

Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association Board of Director Meeting—Official Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Starting Time: 5:05pm Ending Time: 7:15pm

Location: Benson Polytechnic H.S. Library Classroom

ATTENDEES:

Dale Bajema, Neal Galash, Paul Benninghoff, Josh Piper, Chuck Heil, Don La Barre, Richard Spies, Joanne Stainbrook, Kyle Anderson, Bob Hyland, Ken Bakke and Tammy Hite.

Guests: Bob Hall ('55), and Dominique Merriweather ('93)

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 Remarks by Dale Bajema
- Minutes from 12/10/08 meeting approved.
- Membership Count to-date by Tammy: 117 members; 5 retired teachers (3 paid); 4 from '08
- Treasury report by Paul B.
 - Account Balance: \$1571.10
 - An operating budget for 2009 needs to be completed.
 - Upcoming costs include the Tech Show and 02/11 Reception
 - Ken Bakke has volunteered to help Paul with the finances
- Scholarship Committee report by Bob Hyland and Don L.
 - Apparently there was some confusion with the combination of the donation cards and membership applications.
 - \$2900.00 was earned the campaign
 - 194 out of 1172 envelopes were returned which incurred a cost of \$81.58.
 - Bob will contact Mary Ganoe, the advisor of SkillsUSA to chase down incorrect addresses. He will make her an offer of \$0.50 or less per name
 - ♦ Motion is made and approved
 - ♦ Funds to pay SkillsUSA will come from the scholarship fund.
- Bulk Mail permit will cost \$180.00 per year and in order to use it we have to mail 200 items or more. Technically we cannot be using the PTSA's permit unless we have a letter from the PTSA giving us permission and the return address on items must have the school's address.
 - \$0.11 per item in-state and \$0.35 per item for out-of-state mailing.

- Dale will issue an invitation will go to the PTSA president to attend our BOD meeting.
 - Tammy reminded the group that no one but alumni can be made an official member of the BOD due to language in by-laws.

- Events Committee Report by Tammy and Neal
 - At the last Executive Committee meeting an events committee was created to handle the arrangements for association events. Tammy and Neal are co-chairs of the committee.
 - ♦ No objections made.
 - February 11, 2009 Reception
 - ♦ Invitation will go to alumni, current and former teachers, and people from the local universities, colleges and businesses.
 - ♦ Will be held in the Band Room at Benson
 - ♦ There will be a short presentation by Dick and Dale, then break-out sessions.
 - ♦ Refreshments TBD
 - ♦ Dale challenges everyone to call 10-people
 - Tech Show
 - ♦ Show is on April 23rd and 24th
 - ♦ Alumni room to be in old gym this year
 - ♦ Planned displays will include LTDC, Hall of Fame, alumni welcome table, website help station and PTSA to sell school related items.
 - ♦ Decade tables will be in the center of gym for yearbooks
 - Summer Picnic
 - ♦ To be held at Columbia Park in North Portland.
 - Easy access to transit and no fee for parking
 - Has the largest reservable space in Portland Parks
 - ♦ Cost will be around \$150.00 for day
 - ♦ It is legal to bring alcohol in bottles
 - ♦ We are responsible for clean-up and garbage removal
 - ♦ Group agreed to continue to have picnic on Sunday in early August.
 - ♦ Neal to submit application in February

- Membership Recruiting
 - Ben Fleskes ('86) is helping to verify member information by calling people in our database.
 - There is still a need to contact reunion organizers
 - ♦ Bob will call Debra Finnegan of Classic Reunions to see if she can provide us those names.
 - ♦ Class of 1998 is willing to share info and has offered to have us present at their reunion.

- Agreement that fund raising efforts need to be increased

- Dale thanked Joane and Paul for their help in drafting the letter the association sent to Carole Smith, the superintendent of PPS. Copies of the letter handed out the BOD.

- LTDC report by Dick.
 - Dick has scheduled meetings with key people at PPS for later that week.
 - The district is currently working a several models for the re-design of the high schools.
 - ♦ Meeting to be held for community input.
 - Ron Dexter with Concordia University will be attending the meeting on 02/11.
 - ♦ Dexter heads the Master of Education program designed for CTE teachers and was the former principal of the Sabin Skills Center in the Clackamas School District.
 - ♦ Believes there is state funding that can be tapped into.
 - Dick has invited several people from local businesses and universities to attend the 02/11 meeting. Will try to get someone from district to attend.
 - There is a need to start gathering names of people in private sector.
 - A flyer will be developed to be passed out at the 02/11 meeting.
 - Agreed that the newspapers should not be invited to the 02/11 meeting. Dick wants to get more organized and meet with district first.
 - Dick is still trying to get a meeting with the mayor's office.
 - LTDC will meet on 01/19 at 5:30