to investigate charter schools.
 - A strong fear that 400 students won't be enough to keep Benson alive in the long term.
 - Funding a big issue even with the school receiving approximately \$6000 a year per student.
 - Should consider not excluding members of the Save Benson Group in the sub-committee. Tammy feels that including teachers and members of the group in the discussion could lead to misunderstandings and possible conflicts.
 - Industry doesn't trust the district and might be more likely to support the school if it becomes a charter.
 - Possible opportunity to speak with teachers during the June 11th BBQ or the PTSA teacher appreciation.
 - Educational materials about charter schools necessary since many do not know how they operate.
 - Primary goal of the subcommittee is to discover if there are enough positives to make Benson a charter school
 - Tammy, Dick and Dale to meet with Chuck and Christie. Chuck to invite Cathy Skach.
- Other business
 - Chuck broke even with the merchandise from Tech Show. He has ordered T-shirts for those who wanted them before Tech Show, but never received them.
- Meeting concluded at 7:00pm