

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

Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Group MacKenzie, 1515 SE Water Ave., Portland

ATTENDEES:

Tammy Hite, Richard Spies, Dale Bajema, Neal Galash, Bob Hyland, Kyle Anderson, Jim Robb (observer), Joanne Stainbrook, Paul Benninghoff, Charles Heil, Josh Piper, Ken Bardsley (observer), and Taylor Dixon (observer)

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.

Discussion before meeting officially started:

- Jim Robb has the electronic database of alumni that the scholarship committee has been sending requests to.
- Bob strongly believes that we should use Classic Reunion (Deborah Finnigan) to find the rest of the alumni ASAP.
- Bob watched the July School Board meeting where they stated that they have not made a decision about Benson.
 - Dick believes that many of the district administrators do not want to see Benson close.
- Further discussion needed to figure out what do we want Benson to be and what should the school be preparing students for?
- Bob reminded group of the local manufacturing union's interest in partnering with the district a couple of years ago. At which time the district declined the offer.
- According to Dick, since the CTE report submitted in June, the school district is working to establish an advisory group for CTE at the high school level.
 - Need to create partnerships with community
 - Rosa Parks Elementary—a combined effort with the Boys & Girls Club, the park district, Portland Public Schools and other local agencies to get the new school built.
 - District needs to focus on developing strong programs to attract people back to the city.

Meeting starts at 5:40pm:

- Minutes of last meeting reviewed and approved.
- Introductions of attendees made.
- Review status of BPHSAA

- Was suggested that we speak with Steve Gann about creating a foundation.
 - Neal reminded group that we should qualify for a 501C3, but will check to make sure.
 - Draft copies of By-laws were passed out. Neal to finalize.
- Board of Directors Selection
 - 3-year terms: Tammy Hite, Dick Spies, Dale Bajema, Neal Galash, Ken Bakke
 - 2-year terms: Kyle Anderson, Charles Heil, Josh Piper
 - 1-year term: Joanne Stainbrook, Bob Hyland, Don LeBarre, Paul Benninghoff
 - Still need 3 more members to join board: (2) 2-year and (1) 1-year.
 - Charter document to be signed at next meeting.
- Picnic
 - Tammy made a request that we sign-up to work 1-hour shifts at the alumni table during the picnic since we are will be taking personal information and checks of new members.
 - She will make up a schedule based on those who offer.
 - Tammy developed a survey to pass out at the picnic to get attendees suggestions for next year.
 - No objection to the form was made
 - Chuck Heil is to bring a PA system for making announcements. Blue Lake Park is OK with it.
 - Dale to speak.
 - Tammy to create name tags for the Board of Directors.
- Newsletter—Copies were distributed of the draft.
- Website—Josh Piper will obtain the domain name and begin the process.
- Officer Elections: nominations were requested and majority vote needed.
 - Chairman—Dale Bajema
 - Vice Chairman—Josh Piper
 - Secretary—Tammy Hite
 - Treasurer—Paul Benninghoff
- Committees: volunteers were requested.
 - Scholarship committee—to be headed by current chairman, Don Le Barre (courtesy of Bob Hyland)
 - Finance Committee—Paul Benninghoff (Chair), Kyle Anderson, Neal Galash, and Joanne Stainbrook
 - Communication—Josh Piper, Neal Galash
 - Membership—
 - PPS Decision (to be named later)—Dick Spies, Charles Heil
 - Further discussion of committee members to wait until the next meeting.
- Membership Dues
 - Bob feels that \$12 per year will be too much.
 - “People want to know what they are getting for their buck.”
 - Will be mentioned in the newsletter to be passed out at the picnic
 - \$12 per year approved by majority vote.
- Membership Application approved.
 - Tammy to add website address when obtained.
- Discussion about using Classic Reunions to be added to next meeting agenda.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 9th, 5:00pm at Group MacKenzie